

The Service of Worship for Easter

Croatian Presbyterian Church

April 16, 2017

Collect for Easter: *Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. Sanctify this new fire, and inflame us with a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light. Amen.*

Prelude

Choral Call To Worship (No. 217, vs. 1)

“Holy Ground”

Welcome and The Draping of the Cross

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Candle Lighting and Response – No. 539 “My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation

Leader: *Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave.*

People: *Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.*

Leader: *Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us to the truth.*

People: *Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever.*

Prayer of Invocation: *O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection. Now as we gather, we pray as our Lord has taught us to pray, saying . . . 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

*Hymn No. 367 “Christ The Lord Is Risen Today”

*Affirmation of Faith – the Apostles’ Creed (inside front cover)

*Gloria Patri – No. 813

The Morning Offering (The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering may be given at this time): *Freely you have received, freely give.* (Matt. 10:8b)

Offertory

*Doxology – No. 815

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn No. 361

“Worship Christ, the Risen King”

A Time For The Children: As they enter and leave, please join in vs.1 of No. 193.

WE PLACE OUR LIVES INTO GOD’S HANDS

Prayers of the People

Sharing Our Prayer Concerns

Prayer of Confession (unison): *Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we often remain captive to doubt and fear, bound, by the ways that lead to death. We sometimes overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; allow your forgiving care to rest within us once again, empowering us to live as those who follow our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer (Minister)

Congregational Response – No. 641

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Anthem

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks!”

Scripture Lesson

John 20:1-18

Minister: *For the Word of God among us; For the Word of God within us; For the Word of God in Scripture,*

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Sermon

“Jesus In The Shadows”

Dr. Boyd

WE GO FORTH IN FAITH

*Hymn no. 365

“Alleluia! Alleluia!”

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction – No. 536 (refrain)

“Have Faith In God”

