

**MEDITATION PRAYER:** "...that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

**PRELUDE:** *(Contemplative Music)*

**Acolytes:** **Lighting of the Candles**

**Procession of Choir:**

**OPENING HYMN:** *( Please Stand & Sing)* **#182 (Red Hymnal)** "Christ The Lord is Risen Today"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** *(Any Congregant, Please Stand & Speak Loudly!)*

**Call to Contemplation (Music)**

**Call to Worship: (Congregant Response in BOLD)**

**P:** Jesus Christ is risen! So lift up your head my people on this Easter Morning. Lift up your head in reverence to the 'Blessed Hope.'

**C:** **The angel said, "He is not here for he is risen!" So today on this Easter Morning, we the children of God lift up our heads in anticipation of our Blessed Hope and Redeemer.**

**P:** Jesus is alive! The grave could not hold him down, no weapons formed against him could destroy him! His bones could not be broken! Together, we pronounce in liberty the everlasting reign of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

**C:** **Jesus arose from the dead with a mighty power! Therefore, "at the Name of Jesus, every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Amen. (Excerpts from Philippians 2).**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

Father Jesus, we cry "Abba" and proclaim your holy name. Even when you came back to life and showed your nail-pierced hands as proof of your death, burial and resurrection, many believed but many still doubted. Today we confess that from centuries ago to our present modern world not much has changed in the hearts of humans. We are still a generation steeped in unbelief and embossed with much pride. Redeemer, we call on your holy name this day to mold our human hearts to believe in you, thereby allowing us to receive the recompense of the reward you have in store for us. This we pray in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

**HYMN:** *( Please Stand & Sing)* **#237 (Black Hymnal)** "I Come to the Garden Alone"

**CALL TO PRAISE (Congregant Response In Bold)**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

O Lord, open Thou our lips

**And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise**

**THE GLORIA PATRI (all Sing)**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son

And to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning,

Is now and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen. Amen.

**Dismissal of the Children for Sunday School & Activities**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** **Matthew 28: 1-10**

**SERMON:** 'The Man from Galilee, three women & a Stone' (by Minister Miriam Theodore)

**HYMN:** *( Please Stand & Sing)* **#288 Red Hymnal** "Let Us Break Bread Together"

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE:**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION:**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

With grateful hearts, we praise you, O God, for your great goodness in the gift of Christ. Through sacred memory, Christ has come to us and fed us at this table. Strengthen us by your grace to fellowship with Christ each day. Stir us to share Christ's cross in daily sacrificial service. Amen.

**OFFERTORY INVITATION**

*(Ushers Pass Collection Plates)*

"After two days will he revive us; in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord; his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth "(Hosea 6:2-3

**DOXOLOGY:** *(All Sing)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

*(Please speak loudly so Pastor can hear names)*

**SILENT PRAYER:**

**PASTORAL PRAYER:**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** *(All Pray Aloud)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil, For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

**MUSICAL RESPONSE:** *(Musical Interlude)*

**CLOSING HYMN:** *( Please Stand & Sing)* **#245 (Black Hymnal)** "The Day of Resurrection"

**Acolytes:**

**The Extinguishing of the Candles**

**BENEDICTION:** May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other. Amen. deliver

**POSTLUDE:**

*(Contemplative Music)*