

## Spoken Invitation to Worship

Friends, the tomb is empty! The stone has been rolled away!

***Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!***

For three days He lay in that cold and lonely cave.

***But God's love cannot be contained by anything, not even death!***

Thanks be to God, who gives us victory through our Risen Lord.

***Death has been swallowed up in victory!***

Where, O death, is your victory?

***Where, O death, is your sting?***

Christ is risen!

***He is risen, indeed!***

Come, let us worship the Risen Christ!

## Song of Celebration

### ***Christ the Lord Is Risen Today***

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Earth and heaven join to say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!

Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

## Opening Prayer

Will Oates

## Welcome to Worshipers

Christian Johns, Youth Minister

## Hymn of Joy

***Low in the Grave He Lay***

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus, my Savior!  
Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!

***Chorus:***

Up from the grave He arose,  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.  
He arose! (He arose) He arose! (He arose)  
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus, my Savior!  
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus, my Lord!

***Chorus***

Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus, my Savior!  
He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord!

***Chorus***

## **Lessons from Scripture**

**Matthew 28:1-10**

**Fred Oates**, reader

## **Season of Thanksgiving**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Dr. Steve Laufer**, Interim Pastor

## **Worship Through Tithes and Offerings**

### **Choral Worship**

***Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)***

**Sanctuary Choir**

**Brittane Lewis Venson**, soloist

**Dr. Sarah Spencer**, pianist

*arrangement by Heather Sorenson*

## **Hymn of Thanksgiving**

***Alleluia! Sing to Jesus***

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.  
Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! Christ is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, Christ on earth our food and stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful rest in You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

## Sermon

***Why Did They Never See It Coming???***

Exodus 12:1-13, Luke 24:1-11

Dr. Laufer

## Congregational Response

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

## Message in Song

***O God Beyond All Blessings***

Priscilla Salisbury, soloist

*words by Michael Perry; music by Gustav Holst*

*arrangement by Rodney Abriol*

## Anthem of Celebration

***Crown Him!***

Sanctuary Choir, Brass & Congregation

*quoting HYMN TO JOY by L.V. Beethoven*

*arrangement by Dan Forrest*

## Benediction

Dr. Laufer

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