

EASTER SUNDAY

April 17, 2022

Organ Prelude: Fugue with Carol "This Joyful Eastertide"

Bruce Nasmith

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

Silent Meditation

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We gather for worship this Easter Sunday morning listening for good news!

We hear that the same Jesus who was tortured and crucified days ago is risen from the dead to lead people into new life.

How is this possible? Can those who are traumatized by fear and shame, grief and despair truly come alive again with new faith, hope and love to give them wings?

Can those who are afflicted by violence, war and loss find true peace, justice and comfort again?

Can our disappointments, losses, broken relationships and unresolved conflicts be healed as we grow our resilience and tenderness?

Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Come to us in this time of worship, O God, so that we can hear such words and proclaim them with faith, hope and love.

Let us worship God together!

***Hymn: "Jesus Christ is risen today"**

No. 243

**1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, hallelujah!
our triumphant holy day,
hallelujah!**

**who did once upon the cross hallelujah!
suffer to redeem our loss.
hallelujah!**

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing
Hallelujah!
unto Christ our heavenly King,
Hallelujah!
who endured the cross and grave,
Hallelujah!
sinners to redeem and save.
Hallelujah!

3. But the pains which he endured,
Hallelujah!
our salvation have procured;
Hallelujah!
now above the sky he's King,
Hallelujah!
where the angels ever sing.
Hallelujah!

Prayer of Approach, Confession & 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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;
And also with you.

Special Music: King of all ages, throned on high

Paul Isom

Children's Theme for Church School

***Hymn: "The strife is o'er"**

No. 257

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.
Hallelujah!

2. Death's mightiest powers
have done their worst,
but Christ their legions has dispersed:
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
Hallelujah!

**3. The three sad days
have quickly sped;
Christ rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head!
Hallelujah!**

**4. Lord, from your wounds
God's blessings spring:
free us, we pray, from death's dread sting
that we may live, and ever sing:
Hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

Scripture Readings: John 20: 1-18; Acts 10: 34-43

Reader, Rev. Dr. Pam McCarroll

John 20: 1-18

²⁰Early 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. ²So 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.' ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and 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. ¹³They 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.' ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus 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.' ¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus 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."' ¹⁸ 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. Amen.

Acts 10: 34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: '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.’ Amen.

We are listening, O God;
Speak to us!

Sermon: EXPERIENCING THE RESURRECTION HERE AND NOW Dr. Harris

Special Music: “I know that my Redeemer liveth” from Messiah by G. F. Handel
soloist Anna Bateman

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

***Hymn: “Thine be the glory”** **No. 258**

**1. Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering son:
endless is the victory
thou o’er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes,
where thy body lay.**

**Refrain:
Thine be the glory, risen,
conquering son;
endless is the victory
thou o’er death hast won.**

**2. Lo! Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness,
hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth,
death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)**

**3. No more we doubt thee,
glorious prince of life;
life is naught without thee:
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. (Refrain)**

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Toccata from Symphony no. 5

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