

**Order of Worship**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**17 April 2022**

**Prelude**

“The Strife is O’er”

Bell Choir

**Welcome**

“Christ is Risen, **He is Risen Indeed!**”

Pastor David Figliuzzi, Deacon

**Easter Litany**

Pastor David Figliuzzi

The crown of thorns has played its part.

It mocked the Savior, it ridiculed heaven, it brought cynicism and laughter.

But it is heaven who laughs now, for the crown was found inadequate to kill love.

The robe has played its part.

It teased the Savior, wanting to break him with humiliation.

It brought contempt and derision.

But it is heaven that is contemptuous now, for the robe was found wanting in its binding of love.

The hammer has played its part.

It pinned the Savior, wanting to drain the life from his flesh.

It brought smugness and satisfaction.

But it is heaven that is satisfied now, for the nails proved too weak to remove love.

The cross has played its part.

It tortured the Savior, turning God into an object, a play thing.

It brought manipulation and approval.

But it is heaven that approves now, for the cross proved too powerless to finish love.

The tomb has played its part.

It buried the Savior, hiding the Messiah from the world.

It brought certainty and fulfillment.

But it is heaven that is fulfilled now, for the tomb wasn’t final enough to end love.

For there is no end to love:

there is always life in death;

there is always dancing at dawn;

there is always sunrise after night;

there is always eternity in the everyday;

there is always,

always,

always,

Love.

**Opening Hymn**

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

NCH # 233

**Opening Prayer**

Deacon

**Creator of Life, in raising Christ Jesus up, through, out of, and beyond the chains of death,  
You opened for us the way to eternal and abundant life.**

**May our Alleluias on this day float high above the ceiling of what we think we know  
and transcend to the heaven of what we believe— and thus live.**

**Raise us up! Renew our lives! Resurrect our dreams! Through Jesus Christ our Living Savior,  
Amen.**

**Message for All**

Sarah Pradhan(video)

**Scripture**

Pastor David Figliuzzi

As we hear the words of scripture,  
**Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.**

John 20:1-18

The grass withers and the flower fades,  
**But the Word of God shall stand forever.**

**Message**

“Looking for Resurrection”

Pastor David Figliuzzi

**Song**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Bell Choir

**Prayers of the People**

Pastor David Figliuzzi

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayers.**

**Disciple’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, now and forever. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

PH #199

**Responsive Charge and Blessing**

Remember the Good News that we have received and proclaimed this day—  
the Good News in which we stand and through which we are being saved.

**We will remember and hold tightly to the truth we proclaim with joy!**

Christ died for our sins, just as the scriptures said that he would.

**But the story doesn’t end in death.**

**Christ was raised on the third day, just as it was promised!**

We are witnesses to this Good News,  
and God commands that we do not keep this news to ourselves!

**We will testify to all that Christ is Lord!**

**Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen!**

**Parting Song    **God Be With You ‘Till We Meet Again (modified)****

God be with You till we meet again.  
By God’s counsels guide, uphold you.  
God will place arms all around you.  
God be with you till we meet again.

**Postlude**

Laura Murach