

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

### PRELUDE

### VOTUM

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made the heavens and the earth.

***Amen.***

### GATHERING SONG #74 'Majesty'

Majesty, worship His majesty  
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, an praise  
Majesty, kingdom authority  
Flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise  
So exalt, lift up on high  
The name of Jesus  
Magnify, come glorify Christ, Jesus, the King  
Majesty, worship His majesty  
Jesus who died now glorified, King of all kings  
(REPEAT)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

***Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!***

Walk in the light of his love.

***Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.***

Come, let us worship the One Who overcame death.

***Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord.***

### THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

***Patient Lord, You wait for us to understand. You wait for us to remove the blinders of prejudice, fear, unbelief, confusion. You have offered to us the greatest miracle of all time, the resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ. We sang and celebrated last Sunday, but a week has passed and we can feel ourselves sliding back into our old ways of perceiving Your presence and love. Shake us up, Lord! Shake us up and cause us to look with new eyes on our Savior, who came that we might have life, abundantly serving all who are in need. Forgive our stubbornness and our complacency. Reach out to us so that we may reach out with healing love to others, for we pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.***

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### SUMMARY OF THE LAW

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### HYMN #226 'The Day of Resurrection'

#### **Verse 1**

The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the passover of gladness,  
the passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over,  
with hymns of victory.

### **Verse 2**

Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light;  
and listening to his accents,  
may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.

### **Verse 3**

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 in gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord hath risen,  
our joy that hath no end.

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON

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## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #227

'Thine Is the Glory'

### Verse 1

Thine is the glory, Resurrected One!  
Endless is the vict'r'y now for us begun!  
Angels clothed in glory rolled the stone away,  
leaving only graveclothes where his body lay.

### Refrain

Thine is the glory, Resurrected One!  
Endless is the vict'r'y now for us begun!

### Verse 2

Lo! Jesus meets us. Risen from the tomb,  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let our doubting spirits find a voice to sing:  
Christ who died is living; death has lost its sting. **(Refrain)**

### Verse 3

Thine was the suff'ring, mine the endless life.  
Sin holds no dominion; love wins over strife.  
What then shall I offer? Songs that never cease!  
Thou hast won the vict'ry, glorious Prince of Peace! **(Refrain)**

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