

**BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LANCASTER PA**  
**LITURGY FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**SEASON OF EASTERTIDE**  
**April 19, April 26, May 3, May 10, May 17**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The risen Christ meets us at the tomb, and turns our  
tears to joy. For your love and goodness

**we give you thanks, O God.**

Christ comes through our locked doors,  
and turns our fear to courage.

For your love and goodness

**we give you thanks, O God.**

Christ comes to daily life and work,  
and turns our failure to new vision.

For your love and goodness

**we give you thanks, O God.**

Christ breaks the bread, and turns our despair to hope.

For your love and goodness

**we give you thanks, O God.**



**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,  
you shattered the power of sin and death.  
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,  
bound by the ways that lead to death.  
We overlook the poor and the hungry,  
and pass by those who mourn;  
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,  
and indifferent to calls for peace;  
we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.  
Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us trust your power  
To change our lives and make us new,  
That we may know the joy of life abundant  
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

## REFLECTION IN MUSIC

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING AND HOMILY

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

## CHARGE AND BENECTION

## POSTLUDE

Preacher: Rev. Kent E. Holmes, Pastor

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Erin S. Cox-Holmes, Executive Presbyter, Donegal Presbytery

Musician: Mr. Derek Martin, Director of Music, Organist

## Worship Announcements:

Blessings to you all!

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