



Service for the Lord's Day

Eleven O'clock

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of Jesus

April 4, 2021

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Let us prepare ourselves for worship

PRELUDE:

"Tocatta on 'Hymn to Joy'"

(Grimoaldo Macchia)

Naphtali Rothrock, Organist and Pianist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robert Montgomery

INTROIT:

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

from Psalm 118

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

The LORD is my strength and my might;

and has become my salvation.

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

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

HYMN SOLO:

"Christ is Alive"

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

O God, for your own mercy's sake, hear our prayers and forgive all our sins.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, forgive our sins and help our unbelief.

There is none righteous but you, and no human being may boast in your sight.

We know that we are being saved only by your grace.

We confess that Jesus Christ has died for us, and he is our only sure confidence.

And you have raised him from the dead that all people may have new life.

Help us to walk as people redeemed and forgiven at great cost.

Renew your Holy Spirit in us and in all your creation. Let the victory of Jesus over death resound throughout our lives and all the world. Amen.

(Time for silent prayer and confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

From 1 Corinthians 15

GLORIA PATRI (SOLO)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PIANO SOLO:

"Christ Arose"

(Jonathan Reed)

SCRIPTURE READING:

Mark 16: 1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place

they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Response after the Reading: Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

SPECIAL MUSIC:

“Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” voices

SERMON

“Jesus Christ, Crucified But Raised from the Dead”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (UNISON)

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN:

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER—ALL ARE WELCOME!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: *The Lord be with you.*

People: And also with you.

Pastor: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: O God, we do praise and thank you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and all those of every time and place who love you and forever sing to the glory of your name,

ALL: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.”

(The Prayer continues. concluding with the Lord’s Prayer in unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE DOXOLOGY

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*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

“Prelude in C Major”

(J.S. Bach)

* *The congregation is invited to stand together, as each is able.*

On Our Hearts and in Our Prayers:

Family of Mike Atkins (Andy and Bailee’s father) • Family of Jack Phillips (LuAnne Crocker’s cousin) • Family of Jeff Woodord • Carolana Callaway • Nancy Bradley • Micah McClendon • Joe B. Brandon • Front-Line healthcare workers • Linda Phillips (cancer) • Melissa Eason • Suzanne Porter (Joe B’s sister) • Stacy Harris (Joy Davis’ friend) • Janet Franklin • Patti McGilton (Joe B’s niece) • Adam Perryman • Deborah Hunter • Ed Lambert • Millie Williams • John Moses • Cathy Whitmore • Phil and Flora Allen • Nate Estes • Jim and Roxie Gibson • Robbie McDaniel • Genevieve Stegall • Ross Brown • Family of Sarah Townsend (granddaughter of Emily Kelso’s former pastor in Kentucky)

April Birthdays: Robbie Roberson-3 • Jennifer Harris- 6 • Max Davis-10 • William Foster- 10 • Jason Hutton-15 • Darrick Gatlin-16 • Chuck Coble-17 • Christian Pullum- 17 • Matt Harris- 19 • Lois Purcell- 20 • Margaret Sanders- 25 • Jan Talley- 27 • Jeff Foreman- 28 **April Anniversaries:** Nick & Annette Phillips - 5

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