

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Lee Robirds, Congregational Nurse

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Rejoice!
Chancel Bells

Cynthia Dobrinski

Chiming of the Trinity

***Call to Worship**

Shell Dula, Board of Trustees Chairperson

Leader: This is a great and joyous festival day. Come to celebrate amazing good news.

People: **We gather for worship in awe and wonder. The tomb is empty; death is not the last word.**

Leader: Sing songs of praise, for God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: **God has answered our prayers with salvation. Jesus Christ is alive and we, too, shall live.**

Leader: Open your hearts and minds to the risen Christ. You are greeted by name and welcomed here.

People: **This is the day that our God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

***Hymn No. 302**

Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today
(Verses 1- 4)

Easter Hymn

Invocation

We greet the dawning brightness of this special day with hopes renewed. We have known grief and sorrow, loss and tears, fear and failure. Meet us here, living Christ, for we need this time of resurrection. We need your healing presence. We need your word of greeting that welcomes us into this community of faith in spite of our doubts and faithlessness. You are the Great Teacher. We have come to learn from you. We want to be your disciples. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Pages 157 & 158 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives
Chancel Choir and brass quartet

Aaron David Miller

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Pages 214 & 215 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

The Trumpet Tune Finale
Chancel Bells

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

***Doxology No. 95**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Children's Message

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

***Passing of the Peace**

Hymn No. 318

Christ Is Alive

Truro

***Affirmation of Faith No. 881**

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Gloria Patri No. 70**

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.

†*Gospel Lesson

John 20:1-18

Page 140 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Easter. Seriously? Seriously!"

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

***Hymn (See Insert)**

Thine Be the Glory

arr. Michael Burkhardt

***Benediction**

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

***Benediction Response**

Hallelujah

G. F. Handel

(The congregation is invited to sing along using the inserts provided in the pew racks.)

***Postlude**

†Sermon Text

**Please stand if you are able*

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Easter Lilies

The Easter Lilies in the chancel area are given in loving memories of:

Ruth Miller by Stan Miller.

Kermit Holy by Joan Holy and family.

Virginia Mack by Marilyn Mack and Joan Holy.

Dr. Casper Wiggins by his family.

Conolly Burgess by Carol Burgess.

Ralph and Grace Norman by Carol Burgess.

Loves Ones by Bud and Joan Angvall.

Our son, **Drake Dowling Anderson**, by Geddes and Susan Anderson.

Miriam Alewine by Peggy Swofford.

Clyde Watson by Peggy Swofford.

Kenneth R. Flinchum by the Flinchum family.

Robert E. Bouknight by Becky Bouknight.

Ernest C. McWatty by Phyllis McWatty and family.

MiMi Adair by Harold, Melanie, Taylor, and Sarah Ellen Johnson.

Pete Hammond by Ginnie Hammond.

Jennings Few, my grandson, by Belva Few.

Mrs. Eula Mae Billingslea by Chuck and Anne Drake.

Ardessia Drake by Chuck and Anne Drake.

Joyce K. Bartless by Don and Rebecca Marino.

Campbell Edward Marino by Don and Rebecca Marino.

David Abney by Peggy C. Cheezem.

Jim Cheezem by Peggy C. Cheezem.

Miriam F. Alewine by Fred H. Alewine.

George T. Wilson by Natalie Wilson, and family—Pam, Dayle, Jeff, and Nancy.

Reverend A. Nelson Bennett by Hazel and Bob Bennett.

Our Parents, Lois and Marion Pinckney and Shorty Callison,
by Richard and Susan Pinckney.

Sara Hope Rogers (Grammy) by Pam, Brookie, Clint, and Heather Faulkner.

M. L. Murph by Carolyn H. Murph and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Thomason, Sr. by Suzanne Rowland.

C. Y. Thomason, Jr. by Suzanne Rowland.

My aunt, **Mary Motte Herbert**, by Nancy May.

Harry R. Mays by Harriet Mays.

Charles Furman Bagwell by Nancy Bagwell.

Edmond R. Garvey by Ruth Garvey and Phil and JoAnn Garvey Conti.

Dr. Ben Kinard, III by his family.

Easter Lilies

The Easter Lilies in the chancel area are given in loving honor of:

Reid Tolley on his 1st birthday, April 11, by Dad, Mom, and sister, Katie.

Frances Garren, on her birthday, April 9, by her family.

Steve and Jamie Lyles by Courtney Lyles.

Millie Workman by Marilyn, James and Kathryn, and Chip and Elizabeth.

Andrea Cabe, my Prayer Warrior, by Sophie McEachern.

Belva Beasley Few by John Cannon Few.

Bob Bennett by Hazel Bennett.

Bill and Gay Charles by Scurry and Bennett Charles.

Mike and Zella Williams by Gregg and Zella Moore and Rebekah.

Joe and Mildred Gallegly by Gregg and Zella Moore and Rebekah.

Sara Catherine Wilkinson by Pierce and Betty Stockman.

Anne Painter by Pierce and Betty Stockman.

Bill and Doris Tunstall, Our Prayer Warriors, by Katie and Reid Tolley.

JuJu, Granddaddy, and LaLa by Noah and Wiley Perrin.

MeMa and Grandy by Noah and Wiley Perrin.

Our Prayer Warriors, **Chris and Hunter Behrmann**, by Noah and Wiley Perrin.

Our family, **Sara Callison, Joy, Matthew, Betty, Vivi Joy, Richie,**

Ryan, and Kimberly, by Richard and Susan Pinckney.

Sara Callison, Our Prayer Warrior, by Brooke, Clint, and Heather Faulkner.

Phyllis McWatty by Scott, Amy, and Bella McWatty,

Jeremy McWatty, and John, Lindsay, and Evan Lawrence.

My grandchildren and children by Rebecca McWatty.

Ginny and Richard Butler by Joe and Libby Hartung, with love.

“Miss” Hazel Bennett by Joe and Libby Hartung, with love.

Hildreth Strom by Phyllis, Kirk, and Sophie.

Ruth S. Garvey by Phil and JoAnn Garvey Conti.

The Reverend Larry and Eleanor Jenkins by Mary Ida Woodham.

Addison Elizabeth Leopard by her Prayer Warrior, Kathy Johnson.

Ed and Mildred Moore by Anne and Linda.