

PRAYERS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

“Lead Me Lord”

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us now confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, you call us toward the light,
and yet at times we have preferred darkness.
You lead us into freedom,
and yet at times we have chosen to be enslaved.
Roll away the stone
that keeps us from the life that you intend,
turn our mourning into dancing,
and raise us, with all your people,
to newness of life.
In the name of the Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray.**

SILENT PRAYER AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

COMMON PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

**God of us all, your love never ends.
When all else fails, you still are God.
We pray to you for one another,
in our need, and for all, anywhere,
who seek you on this day.
To those who doubt, give light;
to those who are weak, strength;
to those who have sinned, mercy;
to those who sorrow, your peace.
Gather us into the arms of your mercy,
and raise us into a new life.
Help us so to love and serve you in this world
that we may enter into your joy in the world to come.
We ask in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ, our Savior,
who taught us to pray...**

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 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, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE WORD

ANTHEM

“Jesus Christ, the Lord of Joy”

Paul Bouman

Jesus Christ, the Lord of Joy, now from death’s deep dungeon risen,
Lets the Church His praise employ, sets her free from sorrow’s prison.
Death did all its strength deploy, Jesus lives, the Lord of Joy.

To the Father in His death, Jesus went with will unswerving,
Giving up life’s precious breath for His people undeserving.
He whom death could not destroy lives to be the Church’s Joy.

Sorrow here a little while; suffer midst the world’s rejoicing.
Satan’s arts through men beguile; world and flesh their joys are voicing.
These deceive like base alloy, Jesus is the Church’s Joy.

Now take heart, you Christian men; fill God’s house with loud thanksgiving.
Jesus lives to come again, Joy for anguish to be giving.
Pain and trials now annoy, Jesus comes, the Church’s Joy!
Alleluia, risen Lord! Jesus lives, the Lord of Joy!

† HYMN AT THE GRADUAL, NUMBER 307
“Christ Is Risen”

ALT. HYMN TO JOY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the light of the world.
Fill our minds with your peace
and our hearts with your love.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 3. 1-4

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This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

PROCLAMATION

“We Are The Easter People”

RESPONSE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“An Easter Affirmation”

**Hope is stronger than memory.
Salvation is stronger than sin.
Forgiveness is stronger than bitterness.
Reconciliation is stronger than hatred.
Resurrection is stronger than crucifixion.
Light is stronger than darkness.
The empty tomb is stronger than the bloodied cross.
The risen Lord is stronger than the dead Jesus.
Easter is stronger than Good Friday.
We are the Easter people. We are the people of hope.
We are the people of the empty tomb,
the risen Lord, the new life in Christ.**

† HYMN RESPONSE, NUMBER 327, Verse 1

DIADEMATA

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Alleluia”

Randall Thompson

*We come to God confessing that we
are not all that we are called to be,
asking that God forgive us and use
us to build God’s Kingdom.*

*During the Prayer of Intercession,
we pray on behalf of those in need
and call on the Holy Spirit to lead
us in change for the world.*

*Paul Bouman’s setting of Ray-
mond Schulze’s text calls the
church to celebrate and give thanks
for the saving act of Christ’s death
on the cross.*

*We seek God’s help in under-
standing the scriptures and living
in light of their truths.*

*The Epistle Lesson, from Paul’s
letter to the church in Colossae is
rooted in baptismal instruction and
is filled with imagery of the resur-
rection. It connects the reality of
the first Easter with the necessity
of a present Easter. As you read
and hear the words of the lesson,
recall John Wesley’s words that
were sung earlier, “Made like
Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!”*

*As those who have gone before us
have done for centuries, we affirm
our beliefs to each other and to the
world through the twentieth century
words of Ken Callaban. “An
Easter Affirmation” places a focus
on our personal response to the
saving acts of the Resurrection.*

*Randall Thompson’s profound
setting of one simple word,
“Alleluia,” transports the listener
from contemplation to celebration.
Consider the experience of this
transport in your own life.*

As the ushers present our gifts to God, we sing the Doxology, a hymn of praise to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

† DOXOLOGY, NO. 94

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SENDING FORTH

† HYMN AT THE PARTING PROCESSION, NUMBER 306

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

VICTORY

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE

“Hallelujah Chorus” (from **Messiah**)

George Frederic Handel

The text is taken from Revelation 19. 6; 11. 15; 19. 16.

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 and Lord of Lords; Hallelujah!

† SILENT PRAYER

† CHIMING THE TRINITY

† VOLUNTARY

Toccata from *Fifth Symphony*

Charles-Marie Widor

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Our service of worship has ended.
Our worship through service now begins.

As we leave this Sanctuary, let us greet one another in Christ’s name.

† Congregation may stand

The Easter Affirmation was written by Kennon Callahan.



Our nave is equipped with a hearing loop system. Switch hearing aid to T-coil to receive sound through your hearing aid. Personal receivers are also available for others desiring enhanced listening. Please ask an usher.

As we are led into worship by the Cross, the light of Christ, and the choir as our representatives, we are led back into the world, taking the Light of Christ with us to be God’s messengers in the world.

The chimes of the trinity serve as a final reminder of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, the Three in One.



*Christ and Saint Peter; The Resurrection; Christ and Mary Magdalen
Giovanni da Milano (Italian, active Lombardy 1346-69)*

April 24, 2011

8:30 and 11:00 AM

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY

“Christ Lag in Todesbanden”

“Today, God’s Only Son Arose”

Canzon Duodecimi Toni

Toccata on *O Fillii et Filiae*

Michael Praetorius

Johann Sebastian Bach

Giovanni Gabrieli

Lynnwood Farnham

† THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

† GOSPEL LESSON FOR EASTER

Matthew 28. 1-10

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† RESPONSE TO THE WORD

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

PRAISE

† HYMN AT THE PROCESSION, NUMBER 302

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

verses 1-2, all

verse 3, women alone

verse 4, men alone

verses 5-6, all

EASTER HYMN

† AT THE BIRTH OF A CHILD

Hail the day on which this child,

Margaret Elizabeth Kelley was born.

Rejoice! Let us all sing and praise God

for blessing us with her birth.

Greet this day with joy as we pray together.

Loving God,

who has created us to be your children:

you have blessed us with Margaret Elizabeth.

We praise you for the gift of her life. Amen.

PROVIDENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EASTER

Welcome to worship at Providence this morning. You are invited to use the music of the Voluntary as a time of personal meditation, as you contemplate the beauty of this space and celebrate this most holy of days.

As the Holy Scriptures were processed out of the church in the darkness of Good Friday, so they are returned to our presence this morning, led by the Paschal Candle, the symbol of Christ among his people.

Often called “singing icons,” bells have been used for centuries to illuminate worship in the Christian Church by calling people to worship, by expressing joy in worship, and by announcing important moments in worship. This morning, our procession includes a tintinnabulator (a banner of bells) that calls us into worship and expresses our resurrection joy.