

The Worship of God

2nd Sunday in Easter • April 19, 2020

Gathering

PRELUDE

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Lynn Auman, violin; Chad Hammer, cello

[The large paschal (or Easter) candle represents the light of Christ. It is used throughout the Season of Easter—from the Great Vigil of Easter to the Day of Pentecost—and at baptisms and funerals.]

INTROIT

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom.
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Harry & Suzanne Simpson

*(All speak parts **boldfaced**)*

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

We are witnesses: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Risen Christ meets us again and again; opening our eyes and expanding our minds. Let us worship God.

HYMN #268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Gail Thomas, soprano

***Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Away, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.***

***Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.***

TEXT: Matthew Bridges, 1851 P.D.; MUSIC: George Job Elvey, 1868 P.D.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Loving God, in a doubting world, keep us alive in our faith that
Jesus is our Messiah, Your son, and our Messiah.

That we may have life in his name.

Encouraging God, in a world that is bound up by fear,
fill us again with your Spirit of love.

For courage comes from the heart.

We bear witness to our faith, knowing that we are called to live lives of courage,
love and reconciliation in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of each day.
We bear witness, too, to our failures, and our complicity in the fractures of our world.

May we be courageous today. May we learn today. May we love today.

In the name of the one who forgives, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen

And in the name of the one who was and is courage,
grace and mercy made flesh: we are forgiven.

Today and always. Alleluia! Amen.

Adapted from Prayers by Padraig O Tuama and B David Hostetter

RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

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GOSPEL READING John 20:19-31

SERMON “Looking for Resurrection: BELIEVING”

Rev. Laura Viau

HYMN #817 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

AMAZING GRACE

Wayne Tillman, tenor

***We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
“My peace be with you here.”***

***We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice and cry,
“My Lord and God!”***

TEXT: Henry Alford, 1844, alt. P.D. MUSIC: Columbian Harmony, 1829 P.D.

INVITATION TO GIVE

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

You could have given up on the world, left us God-forsaken, abandoned to darkness and despair. You could have shut your ears to our groaning, your eyes to our bleeding, your heart to our tears. You could have left us to live with our choices, our death-dealing, our cries of ‘Crucify him!’ But you are the great Lover, the caring Creator, the Good Shepherd, the mighty Savior. In Jesus, you entered our darkness, walking among us with words of love, breathing forgiveness, defeating our demons, with arms wide in welcome. You live among us by your Spirit. You are God, infinitely close. This world is the new heaven—your home among us, and we can never be the same again. Amen. *(Lawrence Moore)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

(inspired by Psalm 16)

BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

CLOSING RESPONSE

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

MRURAHINI, HALELUYA

Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing: he reigns triumphant, heavenly King.
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
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POSTLUDE

Thine Is the Glory

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