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Easter Sunday

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.

All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Unfolding the Easter Story

Trumpet Fanfare

Call to Worship – Acts 10: 34-36

One: Peter fairly exploded with his good news:

All: “It’s God’s own truth, nothing could be plainer: God plays no favourites!”

One: It makes no difference who you are or where you’re from – if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open.

All: Through Jesus Christ everything is being put together again – he’s doing it everywhere, among everyone.

* Hymn VU #155 – *“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”*

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Holy and Living God, like a tomb’s darkness that gives way to light, open us this day to newness of life; open us to your love, to your acceptance, to your forgiveness, to your peace; open us to one another, and to the possibilities you have in store for us. Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. We know that we hunger and thirst for that which truly will bring us to wholeness. Yet we many times don’t look to You to fill us with Your Spirit. This day, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that we are called to become “Easter People”, people of the Resurrection; people who know that what was thought to be impossible has been conquered, people filled with that life-giving Spirit. Forgive our stubbornness and fears.

Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. Give us hope for the future and a passion for life here and now. We pray in the name of the One who destroyed death, Jesus Christ, our Savior. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Time / The Lord’s Prayer – Psalm 118: 23-24

This is God’s work.

We rub our eyes –

We can hardly believe it!

This is the very day God acted –

Let’s celebrate and be festive!

* Hymn VU #175 – *“This Is the Day That God Has Made”*

📖 Scripture Reading – Luke 24: 1-12

Anthem – “Celebrate the Life of Jesus”

Reflections

Anthem – “Jesus is Lord”

Announcements

* Offering / Response

He is Lord, He is Lord,

He is risen from the dead and He is Lord

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess

That Jesus Christ is Lord. (repeat)

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord’s Prayer

* Hymn VU #173 – *“Thine is the Glory”*

* Benediction / Response

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Hallelujah, hallelujah,

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Trumpeters – Alex Czehryn

Amber Cottreau