



In Preparation for Worship

“We want closure; we want an ending that ties up the loose ends in the story and brings it to a satisfying conclusion. Most of all, we want a happy ending. Though we can and must do our best to work for good, ultimately, a satisfying ending can only come from outside ourselves. Finally, our hope is that God will bring to completion the redemptive, reconciling work already begun in Jesus Christ, as God has promised.”

- Elisabeth Johnson, Working Preacher

Welcome and Announcements

At this time, please take a moment to let us know you are worshiping online with us by sharing your name in the “comments” on our video feed, as well as filling out the [online friendship pad](#) at slpres.org.

Call to Worship

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
 People: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
 Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;
 People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Hymn #664

Morning Has Broken

Prayer for the Day

Gracious God, who continues to faithfully work for good in this world, we repeat our Easter shouts of surprise and joy again and again! We are grateful that the news of your victory over death is so startling, so amazing, so different from the news that bombards us day by day.

Beyond our comprehension, you astonish us again and again with resurrection life, bringing grace and hope and joy. In your risen power, Jesus, shape our hearts and our minds, transform our days ahead so that our lives may praise you! Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 20:1-18

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

There You Will See Him

Shannon Dill

Affirmation of Faith

from Sanctified Art

We know the fear of the upper room.
 We know the feeling of hard days and long nights.
 We know the grief of the tomb,
 And the particular ache of saying goodbye.
 We know the pain of Good Friday,
 And we know the darkness before dawn.
 And still,
 And still,
 We believe.
 We believe that again and again,
 The sun will rise.
 Again and again,
 God will draw near.
 Again and again,
 We will march toward justice.
 Again and again,
 The tomb will be empty.

Again and again,
Love will win.
Again and again,
God will lead the church.
Again and again,
And again and again,
We will be loved.
The journey will not be perfect.
We will need to rise before dawn.
We will need angels along the way.
But again and again,
The sun will rise.
We believe. Amen.

The Offering

*Giving is a tangible sign of worship. During this interesting time in our world, we encourage you to continue to share your time, talent and treasure. You may also "Text to Give" to **73256**. The body of the text needs to start with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

Hymn #248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Prayers of the People 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, forever. Amen.

Charge and Benediction