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## Sunday Worship

March 27, 2016 — 10:00 AM

# Easter Sunday

### *The Word of God*

**Welcome** (↑ indicates when to stand) *Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with us. We invite you to take part in everything today. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin. Come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.*



#### ↑Gathering Song #1: Welcome Happy Morning

"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say: hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today! Lo, the dead is living, God forevermore! Him their true Creator, all his works adore!

*(Chorus:)* "Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say.

Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all, thou from heaven beholding human nature's fall, of the Father's Godhead true and only Son, mankind to deliver, manhood didst put on. *(Chorus)*

Thou, of life the author, death didst undergo, tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show; come then, true and faithful, now fulfill thy word, 'tis thine own third morning! rise, O buried Lord! *(Chorus)*

Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain; all that now is fallen raise to life again; show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see; bring again our daylight: day returns with thee! *(Chorus)*

#### ↑Gathering Song #2: Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day. Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly king? Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save? Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured, Alleluia! Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! when the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia! Praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

*Priest:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*All:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

↑*All:* O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## A Reading from 1 Corinthians

(15:19-26)

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* Thanks be to God.

### ↑Gradual Song: Come Ye Faithful Raise The Strain

Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness! God has brought his Israel into joy from sadness, loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters; led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst his prison, and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen. All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying from the Light to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor, with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render; comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal, nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold thee as a mortal: but today, amidst thine own, you didst stand, bestowing that thy peace, which ever more passeth human knowing.

### ↑The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

(20:1-18)

*All:* Glory to you Lord Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God

and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*Priest:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* Thanks be to God.

## *Sermon* (please be seated)

### ↑The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*Priest:* Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic church.

*Priest:* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*All:* I do.

*Priest:* Do you believe in God the Father?

*All:* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*Priest:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*All:* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Priest:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*All:* I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

*Priest:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*All:* I will, with God's help.

*Priest:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*All:* I will, with God's help.

*Priest:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*All:* I will, with God's help.

*Priest:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*All:* I will, with God's help.

*Priest:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*All:* I will, with God's help.

### ↑Prayers of the People

*Leader:* On this day that the Lord has made, let us pray for the people he has redeemed saying, Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* That we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross: Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* That all people may receive the good news of his victory: Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* That those born to new life in the waters of baptism may know the power of his resurrection: Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* That those who suffer pain and anguish especially (prayers may be offered silently or out loud) may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ: Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* For all Christians in their daily life and work to be continually led in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray to you, O Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* For All Souls, Atlee, Amilie Wilmer, vicar; and for St. Gabriel's, Leesburg, Daniel Velez-Rivera, vicar, that they would prosper in all of the plans God has given them, we pray to you, O Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* For Manakin Sabot Cosmetic and Family Dentistry, Sarah Wilmer, DDS, PLLS, owner. That the health of many in our community would continually increase: Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* For Goochland Schools as the district begins a search for a new Superintendent. That the school board would have great wisdom and clarity in making a selection: Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* For the addition of people called and equipped to bring families with children of all ages into the Christian Faith, we pray to you, O Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* That in the undying love of Christ we may be united with all who have died in the faith of Christ: Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* Let us commend the world, in which Christ rose from the dead, to the mercy and protection of God.

*All:* Amen

### ↑Exchange of Peace

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

## *The Holy Communion*

### Offertory: He Is Risen

He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice: he has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice: death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow! Death's long shadows have departed; Jesus' woes are over now, and the passion that he bore sin and pain can vex no more.

Come, with high and holy hymning, hail our Lord's triumphant day; not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray, breaking o'er the purple east, symbol of our Easter feast.

He is risen, he is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate: we are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state; and a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.

**↑ Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**↑ Eucharistic Prayer from A New Zealand Prayer Book, 1989 (please stand)**

*Priest:* Christ is risen!

**People:** Christ is risen indeed.

*Priest:* Lift your hearts to heaven.

**All:** We lift them to the Lord.

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to God.

**All:** It is right to offer thanks and praise.

*Priest:* It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms.

You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will, and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you. You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know. You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:

**All (spoken): Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Priest:* Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet. 'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.' On that night before he died he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me." After supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks. He gave it to them and said: "Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me." Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us:

**All:** God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.

*Priest:* Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

**All:** Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling.

*Priest:* For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

**All:** Praise, glory and love be yours this and every day from us and all people here and every where  
**Amen.**

*Priest:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those

who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:*

**Priest:** Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**All:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

**Priest:** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol for any reason. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]*

### **Communion Song: Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound! That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares I have already come. 'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise, Than when we first begun.

**↑Post-Communion Prayer (*All - please stand*):** Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

### **↑Blessing**

### **↑Song of Dismissal: Today Is the Day**

I'm casting my cares aside. I'm leaving my past behind. I'm setting my heart and mind on you, Jesus. I'm reaching my hands to yours, believing there's so much more, Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, its good.

