

St Paul's Worship
Easter Sunday – April 12, 2020

Prelude – Laudate Handbells: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, arr. by Michael Mazzatenta; Curtis Chi, trumpet

THE PROCLAMATION OF EASTER

This holy and blessed day is the first of the week,
the king and master of all days,
the feast of feasts and the season of seasons.
On this day we bless Christ forever and ever.
O faithful, come,
celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus the Christ.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad.
Alleluia!
Now that we have seen the resurrection of the Christ,
Let us adore the all-holy Lord Jesus,
the only sinless One.
We bow in worship before Your cross, O Christ.
We praise and glorify Your resurrection for You are our God
and we have no other.
We magnify Your name.
All Your faithful come.
Let us adore the holy resurrection of the Christ.
Behold, through Your cross joy has come to the world!
Let us always bless the Lord.
Let us sing His resurrection.
By enduring for us the pain of the cross,
He has crushed death by His death.
He is risen and dies no more.

HYMN – Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

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Alex Fioto, trumpet

GATHERING

We gather in the name of the Father † and the Son and the Holy Spirit Amen.
God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us
from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we
may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen, amen.

The Lord be with you: ***And also with you***

Let us pray

THIS IS THE FEAST

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Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death.

Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Easter Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

²**Let Israel | now declare, "God's mercy en- | dures forever."**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:
"The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!**

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!
The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not | die, but live, and declare the works | of the LORD. R**

¹⁸The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the | gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.**

²⁰"This is the gate | of the LORD;
here the righ- | teous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me
and you have become | my salvation. R**

²²The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has | this been done; it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the | LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be | glad in it. **R**

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY -- Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

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APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of resurrection, from the very beginning you give the church the gift of women as your witnesses: as preachers, teachers, and leaders. Open our ears to their proclamation this day and always. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All your creation praises you—the earth hums, the seas pulse, the stars shine, and the galaxies whirl in glorious harmonies to honor you. Let us hear and blend our voices in the song. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The countries of the world experience disunity and conflict; we set our minds on fear and greed rather than on your rule of justice and steadfast love. Build up all countries on your cornerstone of peace. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We still weep with those who weep, and mourn with those who mourn. Cradle the fearful, the suffering, and the dying, assuring them of your loving presence. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bless the creative and helpful service of worship leaders this day: musicians, ushers, greeters, worship assistants, preachers, readers, and all others who provide welcome and hospitality in our midst. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Risen Lord, you went ahead of us into the grave and defeated the powers of evil. We remember those who have died. Inspire us to live our lives in this resurrection hope and draw us to you in our final days. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Cello Solo - Allemande by J.S. Bach; Kirsten Jermé, cello

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the
resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow'r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.
Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.
With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.
Amen.

**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 and ever. Amen.**

Come to the banquet for all is ready.

Communion will be available in the church parking lot Sunday from 10am to 11am.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR. WE WILL COME TO YOU AND DELIVER A WAFER AND WINE OR GRAPE JUICE. IT WILL BE SERVED TO YOU IN A FOAM BOWL. PLEASE TAKE THE ELEMENTS AND DISTRIBUTE AMONG THOSE IN YOUR VEHICLE AND THEN DISPOSE OF THE CUP AND BOWL WHEN YOU GET HOME.

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn - Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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Alex Fioto, trumpet

Postlude - Christ Is Arisen by Johann Georg Herzog/Christ lay in Death's Bond by Johann Pachelbel

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Easter Lily and Lutheran World Relief Dedications

Easter Lilies

- In memory of Anita M. Johnson by Betty, Robert, Shevonn, Kayden and Hunter Hinshaw, and Lyndsay and Cameron Gregory
- To the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by the Foreman Family
- To the glory of God and in memory of Geoffrey Summer by Seth and Neema Kitange
- To the glory of God and in memory of Ted Watson by Seth and Neema Kitange
- In memory of loved ones by Rod and Mary Runestad
- To the glory of God and in memory of my parents by Mary Sturgeon
- In honor of Natalie and Micah by Barbara and Bill Dahl
- In memory of our parents by Phil and Sally Hart
- In memory of our parents by Dean and Marcia Redman

