

Gathering for Worship VT – Voices Together hymnal (purple)

Prelude

Praising

Call to Worship Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah! On this day we celebrate resurrection. The power of life overcomes the power of death. Hallelujah! The light of love shatters the darkness of fear. Hallelujah! The way of peace prevails against the violence of empire. Hallelujah! We come to worship the God whose resurrection power lives on in the Christ we serve. Hallelujah!

Processional

Hymn: VT 346 – Christ the Lord is Risen Today Hymn: VT 340 – Lift Your Glad Voices

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Hymn: VT 356 – Be Not Afraid

Confession of Faith

Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came as a little child, one of us, flesh and blood to share in our humanity. Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as carpenter and in whose creative hands a world was fashioned. Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as fisherman and pointed to a harvest that was yet to come. Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as teacher and opened eyes to truths that only poor people could understand.

Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as healer and opened hearts to the reality of wholeness. Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as prophet, priest and ruler and yet humbled yourself upon the cross. Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as servant and revealed to us the whole of God's love for human kind. Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who died a violent death yet lives, resurrected, speaking peace. Blest are you Lord Jesus, our Brother, Teacher, Redeemer.

Hymn: VT 356 – Be Not Afraid

Hearing The Word

Time for Children (John 20:1-18)

Scripture Readings Hymn: VT 342 – *That Easter Morn, at Break of Day* Poem: *lost and found* by Rev. Sarah Speed

Message: Why Are You Weeping?

Cynthia Lapp

Hymn: VT 353 – Now the Green Blade Rises

Responding

Responses Sharing of Joys and Concerns *Please come forward to the mic if you wish to share something.* Praying Together

Work of the Church Welcoming our Guests Announcements

The Ministry of Giving Children's Offering *(children can bring their offerings forward at this time)* Offertory Lent Offering: Life After Release Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Benediction

Hallelujah Chorus - GF Handel