

## Order of Worship

Invocation

P: We make our beginning in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

**C: Amen**

Confession and Absolution

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Song - Hail Thee, Festival Day 489

Refrain:

Hail thee, festival day!

Blest day to be hallowed for ever;

Day when our Lord was raised,

Breaking the kingdom of death.

1 All the fair beauty of earth

From the death of the winter arising!

Ev'ry good gift of the year

Now with its Master returns: [Refrain]

2 Rise from the grave now, O Lord,

The Author of life and creation.

Treading the pathway of death,

New life you give to us all: [Refrain]

3 God the Almighty, the Lord,

The ruler of earth and the heavens,

Guard us from harm without;

Cleanse us from evil within: [Refrain]

4 Jesus, the health of the world,

Creator of all and redeemer,

Son of the Father supreme;

Only begotten of God: [Refrain]

5 Spirit of life and of pow'r,  
 Now flow in us, Fount of our being,  
 Light that enlightens us all;  
 Life that in all may abide: [Refrain]

6 Praise to the giver of good!  
 O Lover and Author of concord,  
 Pour out your balm on our days;  
 Order our ways in your peace:  
 [Refrain]

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35

13That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. 16But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. 18Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" 19And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 21But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. 22Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, 23and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. 24Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." 25And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" 27And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

28So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, 29but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. 30When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. 31And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. 32They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" 33And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered

together, 34saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”  
35Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon - Easter Transformations: From Confused to Convinced

Apostles' Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Prayers

*Each petition ends...*

P: Lord, in your mercy

**C: Hear our prayer**

Lord's Prayer

**C: 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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

Announcements

Benediction

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you  
 May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you  
 May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

**C: Amen**

Closing Song - God of Wonders

Lord of all creation  
 Of the water, earth and sky  
 The Heavens are Your Tabernacle  
 Glory to the Lord on high

The universe declares Your majesty  
 You are holy, holy  
 Lord of Heaven and Earth  
 Lord of Heaven and Earth

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy  
 You are holy, holy  
 The universe declares Your majesty  
 You are holy, holy  
 Lord of Heaven and Earth  
 Lord of Heaven and Earth

Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth  
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Early in the morning  
 I will celebrate the light  
 And when I stumble into darkness  
 I will call Your name by night

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy  
 You are holy, holy  
 The universe declares Your majesty  
 You are holy, holy x2

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy  
 You are holy, holy

Lord of Heaven and Earth  
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