During this service the People respond using words printed in bold face.

In this extraordinary time of pandemic, it is important to remember that scattered though we may be, we are one in our prayer.

Please leave your device’s microphone set to Mute except as indicated. The Zoom control for muting is most often found in the lower left corner of the screen, and is represented by the image of a microphone; the microphone image will have a slash through it when the device is muted.

Join in speaking and singing boldly, but please keep your device muted. This may seem odd, but the technical requirements of Zoom make it difficult to speak or sing together unless the Mute switch is on.

Before the service, the Presider may make announcements, after which stillness is kept.

The Word of God

A bell is rung. The Presider says,

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We sing a hymn of praise. Please keep device muted but sing boldly at home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of A Song to the Lamb. 
The Presider says the Collect of the Day:
O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:
Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work;
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

We hear a reading from early Christian scripture:
A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds,
live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from
the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or
gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He
was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for
your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and
gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your
souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another
deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed,
through the living and enduring word of God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

We recite Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 responsively. Please keep device muted but join in at home.
I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.
O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

We hear a reading from the Gospels:
A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Now on that same day two of Jesus’ followers were going to a village called Emmaus, about
seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had
happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with
them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They
stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are
you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there
in these days?” He asked them, “What things?”

They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and
word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over
to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to
redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.


Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.      Stillness follows.

_In a reflection, the Homilist breaks the bread of God’s word._

After a brief time of stillness, we join in affirming our faith. Please keep device muted but join in at home.

Christ died for our sins
ina accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles:
this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.

The Prayers

_In the course of the prayers, keeping devices muted, the People may make use of Zoom’s chat feature or join in at home, to enunciate specific petitions and thanksgivings._

_The Deacon says_,
Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God, who has delivered us from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices and pray, saying Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

_The Intercessor continues_,
Let us give thanks for the multitude of blessings God showers upon us.
   For our lives and for those whom we love;
   For the beauty of the places God has created for us to be our home;
   For our families and our friendships;
   For all for which we give thanks to the God of Life:

_Stillness is kept, and gifts and graces may be spoken at home, typed, or called to mind._

That in time of trial, we may always have a grateful heart:
Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.
Let us pray for the Church, Christ’s risen body on earth.
   For Shannon, Laura, Greta, Stan, and all members of the clergy;
   For the many lay people who serve the Church
   and serve the world through the Church;
   For those gathering today in worship and prayer;

That we may share in carrying forward your redemptive work:
Risen Lord,
   Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of this world in a time of crisis.
   For all who govern and hold authority;
   For the United Nations;

That powers and principalities may forsake greed and seek the common good;
and that justice, peace, and prosperity may be lifted up:
Risen Lord,
   Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who are sick or suffering.
   For those with Covid-19;
   For those who suffer and struggle under oppression, loneliness, despair, and fear;
   For all whose homes are unsafe and who are at risk of domestic violence;
   For N. ...

Stillness is kept, and names of those suffering may be spoken at home, typed, or called to mind.

That the hope born of Easter may bring peace, acceptance and renewal, and that through struggle all may come into closer communion with you, our redeeming and restoring God:
Risen Lord,
   Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for this world in a time of crisis:
   For all physicians, nurses, first responders,
   and those whose work puts them at risk of infection;
   For hospitals and health centers experiencing shortages of equipment, medicine, and supplies;
   For researchers, seeking a coronavirus vaccine;
   For the World Health Organization;
   For the devastated economies of states and municipalities;

That your gracious reign may come soon:
Risen Lord,
   Hear our prayer.

Let us give thanks for the lives of those who have died and pray for the repose of their souls, especially N. ...
Stillness is kept, and names of those have died may be spoken at home, typed, or called to mind.

That you would grant them rest eternal:
Risen Lord,
   Hear our prayer.

The Presider concludes,
O God of our salvation, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer follows. Please keep device muted but join in at home.
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 for ever. Amen.
All join in the General Thanksgiving. Please keep device muted but join in at home.
Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

We sing the following hymn. Please keep device muted but sing boldly at home.

Words
James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.
Music
DUNDEE, Scottish, 1615, har. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592?-1635?)

The Presider blesses the People, using these or other words:
The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

The Deacon dismisses us, saying
Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Presider Laura A. Bryant  Deacon Stan Baker  Cantor and pianist Mark Howe
Betsy Emerson  Reader Raquel Aronhime Intercessor