Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Fanfare and Chorus ...........................  Dieterich Buxtehude
                        arr. Robert King

Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne ...........................  D. Buxtehude

Grand Chorus Dialogue ...........................  Eugène Gigout
                        arr. Gary Olson

Saraband for the Morning of Easter ...........................  Herbert Howells

Alleluia ...........................  Jacob Händl
                        arr. George Wiskirchen

Introit

“Christ Is Arisen from the Dead” ...........................  Melchior Vulpius
                        arr. Clarence Dickinson

Christ is arisen from the dead, hallelujah!
Christ, of the church the living head, hallelujah!

*Doxology (sung) ...........................  The Hymnal, 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Call to Worship

Leader:  This is the good news: the grave is empty, Christ is risen!

People:  Alleluia!

Leader:  This is the good news: the light shines in the gloom,
        and the gloom can never put it out.

People:  Alleluia!

Leader:  This is the good news: once we were no people,
        now we are God’s people!

People:  Alleluia!

Leader:  Let us worship our Easter God.

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 232 ...........................  “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

*Stand as you are able.
Litany of Confession

Leader: *O God, our plans and priorities do not always make space for your interruptions.*
People: Have mercy on us.
Leader: *We are accustomed to death and disappointment.*
*We are well acquainted with cynicism and disillusionment.*
People: Have mercy on us.
Leader: *We are slow to believe your good news.*
*We are scarred by false hopes.*
People: Grant us your peace.
Leader: *We confess our lack of trust, our limited vision,*
*our uneasy comfort with spitefulness, our apathy to injustice.*
People: We believe. Help our unbelief.
Leader: *And yet you, O God, have created us for covenant keeping.*
*You have created us for resurrection spotting.*
*You have created us to live your Easter good news with everything we’ve got.*
People: Forgive us. Forgive us, and help us live as a people shaped by your voice, your hope, your reign. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Alleluia” .................................................. D. Buxtehude

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)
Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24 ..................................... Old Testament, page 534

*Gloria Patri (*sung*) .................................................. The Hymnal, 581
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,

Scripture Lesson
Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*
People: Thanks be to God.
Responding to the Word

*Hymn 246 .......................... “Christ Is Alive!”

*Affirmation of Faith (unison) ............... Selections from Scripture
(Book of Common Worship)

This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end.
He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (unison)

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.

Prayer Response

“Alleluia, Amen” .......................... Parke S. Barnard

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem” ....................... Charles V. Stanford

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ, the Paschal victory
to hymn, in strains of holy joy. For Judah’s lion bursts his chains, crushing the
serpent’s head; and cries aloud through death’s domains to wake the imprisoned
dead. Devouring depths of hell their prey at his command restore; his ransomed
hosts pursue their way where Jesus goes before. Triumphant in his glory now to
him all power is given; to him in one communion bow all saints in earth and
heaven. While we, his people, praise our King, his mercy we implore, within his
palace bright to bring and keep us evermore. All glory to the Father be, all glory
to the Son, all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee; while endless ages run. Alleluia. Amen.
*Presentation of the Offering and Response

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Gracious God, the gift of resurrection reminds us that all we possess comes to us by your grace.
May these gifts and offerings serve as signs of our love and gratefulness.
May they be used to further your justice and love in the world.
And may we leave this place filled with new life and share that new life with others. Amen.

**Bearing the Word into the World**

*Hymn 245 .......................... “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

*Benediction

*Closing Response (Please remain standing for the closing response)

“Hallelujah!” from Messiah ...................... G. F. Handel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ;
and he shall reign forever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords. Hallelujah!

Postlude

Toccata from Symphony V ......................... Charles-Marie Widor
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