*(Chorus:)* Today is the day you have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. Today is the day you have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. And I won't worry about tomorrow; I'm trusting in what You say. Today is the day. Today is the day.

I'm putting my fears aside. I'm leaving my doubts behind. I'm giving my hopes and dreams to you, Jesus. I'm reaching my hands to yours, believing there's so much more, Knowing that all you have in store for me is good, its good.

*(Chorus:)* Today is the day you have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. Today is the day you have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. And I won't worry about tomorrow. I'm giving you my fears and sorrows. Where You lead me, I will follow; I'm trusting in what You say.

Today is the day. Today is the day. Today is the day.

**Priest:** Alleluia. Go in peace to serve the Lord and each other.

**All:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Remember in your prayers:**

Larry Kidd (Jr. & Sr.)  
The Symphony Retirement Community  
John Madden  
Graham Family

Carl Burton  
Allie & Jenny Morris  
Bill Morgan and family  
Osmund LeViness

Rachel Pizarz  
Ken Killian  
Joseph Moore

**Your Vestry Members are:**

**Senior Warden:** Jack Martin  
**Other Members:** Larry Kidd  
Michie Lloyd  
**Register:** Marian Elam

**Junior Warden:** Richard Walker  
Libby Clark  
**Treasurer:** Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers, and chalice readers. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible, and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise, you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

| <u>Worship Service Date</u> | <u>Scripture Reader</u> | <u>Prayer Reader</u> | <u>Chalices</u>                  | <u>Greeters/Ushers</u>           |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Mar 27                      | MJ Weatherford          | Bill Weatherford     | MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford | John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd |
| Apr 3                       | Bill Weatherford        | Bobbie Levine's      | Bill Weatherford, Marian Elam    | Richard Walker, Larry Kidd       |

**~Announcements~**

**Upcoming Important Dates:**

|                     |                           |               |            |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Sunday, April 3     | Worship Service           | St. Francis   | 10:00 a.m. |
| Wednesday, April 6  | Color Me Friends          | St. Francis   | 6:30 p.m.  |
| Wednesday, April 13 | Vestry Committee          | St. Francis   | 4:00 p.m.  |
|                     | Theology on Tap           | Keegan's      | 7:00 p.m.  |
|                     | Caregiver's Support Group | Hedy Walker's | 7:00 p.m.  |

**Food Collection** for the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Pantry every Sunday. Please continue to bring non-perishable food to donate. The Food Pantry takes pet food and will accept open bags. Please place your donation in the box provided in the vestibule.

**St. Francis Yard Sale, April 30, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.** - St. Francis will rent spaces to vendors for \$15 per space. Vendors will provide their own tents, tables, and chairs. For more information, please contact Libby Clark: [lcp@libbyclarkphotography.com](mailto:lcp@libbyclarkphotography.com)

**Our Missional Communities:**

**Caregivers' Support Group** will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Hedy Walker. Contact Hedy at [richardandhedy@yahoo.com](mailto:richardandhedy@yahoo.com) or Susan Kidd at [sokidd@comcast.net](mailto:sokidd@comcast.net).

**Theology on Tap** will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at Keegan's at 7:00 p.m. Contact Richard Walker at richardandhedy@yahoo.com.

**The Parke** will meet for pot luck and worship on Sunday, April 3 at 5:30pm at the home of Richard and Hedy Walker. Contact Richard at richardandhedy@yahoo.com

**Symphony** will meet at Symphony Assisted Living on April 24 at 9:00 a.m. Contact Bobbie LeViness at bobbiedrew@yahoo.com.

**Financial Update**—If there are any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

|                                 | Operating Funds         |                      | Net Gain                 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
|                                 | <u>Deposits</u>         | <u>Expenses</u>      | <u>or (Loss)</u>         |
| <b>2016</b>                     |                         |                      |                          |
| January                         | \$3,135.00              | \$7,168.92           | <b>(\$4,033.92)</b>      |
| February                        | \$10,107.00             | \$8,165.44           | <b>\$1,941.56</b>        |
| March                           | <u>\$6,261.00</u>       | <u>\$4,302.22</u>    | <b><u>\$1,958.78</u></b> |
| <b>1st Quarter</b>              | <b>\$19,503.00</b>      | <b>\$19,636.58</b>   | <b>(\$133.58)</b>        |
| <b>2016 Year-To-Date</b>        | <b>\$19,503.00</b>      | <b>\$19,636.58</b>   | <b>(\$133.58)</b>        |
| <b>Checking Account Balance</b> | <b><u>Beginning</u></b> | <b><u>Ending</u></b> |                          |
| <b>YTD 2016</b>                 | \$24,421.33             | \$24,287.75          | <b>(\$133.58)</b>        |



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