



OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Leader: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

Fugue in A Major, F. Dandrieu

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather as people on a journey.

People: We believe & we have doubts, we do good & we sin. We are imperfect humans, and still beloved by God.

Leader: Love and grace, hope and faith. These are the essence of the One we call God.

People: We seek forgiveness & grace from the One and from those we've harmed.

Leader: Assured of that grace, we are ready to grow again.

People: We yearn for a new way, a new perspective, and a clear path.

Leader: Though we are full of trust and full of doubt, we are here.

People: Inspire our hearts, enlighten our minds, and guide our actions as we gather to worship God.

HYMN 233

The Day of Resurrection!, Lancashire

1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

2 Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin; the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Creator God, we confess that at times we are skeptics. At times we doubt that You exist because of the evil we have seen in the world. Oppression, marginalization, and plain hate still plague our world, and it is hard to see Your love and light. Sometimes, even those who bear Your name do not walk in Your ways. Help us to see Your goodness in this world. Help us to know Your love. Fill us with Your love and goodness, so that we might love one another, and lift up one another in faith (continue with silent confession...). Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: My friends, God is our refuge and will not abandon us. In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God and to one another.

People: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON

So I Send You

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight, Dunlap's Creek

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."

2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.

4 And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Variations on O Filii et Filiae, F. Dandrieu

Leaders Today

Pastor.....	Scott Anderson
Liturgist.....	Andrea Kenny
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AV/Tech.....	John Tarr