



April 18, 2021  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

Heather Hinton

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darren Cushman Wood

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH FOR CORY UNTHANK

PRELUDE

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

arr. D. Cherwien

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: The times of refreshing have begun.

**People: Alleluia to the Holy and Righteous One!**

Leader: May the time of universal restoration come.

**People: Alleluia to the Author of Life!**

OPENING HYMN #322

*Up from the Grave He Arose*

***Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,  
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!***

***Refrain: Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!***

***Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;  
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]***

***Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;  
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

See what kind of love the Father has given to us in that we should be called God's children, and that is what we are! Because the world didn't recognize him, it doesn't recognize us. Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when Christ appears we will be like him because we'll see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves even as he is pure. Every person who practices sin commits an act of rebellion, and sin is rebellion. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and there is no sin in him. Every person who remains in relationship to him does not sin. Any person who sins has not seen him or known him. Little children, make sure no one deceives you. The person who practices righteousness is righteous, in the same way that Jesus is righteous.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*Thine Be the Glory*

arr. J.M. Cope  
Cathedral Singers

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.  
Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let His church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.  
Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors, through Thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.  
Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

## Psalm 4

Diane Gattone

Leader: Answer me when I cry out, my righteous God!  
Set me free from my troubles!

**People: Have mercy on me!**  
**Listen to my prayer!**

Leader: How long, you people,  
will my reputation be insulted?

**People: How long will you continue**  
**to love what is worthless and go after lies?**

Leader: Know this, the Lord takes  
personal care of the faithful.

**People: The Lord will hear me**  
**when I cry out.**

Leader: So be afraid, and don't sin!  
Think hard about it in your bed and weep over it!

**People: Bring righteous offerings,**  
**and trust the Lord!**

Leader: Many people say,  
"We can't find goodness anywhere.  
The light of your face has left us, Lord!"

**People: But you have filled my heart with more joy**  
**than when their wheat and wine are everywhere!**

Leader: I will lie down and fall asleep in peace

**People: because you alone, Lord, let me live in safety.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #452

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

***My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!***

***Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine!***

***When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll;***

***blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!***

EASTER PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

Leader: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand,  
and by which we pray for the world: Christ was raised and Christ is appearing.  
Death has been swallowed up in victory.

**People: Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Light of the world.**

Leader: Therefore, let us pray for peace around the world:

**People: Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace,  
guide the nations of the world from conflict to cooperation,  
and inspire the leaders of government and industry to turn swords into plowshares,  
so that every person will be protected and every community will flourish. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Diane Gattone

Leader: God, in your mercy....

**People: Hear our prayer.**

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

*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!***

SECOND LESSON

Acts 3:12-21

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified their servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of Life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong,

whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what had been foretold through all the prophets, that God's Anointed One would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that God may send the Anointed One appointed for you, that is, Jesus, who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through the holy prophets.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Resurrecting Truth*

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN OF DEDICATION #340 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

***Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.***

***Refrain: I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms;  
in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.***

Choir Only:

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;  
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. [Refrain]

***Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. [Refrain]***

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

arr. M. Sedio

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in remembrance  
of the Rev. Al Galloway whose death was a year ago tomorrow, April 19, 2020.  
They are given by his wife, Charlotte, his sons, Eric, Paul and Steve, their spouses, and his grandchildren.*

Today's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*  
Diane Gattone, *Pastor of Care & Nurture*  
Cory Unthank, *Minister of Youth & Young Adults*  
John Hague, Dick Tiller-Luchtman & James Horton, *Audio Visual*  
Mark Gilgallon, *Director of Music*  
Heather Hinton, *Organist*