

SENDING

*Collect and the Lord's Prayer

Leader: Holy Lord,
set in the stars, set in the seasons,
are gentle reminders of the great story of God and God's people.
From night, comes dawn;
from the cold, slow, death of winter, comes the life of spring.
All of creation sings of your story.
Even now, as the skies choke and the rivers writhe,
and the need to be good stewards of your world
becomes ever more clear,
may we hear the song, and join in the dance.
People: 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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

*Sending Song Because You Live, O Christ GtG #249

*Blessing

Postlude

A sign of Christ's peace may be exchanged by all.

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Hicks Memorial Chapel
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GATHERING

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: O death, where is your sting?
People: O grave, where is your victory?
Leader: The song revealed in Christ is heard, in whispers of creation.
The death of winter gives way to the life of spring.
People: The cross gives way to the empty tomb.
Leader: Lift your voices, let us praise our great and gracious God!

*Opening Hymn Christ the Lord is Risen Today GtG #245

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Refrain:

Musical notation for the Refrain: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry be to God on high; sing forth this ho - ly Ea - ster day: Christ Je - sus lives a - gain! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Scripture Readings: Matthew 28:1-10
Romans 8:18-30

*please rise in body and/or spirit

Proclamation *A Celebration of Creation and Resurrection in Poetry and Prose*
(Drawing on the words of E.E. Cummings and N.T. Wright)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Song of Assurance *Now the Green Blade Rises* GtG #247

Time of Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: It is in confidence that we can approach our God.
Christ died for us, and Christ rose from the dead so that we too may live.
Through this, he gives us forgiveness so we may confess our sins to him,
knowing that he will forgive our sins and make us whole. Let us pray...

***People:* Creating and recreating God,
you call us to be stewards of that which is yours.
You call us to join in your kingdom work,
of restoration and renewal of the world you love.
Yet we defile your skies, we poison your oceans,
we neglect our sacred role as bearers of your image,
placed in your temple to reflect your glory.
Have mercy on us o Lord.
May we see the glory of your creation,
and live a life worthy of so great a calling**

Leader: The One who created will make all things new.
The One who died and rose again will raise us up.
In the name of the One who conquered death,
and who works even now
to bring about a glorious purpose for this creation,
we are forgiven.

***People:* Glory to God! Amen!**

*Song

Resurrecting

Elevation Worship

1. The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now
The Savior knelt to wash our feet
Now at his feet we bow
2. The one who wore our sin and shame
Now robed in majesty
The radiance of perfect love
Now shines for all to see

Chorus: Your name
Your name
Is victory
All praise
Will rise
To Christ our king

3. The fear that held us now gives way
To him who is our peace
His final breath upon the cross
Is now alive in me

Bridge By your spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat
The resurrected king is resurrecting me
In your name I come alive to declare your victory
The resurrected king is resurrecting me

4. The tomb where soldiers watched in vain
Was borrowed for three days
His body there would not remain
Our God has robbed the grave
Our God has robbed the grave