

**Easter Morning: A Service of Resurrection Joy!**

*Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,  
The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,  
For Christ indeed is risen, our Joy that has no end!*

*\* Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able  
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**LET US GATHER**

**PRELUDE** *See Insert*

**WELCOME to ALL!**

*No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey,  
you are welcome here.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** *Bless the Lord* *Taizé*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
One: May Christ's grace and peace be with you!  
**All: May he fill our hearts with joy! Alleluia! Amen!**

**LET US PREPARE**

**\*HYMN** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* *B233*

**UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)**

**God of resurrection and of new life, we gather this morning as a  
community of believers! We come with joy to greet one another and to  
tell again and again the amazing news:  
Christ is risen!  
Love is victorious over death!  
Today we celebrate the power of your life and light and love ~ which  
has overcome all death, all darkness, all hate and fear! Fill us now**

**with Easter's promise that we might shine your Good News into this  
world that has such great need of it! We ask this in the name of the  
risen Christ, who taught us to pray together, saying, "Our Father..."**

**ANTHEM** *Adoramus Te, Christe* *T.Dubois*

**LET US LISTEN**

**READING** *John 20: 1-18*

**REFLECTION** *The Beginning of the Story...*

**ANTHEM** *Christ is Risen!* *G.F.Handel/P.Liebergen*

*You are invited into a moment of silence for personal reflection.*

**LET US RESPOND**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns** *Medima*

Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord send your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to your children praying; Send us love, send us peace, send us grace.

L: Let the people say ...

P: **Amen and Amen.**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

**ANTHEM** *I Know My Redeemer Liveth* *G.F. Handel*  
*Betsy Feiker, solo*

**\*DOXOLOGY** *B233*  
Christ the Lord is Risen today, Alleluia! Mortal tongues and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, glad heavens and earth reply:  
Alleluia!

**\*PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION (Unison)**

**God of resurrection, you have rolled the stone away and the tomb of  
our world has been opened wide ~ with dawn has come a new  
creation! Bless us now as you bless these gifts we bring, that through  
our offerings, we too might empty tombs, restore hope and renew life!  
We ask all this in the name of your Risen Son, Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Amen!**

\*HYMN *Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day* B241

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (please see insert)

**LET US GO FORTH**

\*HYMN *Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain* R230

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed!**

Pastor: Go now as Easter people into the promise of this new day!

And the blessing of the Eternal God,  
Creator and Sustainer,  
Risen Lord and Savior,  
Giver of holiness and new life,  
Be upon you now and forevermore! Amen!

\*AMEN B161

POSTLUDE *Hallelujah, Amen* G.F.Handel

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**Guest Preacher:** Nancy Elder-Wilfrid  
**Minister of Music:** Gene Faxon  
**Worship Leader:** Linda Grant  
**Greeter and Usher:** Sam Greene  
**Setup:** Lisa Giragosian

*The photo on the cover was taken by Nancy Elder-Wilfrid. It is a portion of the stained glass window above the altar at Annisquam Village Church, Gloucester*

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