

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION
UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our God has mercy on us.

People: God's love is steadfast; the covenant of God is eternal.

Leader: This is God's eternal covenant:
Through the miracle of Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

* THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word.

Silence in us any voice but your own,
that, hearing, we may also obey your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

Walter Ehret

Joy dawned again on Easter Day, The sun shone out with fairer ray, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*When to their loving eyes restored, The apostles saw their risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

O friends, in gladness let us sing, Supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*To God the Father, God the Son, And to God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON

A Living Faith

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

* HYMN NO. 121

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, 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 into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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* DOXOLOGY

*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.*

