\* Call to Worship: based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Iesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## \* God's Greeting

### \* Christ the Lord is Risen Today

#289:1,2,3 (HFG)

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!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Dying once, He all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

\* He Lives #405:1,3 (PH)

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today; I know that He is living, whatever men may say; I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer, And just the time I need Him He's always near.

Refrain: He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me Along life's narrow way. He lives, He lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The Hope of all who seek Him the help of all who find,

None other is so loving, so good and kind. Refrain

#### \* Christ Arose

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus, my Savior! Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!

Refrain: Up from the grave He arose

With a mighty triumph o'er His foes; He arose a victor from the dark domain, And He lives forever with His saints to reign; He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus, my Savior! Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus, my Lord! Refrain

Death could not keep his prey, Jesus, my Savior! He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord! Refrain

**Easter Reading:** Matthew 28:1-10

#### **Apostles' Creed**

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#298:1,2,3 (HFG)

I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ,

his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary;

suffered under Pontius Pilate;

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended to heaven,

and is seated at the right hand

of God the Father almighty;

from there he shall come to judge

the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit.

I believe in a holy catholic church,

the communion of saints:

the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

#### Because He Lives

#292:1,3 (HFG)

(Children 3 years old  $-2^{nd}$  grade are invited to Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

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

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

### **Offertory Prayer**

Offering: Benevolence Fund

**Offertory Ministry of Music** 

## **Morning Prayer**

### \* See, What A Morning

See, what a morning, gloriously bright, With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem; Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light, As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!" See God's salvation plan, Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice, Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

One with the Father, Ancient of Days, Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty. Honor and blessing, glory and praise To the King crowned with pow'r and authority. And we are raised with Him; Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered. And we shall reign with Him, For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

### \* **Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 (ESV)

pg. 1205 <sup>51</sup> Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. 54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

<sup>55</sup> "O death, where is your victory?" O death, where is your sting?"

\* join us in standing if able

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

<sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: The Death of Death

### \* Thine is the Glory

#291:1,2 (HFG)

Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, Kept the folded graveclothes where Thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, For her Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting. *Refrain* 

# \* God's Blessing

#### \* Crown Him with Many Crowns

#345:3 (HFG)

Crown Him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave, Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save; His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

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