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Bellflower UMC

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

HYMN

302 Were You There?

GREETINGS1

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

L: Death has been swallowed in victory.

P: The grave has lost its sting.

L: Christ is risen.

P: Christ is risen indeed!

All: And we are alive in Christ! Glory to God! Alleluia!

HYMN

302 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

HYMN

308 Thine Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son





Living God, on this most joyous day we offer our thanks and praise to You; creator of heaven and earth, creator and lover of all humanity.

We bless You for creating the whole world, for Your promises to Your people Israel, and for the life we know in Jesus Christ Your Son.

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² Easter 3A worship elements, http://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/

Even when we turned away from You, You never rejected us.

You spoke words of mercy and love through the prophets; promising to swallow up death forever and to host a banquet for all people; a feast of life-giving sustenance.

We praise you for Christ Jesus, Your Word Incarnate made Flesh.

Born of Mary, He shares our life.

Eating with sinners, He welcomes us.

Leading His followers, He guides us.

Dying on the cross, He rescues us.

Risen from the dead, He gives new life.

Most resilient God, Source of all that is eternally raised up, we give you thanks for your unspeakable gift of Christ Jesus. Amen.

PSALM - Psalm 118:14-24 (UMH 839)

₩ RESPONSE 657 This Is the Day

CHILDREN'S SERMON



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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen.

GOSPEL - Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON

HYMN

261. Lord of the Dance

CONFESSION & PARDON3

As we come to this table with the risen Jesus, we are witnesses to the resurrection! Let us forsake all that holds us back from this joy as we offer our confession.

Jesus our Host,

we yearn for your Communion we yearn for the hope of new life; we yearn to meet you here.

And yet, despite your invitation, we find ourselves stumbling on our way.

Forgive us.

Hear now in silence the confessions of your people.

(Silence)

(Leader to people): Hear the good news!

"All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name!" In the name of the risen Christ, you are forgiven!

(People to leader): In the name of the risen Christ, you are forgiven!

(All): Glory to God! Amen.

OFFERING & PEACE

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* DOXOLOGY - #95

HOLY COMMUNION- #13

CHARGE & BLESSING

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Do not be afraid, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Go and tell my people, "Christ is risen!"

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

And they will see me. Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

May you be blessed and may you be a blessing, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

Amen.

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