**Easter Sunday - 04 April 2021**

**GATHER**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness *Please rise in body or spirit.***

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, who raised Jesus from the dead, and imprints His image on our hearts.

**C AMEN.**

P Let us prepare our hearts for worship, confessing our sins. ***Silence is kept for reflection***

P Merciful God,

**C YOU MADE US WITH MINDS TO KNOW YOU, HEARTS TO LOVE YOU, AND WILLS TO SERVE YOU. BUT OUR KNOWLEDGE IS IMPERFECT, OUR LOVE INCONSTANT, AND OUR OBEDIENCE IS INCOMPLETE. WE REFUSE TO GO WHERE YOU LEAD US. WE FAIL TO GROW INTO YOUR LIKENESS. HAVE MERCY UPON US. FORGIVE US AND FREE US FROM OUR SIN. IMPRINT ON OUR HEARTS AGAIN THE IMAGE OF YOUR SON, JESUS. AMEN.**

P P You were born in the image of the invisible God. Lost in the Fall, it was restored by Christ at the cross. At your Baptism, you were given Christ’s name. He marked you as His own, so you know that you are His and that He is your life, the foundation of all your hope, and in His name, X you are forgiven all your sins and His image is imprinted again on your heart.

**C AMEN**

**Gathering Song (Ensemble)** ELW # 382 “Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

**Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C AND ALSO WITH YOU.** ***A brief silence is kept before the prayer***

P Risen Messiah, glory be to You, whom death could not defeat. Praise to the savior of heaven and earth. Honor and glory are Yours, now and forever, Christ our savior and redeemer.

**C AMEN.** ***Please be seated***

**WORD**

**Children’s Time**

**Psalm & Gloria** Psalm 100:1-3

**Preaching Text**  Luke 24:1-12

The Gospel of the Lord/**THANKS BE TO GOD.** ***Please be seated***

**Sermon** “Jesus Has Risen!”

**Special Music**  “Now the Green Blade Rises”/“Love Has Come”

**Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving *Please rise in body or spirit***

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray...

Lord in your mercy/**HEAR OUR PRAYER**.

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C AMEN. *Please be seated***

**MEAL**

**Offering the Gifts and Tithes *Please rise in body or spirit***

A Let us pray. God our provider, You have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these Your gifts, which we receive from Your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C AMEN.**

1. ***Receive the chalice at the chancel rail.***
	1. ***Return to your seat.***
	2. ***Open bread seal. Take and eat.***
	3. ***Open wine seal. Take and drink.***
2. ***The usher will collect the used chalice.***
3. ***Note: the bread is gluten free.***

**Thanksgiving & Words of Institution**

P The Lord be with You

**C and also with You.**

P Lift up Your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P P It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy...

 In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ, took bread, and gave thanks...

**Lord’s Prayer (Ensemble)**

P All who thirst, all who hunger, come, and be filled with the goodness of God. ***Please be seated***

***After the distribution, please rise in body or spirit.***

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen You and keep You in His grace.

**C AMEN.**

**Prayer after Communion**

A Let us pray. O God, in this holy meal You have embraced us and gathered us into Your arms of compassion and protection. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need;.

**C AMEN.**

**Sending of Communion**

P Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, bless those who go forth to share Your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are sick/homebound/imprisoned. In Your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of Your Son, that we may all feast upon Your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C AMEN.**

**SEND**

**Benediction**

P The Maker of all, the Word made flesh, the Giver of life, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C AMEN.**

**Announcements, Choral Benediction, and Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!/**CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA1**

 Go in peace. Remember the poor/**THANKS BE TO GOD.**