

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *The Bell Choir plays
"An Easter Welcoming" by Sharon Rogers.*

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS
all standing

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Rejoicing in the resurrection, let us seek God's
forgiveness, that dying to sin, we may walk in
newness of life.

*(all kneel)
(silence for reflection and self-examination)*

Faithful God, we confess that we have tried
to live by our own strength, shunning the
power of the resurrection. We have doubted
our promises. We have sinned against our
neighbor and against you by the things we
have done and left undone. Have mercy on
us, loving Father; forgive us our sin, and
restore to us the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Christ died to sin once for all, and now, victori-
ous, lives to God and for his sake God grants
you pardon and peace. As his called and or-
dained servant, I forgive you all your sins in
the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of
the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 457
we sing, standing

GREETING
Alleluia! Christ is Risen. **He is risen indeed!**
Alleluia! The grace of our risen Savior, the
love of God, and the communion of the Holy
Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN 477 - Hymn of Praise *we sing, standing*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through
Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You

have overcome death and opened the gate of
everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who cele-
brate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrec-
tion, may be raised from the death of sin by
Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON *(bulletin back page)*
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to
God!**

PSALM 16 - *we read as indicated*
M = men W = women/children A = All

M Preserve me, O God, for in you I take ref-
uge.

*W I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have
no good apart from you."*

**A As for the saints in the land, they are the
excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.**

M The sorrows of those who run after another
god shall multiply; their drink offerings of
blood I will not pour out or take their names
on my lips.

*W The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.*

**A The lines have fallen for me in pleasant
places; indeed, I have a beautiful inher-
itance.**

M I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in
the night also my heart instructs me.

*W I have set the Lord always before me; be-
cause he is at my right hand, I shall not be
shaken.*

A Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole

being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

M For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

*W You make known to me the path of life; in
your presence there is fullness of joy; at
your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

**A Glory be to the Father and to the son
and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.**

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to
God!**

page 156 - **ALLELUIA VERSE** - *all standing*

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)*
Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!
After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN 463 - *we sing, standing*

SERMON

NICENE CREED - *hymnal back cover,
all standing*

HYMN 592 vs 1, 2, 3 *(10:30)*

page 268 - **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY
BAPTISM** *(10:30) for Cameron Stephen
Soklow & Anjali Joanne Seelig.*

HYMN 592 vs 4 & 5 *(10:30)*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
all may kneel
Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer!**

OFFERTORY
*The Parish Choir sings "The Hallelujah
Chorus" by G. F. Handel; Frank Vasi, saxo-
phone soloist.*

page 160 - **SERVICE OF THE
SACRAMENT** - *all standing*

page 161 - **SANCTUS**

page 162 - **LORD'S PRAYER & WORDS
OF OUR LORD** - *right col.*

SHARING OF PEACE

page 163 - **AGNUS DEI**

FESTIVAL COMMUNION
*During the Distribution we sing HYMNS 633
and 482*

*All are invited to commune who have been
baptized and instructed in the Faith; who repent
of their sins; who are committed to Christ and to
the mission of his church; and who believe with
us that we receive and share our Savior's Body
and Blood in, with, and under the bread and the
wine of the Sacrament - where He gives
forgiveness and Christian unity.*

*All who commune, kindly sign your names in
our Communicant Register, which is located
on the narthex shelf along side our Guest
Register.*

HYMN 488 - *we sing, standing*

page 166 - **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

BENEDICTION
Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen in-
deed! Alleluia!** The God of life, who raised
Jesus from the bonds of death and who sends
forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth,
be merciful to you and + bless you, now and
forever. **Amen.**

HYMN 461 vs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8
we sing, standing

WORD OF DISMISSAL *(face church en-
trance)* Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE - *"Alleluia" by Mozart;
Frank Vasi; Saxophone Soloist.*