

Prayers of God's Creation and People

THANKSGIVING

Offering *Psalm 24:1*

Offertory Music: "Because Her Lives" arr. Fred Bock

**Doxology:* "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" (verse 1)
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Closing Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**Hymn:* "Hear the Good News of Salvation" 355

SENDING

**Charge* *From 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22*

**Benediction* *2 Corinthians 13:13*

**Dismissal*

**Postlude:*

**Christ-the-King Fellowship
Spencer, NY**

**The Order of Worship for the
Lord's Day**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
APRIL 16, 2023**

GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude "Christ Arose" arr. John Innes

Call to Worship *Mark 1:15; Psalm 119:126*

Invocation

**Hymn:* "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" 423

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

O Christ our God:
You defeat death by death!
We clam up and say nothing.
You deliver us from death to life!
We scoff in disbelief.
You reveal the truth of your love for us!
We want proof.

You give us wings!
We crawl around in the dirt.
You make us whole!
**We prefer the sour security
of our fear, shame, and anger.**
You make all things new!
We want things to be the way they used to be.
You make us one in you!
We would rather have competitors and enemies.
You set us free from sin and death!
But we like it here in this familiar tomb.
You roll away the stone crushing our hearts!
Open our eyes to your saving presence.
You call us out of the darkness, into your light!
**May we respond with joy and delight,
risking all to dance in the glory of your love!**

Prayer of Assurance

**Gloria*: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!" (verse 4) 123

**The Peace*

Christ is in the midst of us.
He is and ever shall be.
May the grace and peace of Christ our God be with all of you.
And also with you.

The people exchange words and signs of God's peace.

**Response*: "Halle-, Halle-, Halleluia" (refrain only)

Halle-, Halle-, Halleluia!
Halle-, Halle-, Halleluia!
Halle-, Halle-, Halleluia!
Halleluia!

Halleluia!

THE WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Gospel, John 20:19-31

Psalm 16, "When in the Night I Meditate" 165

Hebrew Scriptures, Song of Songs 1:1-4

Sermon, "In the Name of Love"

**Affirmation of Faith*,

In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all.
**Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people
and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and
sorrows.**

He expressed the love of God in word and deed
and became a brother to all kinds of sinners.

**But his complete obedience led him into conflict with
people.**

His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious
aspirations, and national hopes.

Many rejected him and demanded his death.

In giving himself freely for them

he took upon himself the judgment under which all stand
convicted.

**God raised him from the dead,
vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.**

The victim of sin became victor, **and won the victory over
sin and death for all.**

Confession of 1967 (alt.)