

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome:

Call to Worship

L. Christ is risen!

**P. He is risen indeed!**

**All. Alleluia!**

Opening Prayer

The Scripture Reading – Luke 24: 1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared.

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body.

While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.

The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."

Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.

But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Meditation:

“The Resurrection”

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

L. Lord Jesus, you came to meet the women on that first Easter morning. You surprised them with your living presence when you said, “Greetings!”

**P. Lord Jesus, we greet you, risen from the dead. Meet us this morning with your loving presence.**

L. Lord Jesus, we greet you on this Easter when our country is caught up in confronting the power of evil; when many lives are at risk throughout the world, and when a pandemic threatens every nation. We greet you in spite of our fears, our doubts, and our anxiety.

**P. Lord Jesus, we greet you, risen from the dead, and we thank you that through your resurrection you bring good out of the most evil situations.**

L. Lord Jesus, we greet you, and we worship you. We pray to you and we pray through you; we pray with joy and with confidence as you taught us to pray, saying:

**P. Our Father who art in heaven...**

HYMN OF WITNESS:

“He Lives”

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Blessing of the Food

Benediction