## SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Resurrection of the Lord/ Easter March 31, 2024 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Time for quiet prayer and meditation ... "Be still and know that I am God."

## We Come Before God in Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Meditation on "Thaxted" arr. Tucker Adult Handbells

Call to Worship

Leader: Alleluia! Christis risen. People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. People: He has given us new life and hope. Psalm 84:1-2

No. 232 Hvmn "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him. or acknowledged hisrule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world. and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

- Assurance of Pardon
- Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; asit wasin the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praver for Children (Åges K3-K5 Grade may leave for Children's Church)

Little onesto Him belong: Lord Jesus, bless our children. Amen.

## God Givesto Us Through HisWord

Scripture Lesson Psalm 118:14-24

- L: The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.
- P: Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, L:
- the right hand of the Lord exalts, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!"
- P: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. The Lord has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.
- L: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
- P: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.
- L: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
- P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
- L: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- P: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us reioice and be glad in it.

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made" Adult Choir

## Scripture Lesson Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon

No. 581

"Easter Fears"

## We Respond to God's Word

\* Hymn "The Day of Resurrection!"

\* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ. fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives. forgiving sinners. and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified. suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

	God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jes our Lord.		
	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to Holy Spirit. Amen. (from "A Brief Statement	-	
	Choral Call to Prayer (11:00 a.m.) "Alleluia" Adult Choir	arr. Fis	
	Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer		
	Presentation of Tithes and Offerings		
	Offertory "I Know That My Redeemer Li	veth" arr. Deng	
	* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication	No.	
	* Hymn "Thine Is the Glory"	No. 2	
	* Charge and Benediction		
<ul> <li>L: God of our salvation, you have restored us to life,</li> <li>P: You have brought us back again into your love by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ:</li> <li>L: Continue to heal us as we go to live and work,</li> <li>P: In the power of your Spirit, and to your praise and glory.</li> <li>L: And now may the God of peace, who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.</li> <li>P: Alleluia! Amen.</li> </ul>			
	* Benediction Response "Make Us Holy, M	lake Us Whole"	

In your love, make us whole. May we rest in your compassion. Calm the lost, weary soul in the warmth of your love. May your peace fill our hearts May we know the love of Jesus By your grace, you console. Make us holy, make us whole.

\* Postlude

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Dr. Seel

No. 233

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deemer Liveth"	arr. Dengler
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Glory"	No. 238

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"Jubilation"

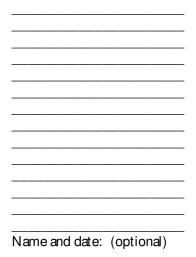
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\* Congregation Stands

Please write your request. tear off this form, fold, and place in the offering plate.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

The Tuesday Morning Prayer Group meets each week at 10:00 a.m. to pray for the EPC family and any other special needs.



(These are kept confidential!)

#### **WELCOMETO** VISITORS

If you are visiting today, we would like you to know that it is a privilege to have you with us. It is our hope that you will find a warm welcome and an atmosphere to worship God.

We would love a record of your visit. Please fill out the following and place in the offering plate when passed.

Name

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

□ 1st Time Visit

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## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The sign up list to place flowers in the Sanctuary during the year is on the wall outside of the Church Office. This is a great way to honor or remember someone on a special date.

> Open Dates: May 5 June 2, 9 July 7, 14, 21, 28 August 4, 11, 18 September 1, 8, 29 October 13, 20, 27

#### **NEW INFORMATION?**

If you or your family have moved, dropped your land phone line and just use your cell number, or have changed your e-mail address (at home or work), please let the Church Office know.

## NURSERY STAFF

Valerie Brock, Katie Guthrie, & Sophie Wilson

#### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Samantha & Grant Hollis Ginna & Chad Lister

#### SAFE PLACE MONITOR

Russell Patterson

### MARCH USHERS

9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Mary Ann Merritt, Head ElizabethWeaver, Head Garrett Charles, Asst. Annie Rossley, Asst.

SOUND & LIGHT

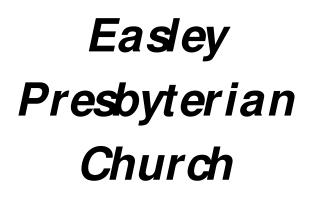
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