

April 26, 2009 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

3rd Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

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

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!
based on a tune by Ludvig Lindeman

David Cherwin

Chiming of the Trinity

*Call to Worship

Mary Dula, Missions Committee Chairperson

Leader: God has set apart those who are faithful. Our Creator will hear us when we call.

People: **God puts gladness in our hearts and minds. We will lie down in safety and sleep in peace.**

Leader: Beloved, we are God's children now. What we will be has not yet been revealed.

People: **We are here to remember Jesus Christ. We want to be like the One who lived by love.**

Leader: Our faith strengthens us for each day's living. God empowers our ministries of caring.

People: **We trust God whose children we are. We look forward to what God will reveal to us.**

*Hymn No. 308

Thine Be the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

Invocation

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

God of our ancestors, author of life, source of Easter good news, we are drawn together again by the mystery of life and death. We call on you, so far beyond our knowing, with a mixture of faith and doubt. Let your face shine on us as we put our trust in you. Draw together the fragments of our busy lives around the central core of love which you provide, that we might relate to one another as whole people. Grant us a fuller sense of what is right and good, and help us to live at our best. Amen.

Anthem

All Night, All Day / Swing Low
Angel Choir with Julia Baker, soloist

Traditional

New Testament Reading

Acts 3:12-19

Pages 146 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalter

Psalms 4

(See insert)

Epistle Reading

1 John 3:1-7

Page 288 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

The Holy Trinity
Chancel Choir

Bradley Ellingboe

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Meditation on "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"
based on a tune by W. A. Mozart

Van Thompson

***Doxology No. 94**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Children's Message

Alice Valentine

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. 339**

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

Hursley

***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

1 John 2:28--3:10

Pages 290 & 291 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Realizing Your Potential”

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

***Hymn 315**

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

St. Kevin

***Benediction**

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

***Benediction Response No. 666**

Shalom to You

SHALOM

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

***Postlude**

†Sermon Text

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided