



Easter Sunday
April 12, 2020

PRELUDE

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ALLELUIAS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

People: Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!

Leader: Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN #302

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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!

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!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Amazing God, on this holy day
you subverted evil
with the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
As the scriptures are read,
reveal your hope and renew our faith
by the power of your life-giving Spirit. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

They Could Not

R. Harris & C. Cloninger
Mark Gilgallon, soloist

They looked at Him and saw a simple man, a carpenter with healing in His hands. They saw Him calm the sea and heal a dying man. They saw, but could they really understand? They could not. Though they tried, they could not. He was just a simple carpenter with healing in His hands. But could they really understand? They could not.

They listened to the teaching that they heard and wondered at the mystery of His word. They wondered what He meant about a Father's plan. They heard, but could they really understand? They could not. Though they tried, they could not. They listened to His teaching about a Father's plan. But could they really understand? They could not.

So finally upon a rugged cross, they killed the man who would not suffer loss. And when at last they took what willingly He gave; He died. But could they keep Him in the grave? They could not! Praise God, they could not!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
whose steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say,

People: 'God's steadfast love endures forever.'

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might;
God has become my salvation.

People: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

Leader: 'The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

People: the right hand of God is exalted;

Leader: the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.'

**People: I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

Leader: The Lord has punished me severely,
but did not give me over to death.

**People: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: This is the gate of the Lord;

the righteous shall enter through it.

**People: I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

**People: This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

EASTER OFFERING

Umoja Project

Tiffany Williams-Fashimpaur

HYMN OF PRAYER #314

In the Garden

*I come to the garden alone
while the dew is still on the roses,
and the voice I hear falling on my ear,
the Son of God discloses.*

Refrain:

*And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.*

*He speaks, and the sound of his voice,
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me
within my heart is ringing. (Refrain)*

*I'd stay in the garden with him
though the night around me be falling,
but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe
his voice to me is calling. (Refrain)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: God, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 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.

*DOXOLOGY #94 (Please Stand) *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*GOSPEL LESSON (Please Stand) John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

***God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;
he came to love, heal, and forgive;
he lived and died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.***

Refrain:

***Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;
because he lives, all fear is gone;
because I know he holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because he lives.***

***How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
and feel the pride and joy they give;
but greater still the calm assurance,
this child can face uncertain days because he lives. (Refrain)***

***And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
and then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns. (Refrain)***

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Leader: Go forth with joy. Jesus Christ is risen!

People: Alleluia!

Leader: You are witnesses to the resurrection,
messengers of the everlasting peace,
and servants of the eternal hope!

People: Christ shall reign forever! Alleluia!

Leader: Grace and peace to all through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

Toccata
from *Symphony No. 5*

C. M. Widor

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood
Senior Pastor
Tiffany Williams-Fashimpaur
Pastor of Mission & Outreach
Heather Hinton
Organist
John Hague
Videographer
Mark Gilgallon
Director of Music

**Upcoming Worship Service
via Livestream:**

Sunday, April 19 at 11 a.m.