

Easter

Sunday, April 4



Easter Worship

10:00 a.m.

Rise in body or in spirit where designated by *. Please join in speaking the words in bold.

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in B Major, Op. 7, No. 1
Michael Rees, organist

...Marcel Dupré

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Matthew 28: 1-8

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sin and death shall reign no more.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let this place resound with joy.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

* HYMN #302

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

(Verses 1-4)

(1) Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

(2) Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

(3) Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

(4) Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ you broke the power of death and opened the way to eternal life. As the empty tomb stands witness to his triumph over death, make your church to be a bold testimony to his enduring victory in life, that all we do may proclaim to the world, "He is risen, indeed!" Through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

LITANY OF FAITH

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

Jesus Christ is Lord.

Over powers and principalities, over all who determine, control or govern the affairs of humankind,

Jesus Christ is Lord.

Of the poor, of the broken, of the sinned against and the sinner,

Jesus Christ is Lord.

Above the church, beyond our most excellent thinking and in our hearts,

Jesus Christ is Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

* HYMN #306

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
(1) The strife is o'er, the battle done;
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
(3) The three sad days are quickly sped;
he rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
(2) The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions has dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
(4) Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee. Alleluia!

* THE GOSPEL LESSON (NRSV)

John 20: 1-18

The Word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Joy in the Morning

Natalie Sleeth

Vocal Ensemble--Suzanne Bible, Tom Fox, Robin Hladky-Fox, Sydney Whitley, Gail Rossow, Dennis Rossow
Patricia Hughes Mangis, Director of Worship and Music Arts

SERMON

"The Triumphant Whisper"

Pastor Chris Winkler

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

* THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE INVITATION

(All are welcome at Christ's table. The gifts of God are free and for you. We invite you to receive the Eucharist through "intinction" - by dipping your bread in the chalice. The chalice contains unfermented grape juice so that all may participate. If you prefer gluten free wafers, please ask your server for assistance.)

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this Holy Mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

* THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, you have given us life in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. By your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives in union with our risen Lord who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN #308

Thine Be the Glory

(1) Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

(2) Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

(3) No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

(Refrain)
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Symphonie No. 5, Op. 42, No. 1: V. Toccata

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