

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, who has prepared for those who love you such good things as pass all understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, hearing your Word, may trust in your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 25:6-10 Page 652

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 27:62-28:10 Page 33

SERMON “Make the Tomb as Secure as You Can” Dr. Williams
“You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.” Matthew 27:65

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from “A Brief Statement of Faith,” 1991
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” Amen.

***HYMN** No. 246 *Tune:* TRURO
Christ Is Alive!

THE PRAYERS AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY The Trumpet Shall Sound G. F. Handel

***DOXOLOGY** No. 609 *Tune:* LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THE LORD’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, forever. Amen.

***HYMN** No. 238 *Tune:* JUDAS MACCABEUS
Thine Is the Glory

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

Gordon Young

POSTLUDE

Toccata from Symphony #5

Charles-Marie Widor

*Congregation please stand.