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**TABLE**

Worship Gathering  
Easter Sunday  
April 1, 2018

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*Gathering as the Body*

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## Announcements and Welcome

### Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Song: Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, seal; Alleluia!

Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise; Alleluia!

Lives again, our glorious King: Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies; Alleluia!

## Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Blessing of the Children

Let's bless one another as we continue to worship:

Adults: **The Lord be with you as you worship**

Kids: **And also with you.**

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*Listening for the Word*

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## Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your gospel is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

## Scripture Reading *Isaiah 25:6-9*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsive Psalm Reading *Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

**Let Israel say:**

**"His love endures forever."**

The Lord is my strength and my defense;

he has become my salvation.

**Shouts of joy and victory**

**resound in the tents of the righteous:**

"The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!  
The Lord's right hand is lifted high;  
the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"

**I will not die but live,  
and will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

The Lord has chastened me severely,  
but he has not given me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of the righteous;  
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord  
through which the righteous may enter.

**I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.**

The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;

**the Lord has done this,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

The Lord has done it this very day;  
let us rejoice today and be glad.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## Scripture Reading *1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading *Mark 16:1-8*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

...The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Song of Praise: Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

*Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain, there's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breath  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Jesus Yours is the victory

## Confessing Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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

**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. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

Jesus, Risen Lord,  
**open to us the gate of glory.**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

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*Communing at the Table*

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## 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

## Prayers Around the Table

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise!**

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*(sung together)*

**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.**

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died!  
Christ is risen!  
Christ will come again!**

...Because you are one with us, O Christ,  
make us one with you as we pray the prayer you taught us:

*(sung together)*

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

...Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*All are welcome to come to the Lord's table. Come with open hands to receive the bread, dip it in the wine, and feed on Christ's presence, with thanksgiving. If you are not a baptized Christian, come with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing. (And let us know if you're interested in being baptized.)*

## **Song: Almighty God**

Almighty God to You all hearts are open  
Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears  
Wash us in the fountain of Your mercy  
Come with Your light we cannot hide from You

Almighty God to You all hearts are open  
With gratitude we raise our song to You  
Come and fill the praises of Your people  
In grace and truth You make us new again

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

Almighty God to You all hearts are open  
We long for more than what this world provides  
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us  
But Your river deep floods over everything

Almighty God to You all hearts are open  
You take away our sickness and our sin  
Oh Lamb of God we gather at Your table  
In bread and wine You have supplied our needs

## **Song: In Christ Alone**

Let no one caught in sin remain inside the lie of inward shame  
But fix our eyes upon the cross  
And run to Him who showed great love  
And bled for us, freely You've bled for us

*Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death  
Come awake come awake, come and rise up from the grave  
Christ is risen from the dead, we are one with Him again  
Come awake come awake, come and rise up from the grave*

Beneath the weight of all our sin  
You bowed to none but heaven's will  
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown  
No burden great can hold You down  
In strength You reign, forever let Your church proclaim

O death where is your sting, O hell where is your victory  
O church come stand in the light  
The glory of God has defeated the night  
O death where is your sting, O hell where is your victory  
O church come stand in the light  
Our God is not dead He's alive He's alive

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Sending

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Sending and Blessing

The worship is over! The service has begun!  
Receive the benediction:

Go now as God's chosen witnesses  
to testify that Christ has been raised  
and that we are raised with him.  
Do not look for him among the dead,  
but be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

And may God raise you from all that would entomb you;  
May Christ Jesus call you by name and go ahead of you;  
And may the Holy Spirit empower you for all that is good.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

