

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(The Sanctus is Hymn No. 562)

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(We will partake of the Communion elements together after all are served.)*

### PRAYER

\*HYMN No. 240.....ALLELUIA NO. 1

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

### \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE.....Widor

*Toccata from Symphony No. 5*

*(Please be seated for the Postlude or exit the sanctuary quietly  
while the Postlude is being played.)*

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

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*Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship.*

*Children's worship folders are available in the Narthex.*

*Should you find that your child grows restless, there is childcare  
available in the nursery for ages 3 and under.*

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### Welcome!

*Whether you are a long-time member, occasional worshiper, or new visitor with us, we hope that in this service you will encounter the living Christ and be strengthened by God's promises for you. Please visit our website at [covenantpresstaunton.org](http://covenantpresstaunton.org) to learn more about our ministries and Covenant life together. We are happy to have you as part of our church family today!*

The flowers today are given by Marney Gibbs  
in memory of John A. Zinn, Jr.

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He Is  
**RISEN!**

*Easter*  
SUNDAY

March 31, 2024 @ 10:30 am

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please silence any mobile devices.

STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

PRELUDE.....Held

The Strife Is O'er

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT.....Perry

Easter Echo Carol

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 118)

Leader: The Lord is risen! Death is defeated!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! The Lord is our salvation!

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good!

People: God's steadfast love endures forever! Alleluia!

\*HYMN No. 232.....EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

\*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we rejoice in the good news of the empty tomb and risen Lord, even if we don't fully grasp it. Resurrection is hard for us to believe, so forgive our doubts and distractions this holy day. Forgive our half-hearted praise and our hesitant trust. Forgive us for living with too much fear and too little joy. Open our eyes to your living presence that we may recognize you in our midst. Fill our hearts with alleluias, and inspire us to proclaim joyfully the good news of your Son, crucified yet risen. Lord, hear our prayer . . . (silent confession) . . . Amen

\*DECLARATION OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — Hymn No. 245, Stanza 3

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!

Where O death is now your sting? Alleluia!

Jesus died our souls to save; Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING.....Pg. 157 of the Old Testament, Pew Bible

Acts 10:34-43

SECOND READING.....Pg. 66 of the New Testament, Pew Bible

Mark 16:1-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....JOHN PETERSON

"WHO'LL BE A WITNESS?"

MUSICAL REFLECTION

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

\*HYMN No. 233.....LANCASHIRE

The Day of Resurrection!

SERVING IN LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER (... "sins")

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

FOUR CENTS PER MEAL

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM.....Hagenberg

Alleluia

PRAYER

HYMN No. 248 (Stanzas 2 & 3).....HYMN TO JOY

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.

Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven never more shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"

God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

HYMN No. 232

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

***Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!***

***Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!***

***But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!***

***Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!***

HYMN No. 233

*The Day of Resurrection!*

***The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad,  
the Passover of gladness,  
the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
from sin's dominion free,  
our Christ has brought us over  
with hymns of victory.***

***Let hearts be purged of 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.***

***Now let the heavens be joyful;  
let earth its song begin;  
the round world keep high triumph  
and all that is therein.  
Let all things seen and unseen  
their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord has risen,  
our joy that has no end.***

HYMN No. 240

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

***Refrain:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Give praise to his name***

***Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation. (Refrain)***

***Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)***

***We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live forever. (Refrain)***

***Come let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)***