



The Lord is

Risen Indeed!

Luke 24:34

Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church

Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

Easter Sunday
April 21, 2019

† Those who are able, please stand

Westminster Peal

Prelude *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
arr. Mark Hayes

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Welcome

Rev. Susan Haynes

Choral Introit

"Kyrie"

Matthias Young

† Gathering as the Children of God

One: Open us, O God, like tombs giving way to your light.
Open us, O God . . .

**All: to your possibilities,
to your word,
to your surprises,
to your love,
to your grace,
to your risen presence.**

† Hymn No.123

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

† Litany for Easter

Mike Gillespie

One: Trembling, the women approached the tomb.
The tomb: that mysterious place of meeting.
Death meeting life. Women meeting the risen Christ.

**All: Trembling, we approach the edge of where death and life meet.
Death, the unknown, meets new life, also unknown.
New life faces us with its possibilities and uncertainties.
We approach, trembling.**

One: Easter morning: the women came face to face with Jesus, face to face with the risen Christ.
They doubted, they feared, they were struck with awe as life was returned to them from death.

**All: From a triumphant Palm Sunday to a dark, betrayed Friday, we have journeyed to Easter.
Wiser now, we know that joy and sorrow, life and death are bound together.
Passing through sorrow, through death, to life and joy, we arrive at Easter.**

One: The risen Jesus still bore the marks of the nails.
Life knows death, joy knows sorrow.

Yet it is life which triumphs over all, and love which conquers all fear.
**All: Death is shattered!
The disciples stared death face to face, and saw that it had lost its power.**

One: We have survived the deaths, the sorrows, the pains. We receive new life.

All: *Rejoice! Life bursts through death. God is with us. Alleluia!*

† Response (hymn #118, v3)

"The Day of Resurrection!"

*Now let the heavens be joyful, Let earth the song begin,
Let the round world keep triumph, And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, Our joy that hath no end.*

† Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Elizabeth Small

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:1-12

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

Anthem

"Gloria" from Gloria, RV 589

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

Sermon

"Life Instead of Death"

Rev. Haynes

† Affirmation of Faith

From The Confession of 1967 – section 9.08 – The Book of Confessions

In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all.

*Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs,
temptations, joys, and sorrows.*

He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people.

But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people.

His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes.

Many rejected him and demanded his death.

In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgment under which all stand convicted.

God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.

The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

† Hymn No.104

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

HYMN TO JOY

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory

"Jesus Paid It All"

Arr. John Grape (1835-1915)

† Doxology (hymn #592)

"Old Hundredth"

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.

† Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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.

† Closing Hymn No.122

"Thine Is the Glory"

JUDAS MACCABEUS

† Benediction

† Congregational Response

"Hallelujah" from Messiah, HWV 56

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Hallelujah

*For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth
The kingdom of this world;
is become the kingdom of our Lord,
and of His Christ
And He shall reign forever and ever
King of kings forever and ever
and Lord of lords forever and ever*

† Postlude

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

George Elvey (1816-1893), arr. Marvin Gaspard

Leading in Worship Today:

Rev. Susan L. Haynes, Interim Pastor

Mike Gillespie, Director of Christian Education

Elizabeth Small, Interim Director of Congregational Care

Matthias Young, Interim Director of Music

Dr. Won-Hee An, Organist

Brass Quintet: Jason Eklund, French Horn – John Hibbard, Tuba – Will Hudson, Trumpet –

Daniel Reagan, Trumpet

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