

+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ **PEACE**

PRELUDE

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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✦ **HYMN #245**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus' rising from the dead assures us
that we, too, have been given new life.

**Let us repent of our sin before God and one another,
certain of God's mercy.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

[unison]

**All-knowing, all-powerful God,
we confess that, even on this most holy day,
we are unable to believe in the victory over death
shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life
but also for faith, hope, and love.**

**Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors
and your stunning presence throughout the ages,
we would be lost.**

**Forgive us and transform us,
that in every way our work and prayer will
make whole what is broken and give peace on earth.**

[continue in silence, personal confession]

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

✦ **GLORIA PATRI #581**

“Glory Be To the Father”

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

INTERLUDE

✦ **GOSPEL**

Mark 16:1-8

SERMON

+ RESPONDING TO THE WORD +

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Nicene Creed [page 34]

✦ **HYMN #228** "Were You There"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The Lord's Prayer [page 35]

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

✦ **DOXOLOGY #606**

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HOLY COMMUNION

+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +

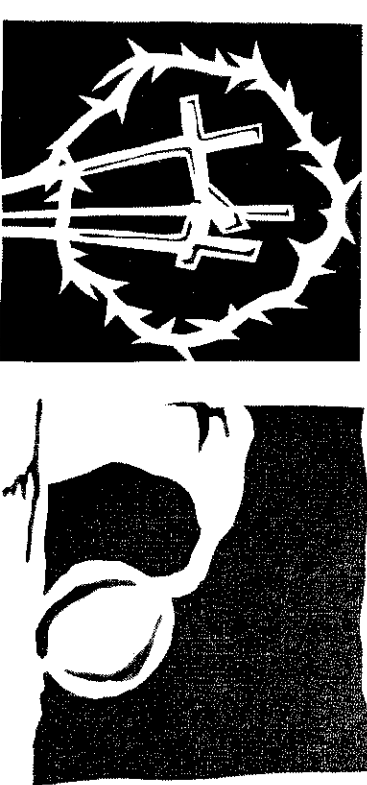
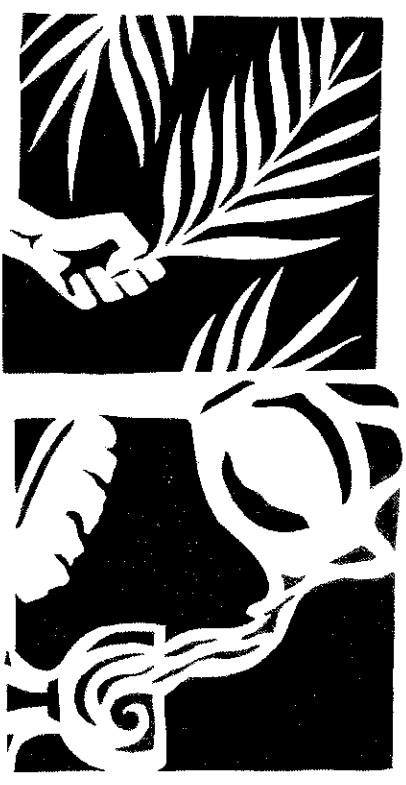
✦ **HYMN #238** "Thine Is the Glory"

✦ **BENEDICTION**

✦ **POSTLUDE**

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✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



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Sunday, April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday

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