Lutheran World Relief

- In honor of my brothers, Byron Franzen and Steven Franzen, and in memory of my brother Douglas Franzen by David and Jan Franzen
- To the glory of God and giving thanks for Pastor Scott, Vicar Anna, Susan, Jackie N and Jackie F by Betty Hinshaw
- In honor of all those 'serving' during these hard times by Betty Hinshaw
- To the glory of God and in memory of Richard Adam Lischer by Tracy and Rick Lischer
- To the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by the Foreman Family
- In memory of Phil Fullbright by Deb Fullbright
- In loving memory of Libby Buckner by Angela and Jonathan Maine
- In loving memory of Charles Buckner by Angela and Jonathan Maine
- In memory of Sam Goins by Angela and Jonathan Maine
- In memory of Terry's kidney donor by Terry, Sharon, Ben, and Barry Wilson
- In memory of our parents and grandparents by Terry, Sharon, Ben, and Barry Wilson
- In memory of loved ones by Terry, Sharon, Ben, and Barry Wilson
- To the glory of God and in memory of my parents by Mary Sturgeon
- To the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents and my brother Robert by Judy and Tom Kraska
- In honor of our grandson Joseph Lloyd by Morris and Patricia Casper
- In honor of our daughter and son-in-law, Nora Carolina Casper and Ben Lloyd by Morris and Patricia Casper
- In honor of our son and daughter-in-law, Nathan Casper and Laura Hancox by Morris and Patricia Casper
- In memory of Youngduk Hahn, Sunyoung Choi, Jaehung Hahn, and Thomas Crosser by Jayce Getz and Heekyoung Hahn
- In honor of Mary Bader by Dick Forringer
- In honor of our "lunch bunch" by Dean and Marcia Redman
- In honor of Pastor Scott, Vicar Anna, Susan Esposito, and Jackie Nappi and their awesome work keeping us all connected.
- To the glory of God and in honor of our Stephen Ministers and their Care Receivers
- To the glory of God and in memory of George and Leota Hoke by Tim and Kim Hoke
- To the glory of God and in memory of Kate and Cleo Bartlett by Tim and Kim Hoke
- To the glory of God and in memory of Alice Deitz by Tim and Kim Hoke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Early this year, we started our annual appeal in support of “**SING for Joy**” a radio program of sacred music following the liturgical year, aired by WCPE 89.7 FM and their website “theClassicalStation”. That appeal, a part of St. Paul’s evangelical efforts, started slowly this year. It has been slowed even more by the onset of the corona virus and the much needed personal separation guideline. A few new donors would be much appreciated to help us reach our \$1,000 goal so that St. Paul’s can be named on the air, as a sponsor. Donors should send a check written to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and delivered to Hitch Havill at 12075 Morehead, Chapel Hill, NC 27517.

St. Paul’s Readers – Even during these times everyone is encouraged to continue to read the book selection each month. Plans are in the works to accommodate discussing all selections when the group resumes meeting.

April: How Starbucks Changed My Life by Michael Gil

May: The Tattooist of Auschwitz: A Novel by Heather Morris

Prayer of the Church (Members): Audrey Pearson, Barbara Hadden, Jan Franzen, Johanna Nikitscher, Tony Perrotte, Sonja and Charlie Bock, JoAnn and Leon Bowman, Judy Schlegel, Janet Ravert, Carol and Jim Sackett, Bill Wilson, Joyce Veazey, Barbara Anderson, Ida Elliott, Debbie Fullbright, Larry Jenkins, Blanche Bragg, Leslie Johnson, Jim Klausman, Kaaren Johanson

Prayer List Changes – If you have names to **add, or delete at any time** - drop a note in the offering plate, email staff, or call the office.

Prayer of the Church (Friends): Kay Matthews [Tony’s mother], Robert Meissner [Tony’s uncle], and Dian and Gina Piazza [friends] (by Tony and Penni Perrotte); Byron Franzen (brother of David Franzen), Laura and Mike Smith (sister and her husband by Carol Sackett), Laura Williams (friend of Amanda Anderson), Bill Lopatta (uncle of Amanda Anderson), Jane L (friend of Robin Winfree), JoAnn Sackett (daughter-in-law of Carol and Jim Sackett), Kate Genaitis, Tim and Sue Williams (friends of the Foremans), Phillip Idom & Warner Ettinger (friends of the Perrotte’s), Pamela Kildahl (sister of Wendy Waugh), Tom and Mary Jakubus (friend of Deb Tabert), Sara Russell (sister of Anna Snyder), Susan Freeman, her husband Don and daughter Emma (by Joan Pepper), Sayge Lindsay (grandson of Alta Lindsay), Tristan and Hailey Hunter (relatives of Deb Tabert), Cary Grant (friend of Greg and Jeanna Hudgins), Lydia Taylor (cousin of Bee Ellertson), Susan Roberts (friend of Kathy Anderson), Donore Lantz (friend of Judy Schlegel), MJ Chevalier (sister of Marcy Brown), Bob and Ellie DeVries, Lenore Carnes (aunt of Pat Casper), Roketta Hudgins (mother of Greg Hudgins), Al Deardorff (cousin-in-law of Marlene Coulter), LeRoy Farmer (cousin of Marlene Coulter), Gary Reed (friend of Robin Winfree)