WHITE MEMORIAL

April 4, 2021 Easter / Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Live Streaming and In Person with registration 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

GREETING

The Lord is risen! Alleluia! The Lord is risen, indeed! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

PRELUDE

Voluntary No. 1 in D William Boyce (1711-1779)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.
- All: Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.
- One: Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth.
- All: O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice. Alleluia!

HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

PRAYER OF THE DAY AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the threat of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Forgive us our errant ways. Renew our lives for service and celebration. Cleanse our sins and through the love of Jesus, reclaim our hearts. Increase in our minds and souls the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 118:14-24

¹⁴The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.
¹⁵There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; ¹⁶the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly." ¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.
¹⁸The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.
¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
²⁰This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.
²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
²³This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 16:1-8

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

SERMON

"Already Rolled Back"

MUSICAL OFFERING Blessed to be a Witness Ben Harper (b. 1969)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation Song of Invitation "I'm Gonna' Eat at the Welcome Table Hymn 770 Words of Institution Bread and Cup Eat This Bread Hymn 527

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION 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.

> **RESPONDING IN FAITH** One Great Hour of Sharing

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith, 1983)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

HYMN 240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE Hallelujah from Messiah George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

THE EASTER TINTINNABULUM

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JOYS & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Lyman "Griffis" Worthington – March 27, 2021

Charlene Fisher Askew – March 30, 2021 WMPC family member: husband, Garland Askew.

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Lillian and Jim Poole, and Chris, Maury, Porter and Grady Poole, on the death of Lillian's mother, Rosa Moore Murray, March 27, Raleigh, NC.

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This text from the Taizé Community is based on John 6:35, which is paraphrased here in two styles. The more immediate first version maintains the second-person invitation spoken by Jesus, while the alternative version provides a more general statement in the third person.



This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.

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are given to the glory of God in memory of, or in honor of friends and loved ones

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