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Loving God. Loving People.  
Growing in Christ Together.

*Leading:*      The Rev. Brian Suggs

Welcome:

The Greeting:

*Leader:* The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

*People:* **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*A candle is lit.*

*Presider:* May his grace and peace be with you!

*People:* **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

John 4.24

Opening Prayer:

*Leader:* Lord of life and power,  
through the mighty resurrection of your Son,  
you have overcome the old order of sin and death  
and have made all things new in him.  
May we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
reign with him in glory,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Song of Praise:

**O Praise The Name (Anástasis)**

*Hillsong Worship*

**Verse 1:**

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet  
My Saviour on that cursed tree

**Verse 2:**

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

**Chorus:**

O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

**Verse 3:**

Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death where is your sting?  
The angels roar for Christ the King

**Chorus****Verse 4:**

He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

**Chorus x2****Ending:**

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Bible Reading:

**Isaiah 25:6-9**

In Jerusalem, the Lord of Heaven's Armies  
will spread a wonderful feast  
for all the people of the world.  
It will be a delicious banquet

with clear, well-aged wine and choice meat.  
There he will remove the cloud of gloom,  
the shadow of death that hangs over the earth.

He will swallow up death forever!

The Sovereign Lord will wipe away all tears.  
He will remove forever all insults and mockery  
against his land and people.

The Lord has spoken!

In that day the people will proclaim,  
"This is our God!

We trusted in him, and he saved us!  
This is the Lord, in whom we trusted.

Let us rejoice in the salvation he brings!"

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Bible Reading:

**Mark 16:1-8**

Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body. Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside.

When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died." The women fled

from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened.

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

*People:* **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Talk:

*The Rev. Dr. Patrick McManus*

Response to God's Word:

*After hearing the scriptures read and hearing more about them during 'the talk', we respond with our beliefs about who God is.*

*Leader:* Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

*All:* **We believe and trust in him.**

*Leader:* Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

*All:* **We believe and trust in him.**

*Leader:* Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

*All:* **We believe and trust in him.**

*Leader:* This is the faith of the Church.

*All:* **This is our faith.  
We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Song of Praise:

**Forever**

*Kari Jobe*

**Verse 1:**

The moon and stars they wept  
The morning sun was dead  
The Savior of the world was fallen  
His body on the cross  
His blood poured out for us  
The weight of every curse upon Him

**Verse 2:**

One final breath He gave  
As heaven looked away  
The Son of God was laid in darkness  
A battle in the grave  
The war on death was waged  
The power of hell forever broken

**Pre-Chorus:**

The ground began to shake  
The stone was rolled away  
His perfect love could not be overcome  
Now death where is your sting  
Our resurrected King  
Has rendered you defeated

**Chorus:**

Forever He is glorified  
Forever He is lifted high  
Forever He is risen  
He is alive, He is alive

**Pre-Chorus, Chorus****Bridge x2:**

We sing Hallelujah, we sing Hallelujah  
We sing Hallelujah, the Lamb has overcome

**Chorus**

Prayer:

*This is a time to bring those people and things that are on our hearts and minds to God. Intercessions (prayers said for others) are offered and we end by saying the prayer that Jesus taught us, The Lord's Prayer.*

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying,  
**"Hear us, Lord of glory!"**

That we may be filled with the joy of Christ's holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That Christians who are persecuted and oppressed may find fresh strength in the Easter Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That we may find grace to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That we may discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth with those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That through the grace of God the human family will abolish war and destructive exploitation of the earth, that all may live in peace and plenty, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That those who are sick, weak, and dying may be comforted and strengthened by the power of the risen Christ (...), let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That God will send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon us, that we may bear faithful witness to Christ's resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

*Leader:* Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

*All:* **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution:

*Presider:* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Please kneel as you are able.*

*Presider:* Most merciful God,  
*All:* **we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,**



**that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Presider:* Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

The Peace:

*Just as we've made peace with God through confession, this  
is an opportunity to make peace with one another. You're  
invited to greet one another.*

*Leader:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

Holy Communion:

*Leader:* The Lord is here.

*All:* **His Spirit is with us.**

*Leader:* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

*All:* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*Leader:* It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all  
creation; in your love you made us for yourself.  
When we turned away you did not reject us, but  
came to meet us in your Son.

*All:* **You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

*Leader:* In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.

**All: He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

*Leader:* On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for  
you; do this in remembrance of me.

**All: Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

*Leader:* At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the  
new covenant, which is shed for you for the  
forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**All: Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

*Leader:* As we proclaim his death and celebrate his  
rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this  
bread and this wine may be to us the body and  
blood of your dear Son.

**All: As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

*All are invited to come forward. Those who are baptised can extend their  
hands to receive the bread and wine. Those not yet baptised can cross  
their arms over their chest to receive a blessing.*

Prayer after Communion:

*Leader:* God our strength and salvation,  
receive all we offer you this day,  
and grant that we who have confessed your name,  
and received new life in baptism,  
may live in the joy of the resurrection,  
through Jesus Christ the Lord.  
**Amen.**

Song of Praise:  
**Jesus is Risen**  
*Church of the City*

**Verse 1:**

Our King was nailed to the cross  
Like Love could be broken  
Our Savior breathed in his last  
Like Hell had a moment  
They laid him down in a grave  
Like hope could be stolen  
They covered him up with a stone  
Like it could hold him

**Chorus:**

Jesus is Risen, He is alive  
Look in the Tomb  
There is hope we can find  
The curse has been lifted  
We are forgiven  
Yes He is alive, Jesus is Risen

**Verse 2:**

He kicked down the door of death  
Our God is victorious  
Breaking every stronghold of sin  
By his blood He restored us  
Triumphant with Life in his hands  
He did it all for us  
The Lion and Lamb overcame  
Our Savior is glorious

**Chorus**

**Bridge:**

Crown him, Crown him, Jesus Lord of all  
Hail Him, All Hail him, Jesus Lord of all

Crown Him , Crown Him, Jesus Lord of All  
High King, Forever, Jesus Lord of All

**Chorus**

Closing Prayer:

*Leader:* Keep us, Father, in this community of faith,  
the Church of your Son Jesus Christ,  
and help us to confess him as Messiah and Lord  
in all we say and do.  
We ask this in his name.  
**Amen.**

Blessing:

*Leader:* The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you  
And remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

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