

*Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
The Second Sunday in the Easter Season*

April 24, 2022

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Welcome and Church Family News (PDF attachment)

Choral Call to Worship # 243 *Be Not Afraid*

BE NOT AFRAID

Join Brittany & Paul Rudoi from Trinity Lutheran as they sing:

https://youtu.be/InjZPoTk_8Y

**Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
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Call to Worship:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We have not seen the risen Christ,

But we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.

We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

But we have seen him in the faces of everyone whose love encourages us.

We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

But we have been called to bring healing to the scarred of the world.

Hymn of Praise # 245 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

LLANFAIR

Sing along with Orchard Enterprises:

<https://youtu.be/ZXR54MuKKbc>

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

**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!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

Call to Confession:

When we keep our faults and failures locked safely away, we have no need to confess.

But God comes into our hearts when we least expect it,

so we can be filled with forgiveness, with hope, with peace.

Please join me as we confess our sins before God and each other.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

**God of empty tombs, when we hesitate to speak of your hope,
forgive us, and give us a voice.**

**When we find it difficult to love one another,
forgive us, and give us fresh compassion.**



James He Qui, Artist

**When we want to stand with the high and mighty,
forgive us, and seat us next to the poor and oppressed.
When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts,
forgive us, and send us out to share your grace.
When we cannot believe your Word of new life,
forgive us, and help us live into it.**

(moment of silent confession).

In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter.

Christ comes into the locked rooms of our faults and fills us with grace and hope.

**Christ comes to fill us with peace,
so we may proclaim the good news of mercy and forgiveness for all.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 240 Alleluia, Alleluia!

ALLELUIA NO. 1

International Liturgy Publications: <https://youtu.be/VJPMpYzx8bY>

Refrain:

**Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.**

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation. Refrain.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.

Jesus has died and has risen. Refrain.

We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live forever. Refrain.

God has proclaimed the just reward:

Life eternal for all who believe. Refrain.

Come, let us praise the living God,

Joyfully sing to our Savior. Refrain.

First Lesson: Psalm 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:

"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you?

Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Special Music: Redeemer

Sung by song writer Nicole C. Mullen: <https://youtu.be/RindQ29G3JU>

Second Lesson: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon: "Living Into the Resurrection" (PDF attachment)

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed (in celebration of Orthodox Easter this Sunday)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of Meditation # 18 *In Christ Alone* (Songs of Worship)

Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend

Sing along with Kristyn Getty & Allison Krauss: <https://youtu.be/16KYvflc2bE>

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Prayers of the People:

Living Christ,
in the evening when the disciples met frightened behind locked doors,
you came to them with words of peace.
For wicked plots had failed, and the cruelty of the world had come to nothing,
and the betrayal and the denial of friends did not prevail.

Life-giving God, we give you thanks for you are alive and loose in the world.
You come to us with words of peace.

Come to us today—in government rooms where politicians meet,
in city board rooms where executives plan, in court rooms where lawyers debate,
Come with words of peace.

In hospital rooms where people are waiting, in prison cells where people are afraid,
in homes where people struggle to make ends meet, in war zones that wreak of death and destruction,
Come with words of peace.

Come to us whenever we are afraid, whenever we are grieving.
Come to us now we pray in silence for those we care for and are worried about...

Despite the strong and solid doors we lock to protect ourselves, to shut out the world,
come to us with words of peace.

This Easter Season, breathe on us again with your Spirit,
for you have overcome evil and wicked plots fail
and the cruelty of the world comes to nothing
and the betrayal and denial of friends do not prevail.

Renew us in the power of your Spirit
that we may open the doors and go out into the world
to bring words of peace to the people we meet.

Renew us in the power of your Spirit that we may have life in your name and go wherever you send us.

In the name of the One who lives in us and around us and in all creation, we pray the prayer he gave us: Our Father...Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

And now, not because we have to, but because we are grateful, let us return to God what is ours to share. Let us joyfully offer our time, our treasure, our commitment, our prayers.

Doxology # 608

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

Sing along with Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville: <https://youtu.be/BKcni5ilJI>

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God whom we adore.

Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

God, thank you, thank you, thank you – for your grace, for this community of faith, for the gifts of our lives. Bless these offerings today that they might be used to further your reign of righteousness here and now. Work through each of us and through the ministries of this congregation that we might glorify you in all we say and do. Amen.

Closing Hymn # 250 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

PROMISE

Sing along with First Plymouth Church, Lincoln, Nebraska: <https://youtu.be/2Gndx39q7QM>

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Charge and Benediction: Fourfold Franciscan Blessing

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain to joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

Amen.

Postlude: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Ukrainian Choir sang this past Sunday, Easter Morning, April 17: <https://youtu.be/Aft0CtU2xEM>