

Welcome to . . .
The Presbyterian Church of Saint David
April 23, 2017
"Easter Laughter"

Opening Responses:

L> Christ is risen; he is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Risen in quiet and mysterious darkness
before the chorus of the dawn.
Alleluia, Christ is risen;

ALL> He is risen indeed.

L> Risen with glory and grace in reserve,
and authority beyond measure.
Alleluia, Christ is risen;

ALL> He is risen indeed.

L> Risen to prove that violence is no solution;
to offer us peace and life in all its fullness.
Alleluia, Christ is risen;

ALL> He is risen indeed.

L> For God has taken into his own flesh
the sin of the world.
The last laugh is God's laugh;
God has the last laugh:
For freedom comes beyond the cross,
for peace comes beyond the violence,
for friendship comes beyond the betrayal,
for life comes beyond the crushing of life.
The first laugh and the last laugh are God's.
Alleluia, Christ is risen;

ALL> He is risen indeed.

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HYMN: Jesus is risen from the grave No. 254 (vs.1,2,3)

Prayer of Adoration: (said together)

Glory to you, O God:

**on this first day of the week you began creation,
bringing light out of darkness.**

**On this first day you began your new creation,
raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death.**

**On this Lord's day we join with all your works
in praising you for your great glory.
Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit,
we praise you now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN: Jesus is risen from the grave No. 254 (vs. 4,5)

Scripture: John 20:24-29

Reflection: "Easter laughter"

Invitation

HYMN: Jesus is risen from the grave No. 254 (vs. 6,7)

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing

Prayer of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Communion

Prayer following Communion: (*together*)

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands;
now we put our lives into yours.**

Take us, renew and remake us.

What we have been is past;

what we shall be, through you, still awaits us.

Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

HYMN: Morning has broken No. 814

CLOSING RESPONSES: [from The Iona Community]

L> Lord of life, you walk this journey with us and through us;

ALL> Lead us, Lord, lead us on.

L> Journeying within, and wrestling with the world,

ALL> Lead us, Lord, lead us on.

L> Lead us to risk, to grow, and to tread the path you have opened
for us;

ALL> Lead us, Lord, lead us on.

L> And let us rejoice that every place is your place;

ALL> In the Name of Christ, the Risen One. Amen.