

The Gathering

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 113:1-3*

*Hallelujah! Servants of God,
praise, praise the name of the Lord.*

Bless the Lord's name now and always.

**Praise the Lord's name here and in every place
from east to west.**

* **God's Greeting**

* **When Morning Gilds the Sky**

#325:1,5 (HFG)

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awakening cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:

May Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this th'eternal song, through all the ages long:

May Jesus Christ be praised.

* **My Tribute**

#365 (HFG)

How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me?

Things so undeserved, yet You gave to prove Your love for me;

The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude.

All that I am, and ever hope to be; I owe it all to Thee.

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,

To God be the glory for the things He has done.

Refrain: With His blood He has saved me;

With His power He has raised me;

To God be the glory for the things He has done.

Just let me live my life, let it be pleasing, Lord to Thee;

And if I gain any praise, let it go to Calvary. *Refrain*

* **O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

#349:1,3,4 (HFG)

O for a thousand tongues to sing

My great Redeemer's praise,

The glories of my God and King,

The triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! The name that charms our fears,

That bids our sorrows cease,

'Tis music in the sinner's ears,

'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,

He sets the prisoner free:

His blood can make the foulest clean,

His blood availed for me.

The Confession

The Call: based on Isaiah 30:15,18

In repentance and rest is your salvation,

in quietness and trust is your strength,

but you would have none of it.

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you;

he rises to show you compassion.

For the LORD is God of justice.

Blessed are all who wait for him.

The Prayer: based on Psalm 51:10-12

Merciful God,

you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart,

nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness,

or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit within us.

Do not cast us from your presence,

or take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation

and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance: *Victory in Jesus*

#82:1 (HFG)

I heard an old, old story,

How a Savior came from glory,

How He gave His life on Calvary

To save a wretch like me;

I heard about his groaning,

Of his precious blood's atoning,

Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

Refrain: O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever!

He sought me and bought me

With his redeeming blood;

He loved me ere I knew him,

And all my love is due him;

He plunged me to victory

Beneath the cleansing flood.

(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to
Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

The Proclamation

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Gary & Mary

Morning Prayer

* ***I Know That My Redeemer Lives***

#295:1,2,4 (HFG)

I know that my Redeemer lives:

What joy the blest assurance gives!

He lives, He lives, who once was dead;

He lives, my ever-lasting Head.

He lives, to bless me with His love;

He lives, to plead for me above;

He lives, my hungry soul to feed;

He lives, to help in time of need.

He lives, all glory to His Name;

He lives, my Savior, still the same;

What joy the blest assurance gives:

I know that my Redeemer lives!

* **Scripture:** *Matthew 28:1-15 (NIV)*

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¹ After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

¹¹ While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened.¹² When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money,¹³ telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.'¹⁴ If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble."¹⁵ So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Easter's Glorious Message*

The Sending

*** Because He Lives**

#292:1,3 (HFG)

God sent His Son – they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon;
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Refrain: Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns. *Refrain*

*** God's Blessing**

*** Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing**

#520:1,2 (HFG)

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
For Your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To the truth may we be found.

Easter's Glorious Message

Matthew 28:1-15

I. It is proclaimed to mankind

II. It is preached by God

III. It pronounces a wonderful truth

The *angel* said to
the women,
"Do not be afraid, for I know
that you are looking for
Jesus,
who was **CRUCIFIED.**

He is not here;
He has *Risen*
just as He said.

Matthew 28:5-6

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary. The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system. Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

* indicates to stand if able

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