

Welcome to Worship
April 7th, 2024

Prelude

Gathering Hymn

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers ~ ACS 938

Prayer of the Day

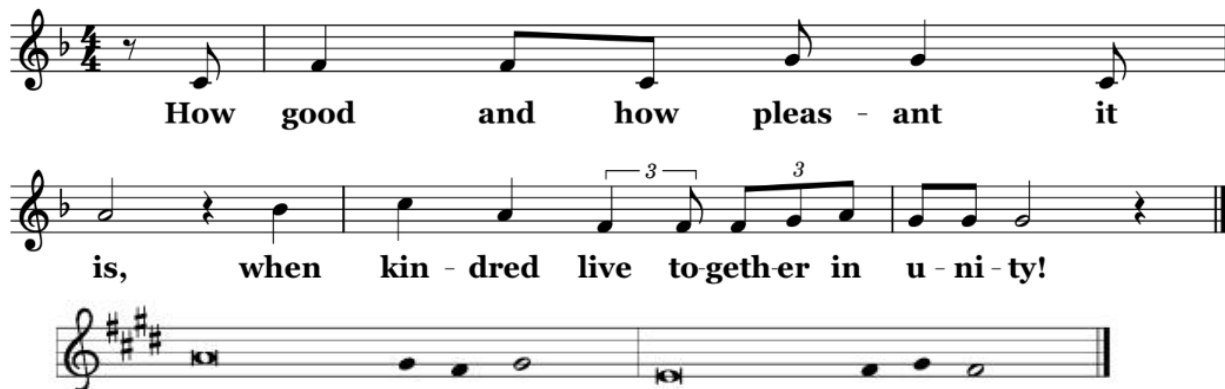
Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading 1 John 1:1--2:2

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

Word of God. Word of life
Thanks be to God

Psalm 133



How good and how pleasant it
is, when kindred live together in u - ni - ty!

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*It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing, flowing down upon the collar of his robe. Refrain*

*It is like the dew, the dew of Hermon flowing, flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life forevermore. Refrain*

Gospel

John 20:19-31

The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Hymn of the Day

Ask the Complicated Questions ~ ACS 1005

Musical Offering

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing ~ Aaron David Miller -All Saints Choir

Offertory Hymn

We Eat the Bread of Teaching ~ ELW 518 (refrain only)

Communion Hymn

We Walk by Faith ~ ELW 635

Sending Hymn

The Risen Christ ~ ELW 390

Postlude