

March 31, 2024, Easter Sunday

*\*Indicates you may rise in body or spirit. You are invited to read the **bold** font.*

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**Christ is Risen indeed!**

Darkness has been vanquished!

**The Brilliant Light of Hope has come!**

Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen! AMEN!!**

"Alleluia He Is Coming"

### \*SONG OF WORSHIP

"Resurrection Hymn"

### \*SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living Lord,

**when we stand before the empty tomb**

**we don't always feel the joy of resurrection.**

**We feel fear, doubt, and distrust.**

**We feel empty.**

**Forgive the fear that paralyzes us at the brink of new life.**

**Forgive our doubt of your love.**

**Forgive our distrust of your surprising, joyous plan.**

*A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.*

O Risen Christ,

**Fill our emptiness with your glorious light.**

**Raise us to abundant new life for the glory of your name. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"Grace"

## THE WORD OF GOD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### \*SONG OF PREPARATION

#235 "Christ Arose"

*vs. 1, 2, 3*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE

John 20: 1-18

### SERMON

"Surprise!"

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### \*GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

#809 "Doxology"

*Tithes/offerings placed in the box at the entrance of the sanctuary are transferred to an offering plate and brought forward during the "Doxology" as a sign of our response to God's call on our lives.*

### \*SONG OF RESPONSE

#234 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

*vs. 1, 2, 3*

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*SENDING SONG

#234 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

*vs 4*

### POSTLUDE

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### Participating In Worship

The Congregation

Jan Van Otterloo

Rosalyn De Koster, Angela Visser, Philip De Koster,

Savanah Van Leeuwen, Leif Schmitz, Tom Truesdell

Lizzy Rice, Director of Children's & MS Formation

Children & Worship Handbells

Rev. Rosalyn De Koster, Director of Musical Arts & HS Formation

Rev. Dr. Verlyn Boone, Transitional Pastor

Serving the Lord in Worship

Organist

Worship Team

Children's Message

Call to Worship

Liturgist

Leading in Worship

ARC YOUTH MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THESE DEDICATIONS  
AND THANK THESE DONORS FOR GIVING LILIES FOR USE  
IN THE SANCTUARY THIS 2024 EASTER SEASON.



In memory of husband, **Gordy Abels**, and brother, **Art Van Riesen**, from Mary Abels.

In memory of our parents, **James & Patricia Vande Zandschulp** and **Deb Altena**, from Tony and Amber Altena and family.

In memory of **Loren Boone** from Verlyn Boone.

In memory of **Paul & Marilyn Vander Kooi** from Nate Huyser.

In memory of **our parents** from Dennis and Wanda Korthals.

In memory of husband, **Fran Nieman**, from Bev Nieman and family.

In memory of grandparents, **Bill & Lorraine O'Dell** and **Bill Yelton**, and nephew, **Austin O'Dell**, from Elissa O'Dell.

In memory of **Dr. Roy Hasebroek** and **Dennis Punt** from Joel and Junia Punt.

In memory of **Donald Mesman** and **Judy Sampson** from Brent and Teresa Sampson.

In memory of our fathers, **Ron Tett** and **Paul Truesdell**, from Tom and Carrie Truesdell and family.

In memory of **Paul Van Engelenhoven** and **Phyllis Vander Werff** from Vernie Van Engelenhoven and family.

In memory of **Mary Van Es** from Jerry and Kim Van Es.

In memory of **Ed & Geri Klomp** and **Jack & Jennie Vande Weerd** from John and Noreen Vande Weerd.

In memory of **Gavin Wrather** and **Don Vander Wel** from Mary Lou and Julie Vander Wel, and Drake & Brooke Wrather.

In memory of **our parents** and Sally's sisters, **Sharmel & Karen**, from Howard and Sally Willey.

In honor of **Pastor Verlyn Boone** for leading us through transition from the ARC Staff members



## Alleluia He Is Coming

I looked up  
And I saw my Lord a-coming.  
I looked up  
And I saw my Lord a-coming down the  
road.

Alleluia, he is coming..  
Alleluia, he is here.  
Alleluia, he is coming.  
Alleluia, he is here.

I looked up  
And I saw my Lord a-weeping.  
I looked up  
And I saw my Lord a-weeping for my sins.

Alleluia, he is coming.  
Alleluia, he is here.  
Alleluia, he is coming.  
Alleluia, he is here.

I looked up  
And I saw my Lord a-dying.  
I looked up  
And I saw my Lord a-dying on the cross.

Alleluia, he is coming.  
Alleluia, he is here.  
Alleluia, he is coming.  
Alleluia, he is here.

I looked up  
And I saw my Lord a-rising.  
I looked up  
And I saw my Lord a-rising from the grave.

Alleluia, he is coming.  
Alleluia, he is here.  
Alleluia, he is coming.  
Alleluia, he is here.

Alleluia, he is coming.  
Alleluia, he is here.

Alleluia, he is coming.  
Alleluia, he is here.  
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## Resurrection Hymn

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with  
light,  
As the angels announce "Christ is risen!"  
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,  
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
Fulfilled in Christ the man, for he lives:  
Christ is risen from the dead.

See, Mary weeping, "Where is he laid?"  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty  
tomb.  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;  
It's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years,  
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace  
to us,  
Will sound till he appears, for he lives:  
Christ is risen from the dead.

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with  
certainty.  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise  
To the King crowned with pow'r and au-  
thority.  
And we are raised with him;  
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has  
conquered.  
And we shall reign with him, for he lives:  
Christ is risen from the dead.

And we are raised with him;  
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has  
conquered.  
And we shall reign with him, for he lives:  
Christ is risen from the dead.

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## Grace

Your grace that leads this sinner home,  
From death to life forever.  
And sings the song of righteousness  
By blood and not by merit.

Your grace that reaches far and wide,  
To every tribe and nation,  
Has called my heart to enter in  
The joy of your salvation.

By grace I am redeemed.  
By grace I am restored.  
And now I freely walk  
Into the arms of Christ, my Lord.

Your grace that I cannot explain,  
Not by my earthly wisdom.  
The prince of life, without a stain,  
Was traded for this sinner.

By grace I am redeemed.  
By grace I am restored.  
And now I freely walk  
Into the arms of Christ, my Lord.

Let praise rise up and overflow;  
My song resound forever.  
For grace will see me welcomed home  
To walk beside my Saviour.

By grace I am redeemed.  
By grace I am restored.  
And now I freely walk  
Into the arms of Christ, my Lord.

By grace I am redeemed.  
By grace I am restored.  
And now I freely walk  
Into the arms of Christ, my Lord.

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## Christ Arose

Low in the grave he lay – Jesus my Savior,  
Waiting the coming day – Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave he arose, (he arose,)  
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes: (he  
arose!)

He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And he lives forever with his saints to reign.

He arose! (He arose!)

He arose! (He arose!)

Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed – Jesus my Sav-  
ior,

Vainly they seal the dead – Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave he arose, (he arose,)  
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes: (he  
arose!)

He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And he lives forever with his saints to reign.

He arose! (He arose!)

He arose! (He arose!)

Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death cannot keep his prey – Jesus my  
Savior,

He tore the bars away – Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave he arose, (he arose,)  
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes: (he  
arose!)

He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And he lives forever with his saints to reign.

He arose! (He arose!)

He arose! (He arose!)

Hallelujah! Christ arose!

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## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

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## Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
All creation, join to say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

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