



PRELUDE *Easter Music*
Brass Ensemble

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Out of the darkness of grief and despair
comes a message of hope: Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

With the light of the risen Christ upon us
we welcome this day, fresh with possibilities.

Christ is risen, indeed!

We hear a voice call our name,
and we know our risen Lord
is with us now and always.
Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

HYMN (insert) *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

LITANY OF PRAISE

In the beginning God created all things,

and God saw that they were good.

At our beginning, God created us,

**unique and irreplaceable,
loved and wanted by God,
known and treasured by God.**

In all our new beginnings, God creates something new,

**so we will seek you, loving God,
in the freshness of this morning,
in the laughter of friends and family,
in the colors of creation,
and in the beauty of this place.
Because Jesus lives,
we look for abundant life,
knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come
can separate us from your great love
made known in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

RESPONSE #664 *Morning Has Broken*

READING *A Celtic Blessing for the Threshold of Spring:*

As the light and dark find balance,
may the earth awaken
and the spirit renew.

May the seeds of hope take root
and blossom into a vibrant future.

May we find the courage to shed the old
and embrace the new,
like the blossoming trees and
the returning birds.

May the gentle breeze whisper secrets of
transformation, and the sun's warmth
inspire our hearts.

May we walk with reverence and gratitude,
honoring the cycles of creation
and the sacredness of life.

May the blessings of spring bring us
peace, joy, and
a renewed sense of purpose.

May the bright blessings of the triune God
refresh you in body, heart, and spirit!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #268 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:13-24

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SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-21

MESSAGE Having Peace, Becoming Peace

SONG #753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your 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 yours is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory
now and forever. Amen.

SONG #80 *You Shall Go Out with Joy* (sung through
twice)

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