

Lancaster Theological Seminary

# SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

APRIL 24 AND APRIL 27, 2019

## “The Lord has risen indeed!”



OCTAVE OF EASTER

# Gathering as the Body of Christ.

## GATHERING

The assembly is invited to gather at the back of Santee Chapel around the fire pit, Paschal Candle, and Baptismal Font.

## PRELUDE

## “THERE’S A FEELING IN THE AIR”

## INSTRUMENTAL

## GREETING

One Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

One We, the Body, are risen with our Christ!

All **We are risen, indeed! Thanks be to God!**

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One We gather in this Eastertide...

...

Through light and water, through speech and song, the bread and the cup, we have proclaimed Christ’s death and resurrection, and we await Christ’s coming again to bring the fullness of God’s love and light to all the earth.

Many **Amen.**

## \*BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE

One Let us pray.

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have revealed to all the world your light and life. Bless this new fire, and increase in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ’s Resurrection Life, until the day when all your children feast at the banquet of eternal light; through the Son of righteousness, Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord.

Many **Amen.**

## \*LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

One Christ, yesterday, and today, [†] the beginning and the ending, the Alpha [Α] and Omega[Ω]. To Christ belong time [2] and eternity [0]; to Christ belong glory and dominion [1] now and for ever! [9]

And let the Church say:

Many **Amen!**

One Friends, we have wept over the broken body of our brother, Jesus.  
...  
And we rise with Christ!  
And let all who trust this promise say, Amen!

**Many Amen!**

One Beloved community let us share this light of promise among us.  
[Each person is invited to come forth and light their small candle from the new flame.]

**\*OPENING HYMN “CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY” (vv 1, 2) NCH 233**

The Presider and Student Minister will lead the assembly into the pews with the Easter Candle.

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!	Let the Victor’s people sing, Alleluia!
Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia!	Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!	Dying once, Christ lives to save, Alleluia!
Sing ye heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!	Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

One Let us pray. ...  
We therefore pray to you, O God, that this candle, burning to the honor of your name, will continue to vanquish the shadows of death and be mingled with the lights of heaven – forever and ever, forever and ever.

**Many Amen.**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Following the Student Minister, please extinguish your candles.

S. Minister Peace be with you!

**Many And also with you!**

S. Minister Let us share this peace with one another.

## Service of the Word

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

One O risen Christ, open us to the power of your resurrection  
as we hear it proclaimed anew this day,  
that we too might rise to new life in you.

**Many Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**LUKE 24:13-35**

**NRSV**

One Hear what God is saying to the people.

**Many Thanks be to God!**

**PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

One Jesus is resurrected -

**Many because his message of love, justice, healing, and liberation transcends time and space.**

One Jesus is resurrected -

**Many because, in his story,  
we hear our own stories of suffering and struggle and sorrow.**

One Jesus is resurrected -

**Many because we need to be called back to love our neighbor as ourselves,  
called back to see the inherent worth and dignity of every person,  
called back to fight for justice,  
called back to hope for a better life.**

One Jesus is resurrected -

**Many because in his time, and our time, and all time, we need hope.**

One Jesus is resurrected - proving that hope is eternal.

**Many Hallelujah! Jesus is resurrected!**

## Service of the Table

**OFFERTORY SONG**

**“WOMB OF LIFE” (vv 1-3)**

**NCH 274**

[Sung to the tune “Hymn to Joy”]

**\*THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

One God is with you!

**Many And also with you!**

One Open your hearts!

**Many We open our hearts to God!**

One Let us give thanks to God!

**Many It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

One Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

...

And this is our song:

**Many**      ¡Santo, santo, santo,  
              mi corazón te adora!  
              Mi corazón te sabe decir:  
              santo eres Dios.

One        Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!  
              ...  
              And so we pray after him: Our Friend, our Mother,...

**Many**      ...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.

One        On the night in which he was betrayed, ...  
              ...Your wisdom our guide, Your justice our strength, Your grace our way to  
              rebirth. And so we cry, Mercy:

**Many**      **Mercy!**

One        And so we cry, Glory:

**Many**      **Glory!**

One        And so we cry, Blessing:

**Many**      **Blessing!**

One        Holy God, we beg for your Spirit.  
              Enliven this bread, awaken this body, pour us out for each other.  
              Transfigure our minds, ignite your church, nourish the life of the earth.  
              Make us, while many, united; make us, though broken, whole;  
              Make us, despite death, alive.  
              And so we cry, ‘Come, Holy Spirit:’

**Many**      **Come, Holy Spirit!**

One And so the church shouts, 'Come, Holy Spirit:'  
**Many Come, Holy Spirit!**  
 One And so the whole earth pleads, 'Come, Holy Spirit:'  
**Many Come, Holy Spirit!**

S. Minister You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three –  
 ...  
 You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!  
 Praise now, praise tomorrow, praise forever!  
**Many Amen.**

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at this table where Christ is the host. We use gluten-free bread and juice. The Preacher is available for an ecumenical blessing.

## COMMUNION SONG

## "IN CHRIST ALONE"

GETTY/TOWNEND

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of  
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

light, my strength my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -  
 world, by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious -  
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of  
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Till on the  
 day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
 cross as Je - sus died, God's grace for us was mag - ni -  
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I  
 fied. For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I  
 me; For I am His and He is mine, saved by the pre - cious love of  
 hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll

stand.  
 live.  
 Christ.  
 stand!

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# Going Forth as the Body of Christ

## **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

One            Let us rise together, as able, to join our voices in thanksgiving.  
Many        **Creating, Redeeming, and Sustaining God,**  
              **we are grateful for this experience of your loving kindness**  
              **and your tender mercies.**  
              **In the strength of this nourishment,**  
              **we go into the world**  
              **to humbly do your holy work of justice, love, and mercy.**  
              **Blessed be, Asche, and Amen.**

## **\*CLOSING SONG**

### **“CHRIST THE LORD” (VS 3, 4)**

**NCH 233**

**Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!**  
**Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!**  
**Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!**  
**Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!**  
**Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!**  
**Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia!**  
**Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

[All are invited to turn toward the Preacher at the Baptismal Font.]

## **\*DISMISSAL**

One            Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
Many        **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

One            We, the Body, are risen with our Christ!  
Many        **We are risen, indeed! Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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To serve the universal church of our Creator.

To minister to the unique and diverse needs of the seminary community.

To foster an expansive culture of worship that values difference, and challenges the normative.