

**THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
AT SWIFT CHURCH**

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Because He Lives"
Mary McNair and Ty Crabtree

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Jan Taylor

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

***HYMN** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" #217

Vs. 1 – Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heav'ns and earth reply, Alleluia!

Vs. 2 – Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Vs.3 – 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!

Vs. 4 – Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent Prayer

"Bless the Lord"

All knowing, all powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on Earth. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: ... in Jesus Christ we are forgiven

People: Thanks be to God.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

***RESPONSE**

"Gloria Patri" #623

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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 118:1–2,14–24

GOSPEL READING

Mark 16:1–8

RESPONSE

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

**please stand as you are able*

CHORAL RESPONSE *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"*

Handbell Choir

SERMON

"The Story Has Just Begun"

Reverend Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

"Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee"

Handbell Choir

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

"The Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response to Lord in your mercy is **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

***RESPONSE**

“Doxology” #625

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

SENDING

***HYMN**

“Thine is the Glory” #227

Vs. 1 – Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu’ring Son;
Endless is the vict’ry, Thou o’er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son;
Endless is the vict’ry Thou o’er death hast won.

Vs. 2 – Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen, from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom;
Let His church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.
Refrain

Vs. 3 – No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of Life!
Life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu’rors,
Through Thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan
With Thy power and love.
Refrain

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

***CHARGE**

Leader: Good people of Swift Church, who are you?

People: **Striving to bring God joy, we proclaim
Christ’s love and grace through serving
and nurturing body, mind, and soul.**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“The Day of Resurrection”



Please join us for fellowship
and refreshments in the fellowship
hall immediately following the
worship service.

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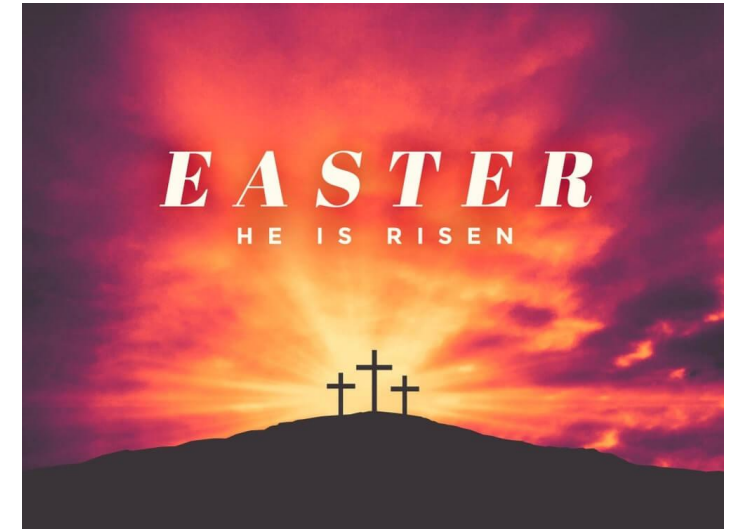
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