

**PRELUDE**      *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

**GATHERING WORDS** (responsive)

*One:*      The beat of life is stronger than the crush of death;  
the rising of the dawn is louder than the roll of stone;  
and the folding of grave-clothes is noisier  
than the hammer of nails;

*Many:*      **for each is full of alleluias.**

*One:*      The belief of Mary is greater than the judgement of Pilate:  
the surprise of the disciples is more telling  
than the torture of the guards;  
and the silence of the garden tomb is louder  
than the clamor of Friday;

*Many:*      **for each is full of alleluias.**

*One:*      And the shout of alleluia is more enduring than the cries to crucify.  
Jesus lives, and we are alive in Christ.

*Many:*      **Thanks be to God, for we are all full of alleluias.**

**PRAYER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive, repeating each phrase)

The long wait is over.

The tomb is empty.

The grave clothes are folded.

The alleluias are alive.

Jesus is risen, unbound, set free,  
to live again, and live still,  
for us, in us, and through us.

In him was light,  
and that light is the light of all humanity

Thanks be to you, O God.

**HYMN** (instrumental)    *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

**SCRIPTURE**      Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Mark 16:1-8

**SERMON**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**HYMN** (instrumental)    *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**      *Oh Happy Day*