



**PRELUDE**

Crown Him with Many Crowns arr. S. Rogers

**GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**INTROIT**

Be Thou My Vision arr. B. Chilcott

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#308 This Joyful Eastertide VRUECHTEN

**\*INVOCATION AND 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Jesus conquered sin and death for us.  
But we often fail to realize this victory  
in our struggles of daily living.  
We fall short in our thoughts and actions.  
Our faith is weakened by our fears,  
and our love is hidden behind walls of prejudice,  
hatred and hopelessness.  
Risen Christ, help us to arise in our awareness of your  
indwelling presence,  
through which we are overcomers in a broken world.

*(Silence for personal confession and reflection)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

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

**FIRST READING**

Psalm 47 Page 572, 1st half of NRSV Bible  
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

**OFFERING OF MUSIC IN WORSHIP**

Glory to the Lamb D. Blackwell

**LITANY**

One: We can sing praise to God  
for Christ has ascended into heaven.

**Many: We praise God because Christ is exalted  
above all the earth.**

One: Christ holds all power and authority  
in heaven and over the earth.

**Many: We praise God because Christ is exalted  
above all the earth.**

One: Jesus is Lord and has reconciled all things.

**Many: We praise God because He has lifted up Jesus.**

**All: We can live in hope and without fear, for God has  
exalted the Christ, and Jesus is Lord over all the earth.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

#31 I Sing the Almighty Power of God. ELLACOMBE

**CHILDREN'S BLESSING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN OF MEDITATION**

#324 Christ High-Ascended CHRISTE SANCTORUM

**SECOND READING**

Acts 1:1-11 Page 122, 2nd half of NRSV Bible  
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Allan Effa

**CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory  
Meditation

W. Belland

**\*New Doxology**

Let's praise God for each good thing.

M. Adria

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

\*Prayer of Gratitude

**\*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY**

#320 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus! HYFRYDOL

**\*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Leader:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of  
God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**\*Sung Benediction**

Nunc dimittis arr. A. Bullard  
(Lord, let your servant depart in peace)

**\*The Sending of the Community**

**\*Congregational Amen**

*The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week*

**POSTLUDE**

Concerto in G Major J.S. Bach

**\*Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:  
Worship Leader and Writing Prayers - Christina Ward;  
Prayers of the People - Gordon Dinwoodie;  
Scripture Readers - Nick Bargeman, Gwen Borowski;  
Guest Organist - Leroy Hiller;  
Offering of Music in Worship - Adrienne Sitko, Joanne Linden, voice;  
Nathan Olanday, piano;  
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