

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/EASTER  
MARCH 27, 2016**

At Easter time all Nature sings, and rises up to life anew;  
New hope and joy the season brings, and gives each life a clearer view.  
At Easter time the music swells with stirring notes of faith and love;  
Glad songs and ringing of the bells repeat the tidings from above.  
At Easter time the Lilies white reveal a grace beyond compare;  
Each lovely chalice pure and bright sends forth its fragrance on the air!  
At Easter time I feel and know, however dim the future be;  
Wherever turning pathways go, a living Savior walks with me.  
At Easter time my faith affirms the truth of what the Master saith –  
His Gospel speaks in certain terms that life is ruler over Death.  
- J. Harold Gwynne

*\* Indicates a time to stand, if you are able*

**PRELUDE** *Dr. Christopher Davis*  
**INTROIT** “My Redeemer’s Love” *St. Andrew’s Choir*  
**WELCOME** *Dr. Brett Becker*

**\* PASSING THE RESURRECTION NEWS**

ONE: He is risen!

**MANY: He is risen indeed!**

**\* HYMN OF JOY**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” *on screens*

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP** *responsive Rachel Tobler*

PASTOR: In a world overwhelmed by dread;

**PEOPLE: Let us celebrate resurrection!**

PASTOR: In a time that is fearful of darkness;

**PEOPLE: Let us rejoice in resurrection!**

PASTOR: With a body that is threatened by death;

**PEOPLE: Let us be grateful for resurrection!**

PASTOR: Because ours is a resurrection faith

**PEOPLE: We will be glad and praise God!**

PASTOR: Christ is risen!

**PEOPLE: Christ is risen indeed!**

PASTOR: God lives and reigns!

**ALL: God lives within our hearts and reigns over our lives. Alleluia!**

**\* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING** “Alleluia, Alleluia!” Hymnal, #106

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *unison*

Lord, on this glad Easter Day we acknowledge that our faith is mixed with doubt; our joy, with anxiety. We fear death as though Christ were not risen; we flee from conflict with wrong as though he were not Lord of history; we follow our own ways as though he were not calling us to follow him; we suffer loneliness and guilt as though he were not with us. Let the startling truth that Christ the crucified is now risen, awaken us to vital faith, certain hope, and ongoing love. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE** *responsive*

ONE: If anyone is in Christ

**MANY: He or she is a new creation**

ONE: The old is gone.

**MANY: The new is come.**

ONE: Friends, believe the Good News!

**MANY: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

ONE: Give thanks, for the Lord is good.

**ALL: God’s love is everlasting.**

**A READING FROM THE PSALMS** Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-24

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** "Worthy is the Lamb" *St. Andrew's Choir;  
Mandee Sikich, directing*

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** *Julie Sommers*

**THE GOSPEL READING** Matthew 28: 1-10

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

**AN INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD** *Dr. Brett Becker*

"Come See the Place Where He Lay!"

\* **HYMN OF THE KINGDOM** "I Cannot Tell" *on screens*

**LITANY OF EASTER** *responsive*

**PASTOR:** God, we thank you that we do not have to defend Easter. Easter is what we are all doing here today!

**PEOPLE:** **Because of Easter, we who believe are able to live with the grave behind us, rather than before us.**

**PASTOR:** We do not deny death, but believe that in Jesus Christ its power is weak. We do not believe death is the end, but that new life is found in the love of God.

**PEOPLE:** **This joyous good news is ours to embrace and share, because of the gift God has given in Jesus. It is good news not only for today, but for every day that dawns!**

**PASTOR:** Thank you, God, for your gift of grace!

**PEOPLE:** **Thank you for new life in Christ that is ours to accept!**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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, for ever. Amen.

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

\* **OFFERING RESPONSE**

"We Give Thee But Thine Own" Hymnal, #428

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

\* **HYMN OF RESURRECTION**

"Thine Is the Glory" Hymnal, #122

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*Dr. Brett Becker*

\* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "God be With You"

\* **POSTLUDE**

*Bob Allbright and Dr. Christopher Davis*

**The term**

A rumpled sheet of brown paper about the length and apparent bulk of a man was rolling with the wind slowly over and over in the street as a car drove down upon it and crushed it to the ground. Unlike a man it rose again rolling with the wind over and over to be as it was before.

- *William Carlos Williams*

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:**

Greeters: Nina and Nevin Chamberlain;

Liturgist: Rachel Tobler; Children's Sermon: Julie Sommers

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**"DINNER FOR SIX"** enjoy food and fellowship with members of our congregation on Saturday, April 9. Sign up with Linda Sorensen during coffee fellowship time.

**NO PYF SUNDAY, MARCH 27 OR APRIL 3**, Spring Break.

PYF Spring Retreat at Oak Creek Ranch, Friday, April 8-Sunday, April 10.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL *LIGHTHOUSE* IS TODAY.**

**THE 13<sup>th</sup> MONTH CAMPAIGN** from Session requests that you add an extra payment to your monthly 2016 pledge (or regular giving) to help erase the 2016 deficit budget. Total received to date: \$12,470. Please prayerfully consider and faithfully write out a "13<sup>th</sup> month" check to St. Andrew's for the amount you pledge/give per month. Return your check to the church in the Sunday worship offering, or by mail to the church office.

**OUR PLEDGE RECEIPTS** as of the end of February are \$30,748. The budgeted amount for that period of time is \$36,465 which gives us a shortfall of \$5717.

**SHOWERS OF BLESSING** training session for volunteers. Thursday, March 31, 4:00-5:00p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church (across Anacapa Street from Alameda Park) in downtown Santa Barbara. Contact Suzanne Malloy for more information.

**ADULT ED CLASS, SUNDAY, APRIL 3**, 11 a.m. in Morgan Hall. "5 Wishes" Starting the Conversation/Get it Done.