

PRELUDE Jenny Smith

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Ariel Mink

Christ is risen!

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Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ariel Mink

CALL TO WORSHIP

Amy Dooley

Joyful is the sound we make this morning!

For this day liberates us from fear and doubt.

Thankful is the song we sing!

For this day moves us past darkness and despair.

Hopeful is the prayer on our lips!

For this day awakens in us long-awaited new life.

Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Christ lives here and now. He is among us at this and every moment!

May his peace and presence be known to you all. **And also to you.**

PRAYER AND SILENT LISTENING TO GOD

Amy Dooley

Holy God, creator of all, the risen Christ taught from scripture of his death, resurrection, and ascension into your glorious presence. May the living Lord breathe on us his peace, that our eyes may be opened to recognize him and to follow wherever he leads. In this time of silence, we wait, and we listen, for you.

***SONG** I Stand Amazed Worship Ensemble

I Stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene, And wonder how He could love me: a sinner, condemned, unclean.

How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be How marvelous! How wonderful is my Savior's love for me!

He took my sins and my sorrows. He made them His very own; He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone. *(chorus)*

When with the ransomed in glory, His face I at last shall see, 'Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me. *(chorus)*

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Amy Dooley

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin to God, and receive forgiveness.

Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves.

Silence, a time for personal confession.

Amen. Hear the good news:

To each and to all, on his community and on his friends, where regret is real, Jesus pronounces his pardon and grants us the right to begin again.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

ANTHEM

Be Still and Know That I Am God

DISCOVERY TIME

Grete Hansen

THE OFFERING Ariel Mink

*DOXOLOGY (or in your preferred version)

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.

SCRIPTURE

1 John 1:1-4

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We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

GOSPEL John 20:19-31 Ariel Mink

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the

sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

Ariel Mink

*HYMN #238

Thine Is the Glory

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment tolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. *(chorus)* No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *(chorus)*

OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

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Prayers of thanksgiving and petition may be offered, followed by:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy. **People:** Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (or in your preferred version)

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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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHARGE Ariel Mink

CLOSING RESPONSE

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Lord of life, you walk this journey with us and through us; **Lead us Lord, lead on.**

Journeying within, and wrestling with the world, **Lead us Lord, lead on.**

Lead us to risk, to grow, and to tread the path you have opened for us; **Lead us Lord, lead on.**

And let us rejoice that every place is your place;

In the name of Christ, the Risen One. Amen

BLESSING Ariel Mink

CLOSING SONG Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you, each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true, Know he will guide you in all you do.

Worship Leaders: Ariel Mink, Amy Dooley, Music Director Jane Shelly, Organist/Pianist Jenny Smith, Student Ministries and Events Coordinator Grete Hansen

Credits

Art:

Christ shows himself to Thomas by LeCompte, Rowan and Irene LeCompte, mosaic on Washington National Cathedral

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