

St. Thomas Reformed Church
St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands
Founded 1660



April 11, 2021

We Welcome One and All

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

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First Sunday after Easter

The liturgical color today is white in celebration!

“ We Gather In God’s Presence...”

Greeting and Ministry Updates

Prelude

Sonata No. 4 in Bb, Opus 65

Felix Mendelssohn

III. Allegretto

Kenneth Dake, organ

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth!

AMEN!

In our uncertainty,

Christ goes before us.

In our doubts,

Christ remains with us.

In our fear,

Christ surrounds us.

In our hope,

Christ is within us.

In this time of worship

We strive to follow Jesus, who leads us into life

Prayer

Hymn

‘The Day of Resurrection’

LANCASHIRE

The day of resurrection
Earth, tell it out abroad
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God
From death to life eternal
From earth unto the sky
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory

Our hearts be pure from evil
That we may see aright
The Christ who reigns eternal
In resurrection light
We listen for the teachings
Once heard so calm and plain
For we, too, want to follow
And raise the victor strain

Now let the heavens be joyful
Let earth its song begin
The whole world keep high triumph
And all that is therein
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend
For Christ again has risen
Our joy that has no end.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, we confess our questions, our struggles, and our doubts. We know that You do not condemn us for this, but we wish our faith was stronger. We wish we had more certainty, or needed less of it. However, You love us unconditionally, and You have encouraged us to ask questions and to seek deeper meanings. Remind us that You continue to be with us in our journey of faith, through our doubts and uncertainty. Forgive us of our sin. Lead us in the Way, the Truth, and the Life. In the name of the risen Christ we pray...

O love of God, so unrestrained
Refresh our souls in Jesus' name
Let us reflect Your sacrifice
That we may know the risen Christ

May God the Father, God the Son
And God the Spirit make us one
In holiness let us unite
That we may know the risen Christ

Words of Assurance and Hope

Children's Message

Hymn

'Because He Lives'

GAITHER

God sent his son, they called him Jesus
He came to love, heal, and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives

Refrain:

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow
Because he lives, all fear is gone
Because I know he holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because he lives

How sweet to hold a newborn baby
And feel the pride and the joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days because he lives

Refrain

And then one day, I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to vict'ry
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns
Refrain

...To Hear God's Word...

Scripture

Acts 4:32-35

Message

"My Redeemer!"

...And Respond with Gratitude...

Offertory

"I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" *(fr. 'The Messiah')*
Handel

Laura Strickling, soprano

I know that my redeemer liveth
And that he shall stand
At the latter day, upon the earth

I know that my redeemer liveth
And though worms destroy this body
Yet in my flesh shall I see God

I know that my redeemer liveth
For now is Christ risen from the dead
The first fruits of them that sleep

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Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Hymn

'Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!'

JUDAS MACCABEUS

**Yours is the glory, Resurrected One
Endless is the vict'ry you o'er death have won
Angels clothed in radiance rolled the stone away
Conquered is the grave in which Your body lay
Yours is the glory, Resurrected One
Endless is the vict'ry you o'er death have won**

**See, it is Jesus; Jesus has appeared
Do not doubt at all, for nothing you will fear
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing
Tell it without ceasing: Death has lost its sting
Yours is the glory, Resurrected One
Endless is the vict'ry you o'er death have won**

**Am I still frightened? One whom I adore
Jesus lives again, gives peace forevermore
Jesus is my vict'ry, life and strength and Head
Jesus is my glory, nothing I shall dread
Yours is the glory, Resurrected One
Endless is the vict'ry you o'er death have won**

Benediction

Postlude

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IV. Allegro maestoso e vivace

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Benediction

Children and Worship series

"Jesus is Risen—Road to Emmaus" <https://youtu.be/CTRX9-zY8dY>

GIVING THANKS:

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers: All of us viewing together
Preaching: Pastor Jeff Neevel
Music: Chanelle Schaffer, Kenneth Dake,
Laura Strickling
Live Stream Team: James Anderson, James Cobb,
Andrea King, Lucy Sutton

Lectionary Scripture Readings for this week:

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

The Ladies Bible Study is continuing to meet this spring on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm using Zoom. If you are interested in participating please contact Edye Ciaccia at 678-772-5412 for meeting info and Zoom sign in information. All ladies are welcome.

The flowers on the altar today are a gift of gratitude by Gail and Bert Prince for all God's blessings in their lives.

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