

## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

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### GATHERING

Prelude

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

arr. David Schelat

#### Greeting

God is good.

**All the time.**

And all the time.

**God is good.**

#### Call to Worship

Let us join in praise of the Holy One, who never lets the enemies of justice have the final word.

**God lifts us up from the pits of despair, the deep recesses of disappointment.**

Let us join creation's chorus rejoicing in the transforming presence of our Creator.

**God brings vision to our blindness, enabling us to see in ways we never imagined.**

Let our souls unite in thanksgiving and praise the Christ who brings healing and wholeness, restoring us to life.

**We worship the One who leads us to peace everlasting. To this One be blessing and honor and glory. Amen.**

Let us worship God.

#### \*Hymn #413 *Come Into God's Presence*

1. Come into God's presence singing

"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

2. Come into God's presence singing

"Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord."

3. Praise the Lord together singing

"Worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb."

4. Praise the Lord together singing

"Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God."

#### \*Prayer of the Day

God of the dawning sun, amidst our daily routines and the patterns of life to which we have grown accustomed, we pause in this time of worship to remind ourselves of the potential you have given to us and the world. We open our hearts to the power of the Spirit that calls us to move beyond the limitations we place on your love at work in our lives. Draw us deeper into community where fear is replaced with courage, hostility with peace, bitterness with forgiveness, indifference with compassion, and the energy of oppression is transformed into the power of your justice. Amen.

## The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

**\*Response: #591 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

## THE WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

**First reading: Acts 9:1-20**

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The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Children's Chat

Rita Boyer, Certified Christian Educator

**Second Reading John 21:1-19**

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### Sermon

**“Welcome and Transformation”**

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

**\*Hymn #505 The Trumpets Sound; The Angels Sing**

**1. The trumpets sound; the angels sing;  
the feast is ready to begin.  
The gates of heaven are open wide,  
and Jesus welcomes you inside.**

**2. Tables are laden with good things;  
O taste the peace and joy he brings.  
He'll fill you up with love divine;  
he'll turn your water into wine. (refrain)**

Refrain:

**Sing with thankfulness  
songs of pure delight.**

**Come and revel in  
heaven's love and light.**

**Take your place at the  
table of the King.**

**The feast is ready to begin;  
the feast is ready to begin.**

**3. The hungry heart he satisfies,  
offers the poor his paradise.  
Now hear all heaven and earth applaud  
the amazing goodness of the Lord. (refrain)**

**\*A Brief Statement of Faith**

**In life and in 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 God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.**

**Ignoring God's commandments, violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

**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 Jesus our Lord.**

**\*Gloria Patri Hymn #581 *Glory Be to the Father***

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

**Offering**

Musical Offering

*Holy Lord*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Tom Fettke

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Response: Hymnal # 562 *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord***

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full,  
full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.**

**Response: Hymnal #563 *Christ Has Died: Christ Is Risen***

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

**Response: Hymnal #564 Amen**

**Amen, amen, amen.  
Amen, amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**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 forever. Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us.**

**Now send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit to tell this good news to the world: The Lord has risen indeed! Amen.**

**If There is Extended Communion-**

**Commission to Extended Communion Servers**

**We send you out with this bread and cup to share the feast of the risen Lord.**

**We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.**

## SENDING

### Sending the Church into Mission

The Mission of Prospect Church

**To be a family in Christ reaching out to all with love, prayer, and service. Through worship, education, mission, and fellowship, we experience God's love, forgiveness, grace, and call.**

#### **\*Hymn #369 *Blessing and Honor***

**1. Blessing and honor and glory and power,  
wisdom and riches and strength evermore,  
be to the Lamb who our battle has won,  
whose are the kingdom, the crown,  
and the throne.**

**2. Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus' name;  
let all the earth sing his glory and fame.  
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest,  
and flower  
echo these praises and tell of God's power.**

**3. Ever ascending the song and the joy,  
ever descending the love from on high;  
blessing and honor and glory and praise:  
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.**

**4. Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;  
take we the robe and the harp and the palm;  
sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,  
dying in weakness but rising to reign.**

#### **\*Benediction and Congregational Response**

**Hymn #399 God Welcomes All**

**God welcomes all,  
strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong  
and it never ends.**

#### **Postlude**

*When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*