



April 26, 2026 – Livestream
Fourth Sunday of Eastertide

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

Jill Moffett

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF EAGLE SCOUT: WILL KATTMANN

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Cathedral Ringers
Kelley Warbinton, director

*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

Hail the Days of Resurrection

***When our faith is tried and tested by the evils that oppress;
When our hope is stretched to breaking by the fears that we confess.
Lift our heads to see your goodness that secures our liberty.
Hail the days of resurrection! Christ has claimed the victory!***

***Faithful servants gather round us, bearing witness to God's might;
Showing us the way of courage, shining the eternal light;
Lead us with the hope of Jesus, Redeemer of history.
Hail the days of resurrection! Christ has claimed the victory!***

***River flowing, life bestowing, people singing, tears are dried;
Leaves of healing for the nations, gates of grace are open wide.
Je-sus lifts us to the city that reveals hope's mystery.
Hail the day of resurrection! Christ has claimed the victory!***

OPENING PRAYER

**Great Creator,
who unleashed the power of new life
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
take our fragile praise
and put us in harmony with the symphony of your creation,
to the glory of Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

ANTHEM

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

C. Courtney

I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
And though my body be destroyed, yet in my flesh shall I see God.

Alleluia, I know that my Redeemer lives.

Now we see in a glass dimly,
but then, face to face; now I know in part,
but then I shall know as I am know.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Canticle of Creation

St. Francis

Leader: Most high, all powerful, all good Lord!

People: All praise is yours, all glory, all honor, and all blessing.

Leader: To you, alone, Most High, do they belong.

People: No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce your name.

Leader: Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures,
especially through Brother Sun,

People: who brings the day; and you give light through him.

Leader: Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars;

People: in the heavens you have made them bright, precious and beautiful.

Leader: Be praised, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air,
and clouds and storms, and all the weather,

People: through which you give your creatures sustenance.

Leader: Be praised, My Lord, through Sister Water;

People: she is very useful, and humble, and precious, and pure.

Leader: Be praised, my Lord, through Brother Fire,

People: through whom you brighten the night.

Leader: Be praised, my Lord, through our sister Mother Earth,

People: who feeds us and rules us, and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

Leader: Praise and bless my Lord, and give thanks, and serve God with great humility.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Curtis Hurley

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 22:1-6

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there

will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #2059

I Am Your Mother

***I am your mother: Do not neglect me! Children, protect me—I need your trust;
my breath is your breath, my death is your death, ashes to ashes, dust into dust.***

***I am your nurture: Do not destroy me! Love and enjoy me, savor my fruit;
my good is your good, my food is your food, water and flower, branches and root.***

***I am your lodging: Do not abuse me! Tenderly use me, soothing my scars;
my health is your health, my wealth is your wealth, shining with promise, set among stars.***

***God is our maker: Do not deny God, challenge, defy God, threaten this place;
life is to cherish,—care, or we perish! I am your mother,—tears on my face.***

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 the renewal of creation:

**People: God, you delight in your creation,
but the world has been wounded by our sins.
Plant in us the Spirit of the risen Christ
that we may protect the skies,
restore the waters,
and heal the land,
through Jesus Christ your Word
in whom all things hold together. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Brandon Wallace

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

MUSICAL RESPONSE #2043

Alleluia

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hymn of Promise

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Cathedral Ringers
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*DOXOLOGY #94

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

Psalm 148

¹ Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God in the heights!

² Praise the Lord, all angels;
praise God, all heavenly host!

³ Praise the Sovereign One, sun and moon;
praise God, all you shining stars!

⁴ Praise the Holy One, you highest heavens
and you waters above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for God commanded and they were created.

⁶ The Lord established them forever and ever;
setting a law that cannot pass away

⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,

⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling the Lord's command!

⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹² Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for God's name alone is exalted.

The glory of God is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴ God has raised up a horn for the faithful ones
who is praised by them. Praise the Lord!

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Creator, Composer, Conductor"

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #2076

O Blessed Spring

***O blessed spring, where Word and sign embrace us into Christ the Vine:
here Christ enjoins each one to be a branch of this life-giving Tree.***

***Through summer heat and youthful years, uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
sustained by Christ's infusing rain, the boughs will shout for joy again.***

***When autumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their heavy harvest hold,
then through us warm, the Christ will move with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.***

***As winter comes, as winters must, we breathe our last, return to dust;
still held in Christ, our souls take wing and trust the promise of the spring.***

***Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree, be praised for this blest mystery:
that Word and water thus revive and join us to your Tree of Life.***

*THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. M. Sedio

Today's liturgists are members of the Green Team.

Upcoming Events:

Earth Day Sunday, Today

Sound Bath Meditation, Today, 6pm, Chapel

Youth Sunday, May 3

End of Year Picnic, May 17, 12:30 pm

Today's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood

Senior Pastor

Jill Moffett

Pastor of Community Formation

Brandon Wallace

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