



Nantucket
United Methodist Church
Sunday April 4, 2021
10:00am
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Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

Prelude

Isaiah Williams

Welcome & Announcements

Zona Butler

***Call to Worship**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you

C: And also with you

L: This is the day of God's victory!

C: We rejoice in the Good News!

***Opening Hymn**

"Christ The Lord is Risen Today" No.302

Invocation (in unison)

Glorious God, we come to this hour as the sun warms the earth, following the coldness of the Good Friday. We come rejoicing in the rising of your Son Jesus, after the shadows of his tomb gave way to the light. You have turned our mourning into rejoicing. Give us a spirit of thankfulness for this day, and this hour. Alleluia! Amen!

The Morning Scriptures

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb? But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said.

“You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’” Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

The word of God for the people of God
Congregation: Thanks be to God

A Hymn

““Crown Him With Many Crowns” No. 327

Sermon “Easter Is A Verb”

Dr. Richard

The Morning Prayers

Prayer Requests

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Call To Offering

(for those present in Wesley Hall there is an offering plate at the door for your use)

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow

Praise him, all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Amen

Dedication of Our Gifts and Offerings

Sacrament of Communion

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another.

We have worshiped other gods for money, power, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest, instead of serving those in need; We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of your ways.

Communion Hymn

“Morning Has Broken” No. 145

(come forward to pick up your sacraments)

Sharing of Sacraments

***Closing Hymn**

“Thine Be The Glory” No.308

The Blessing

“Our Easter Affirmation”

L: Astonished, with the pain of Good Friday lingering in our hearts, we awake to a new day of hopes and miracles. Today is our Easter!

C: We sought closure for the tragedies of the past, but you now beckon us to seek openness to the miracles of present.

L: You have surprised us with grace, and have shown us a different future than the one in which we were convinced.

C: We know that the good news of resurrection, as well as being a cause for joy and celebration, is also a challenge to never resign our spirits to the “inevitable.”

L: For the “inevitable” is what has been buried with the rising of the “imaginable,.” Which is eternal life.

C: The prison of death has been ransacked by the power of life, the dungeon of disillusionment has been replaced by the sanctuary of assurance.

L: And God has done all this, through Jesus, for us.

C: May God resurrect our spirits and faith on this Easter morning, that we may go forth to a world in need of our good news and our good deeds.

L: We are Christ’s Easter people.

C: May our spirits affirm that love reigns supreme,

that justice can prevail, and that mercy can mend all our past hurts and restore us to health and wholeness.

L: Christ is Risen!

C: Hallelujah, Christ is Risen indeed!

***Choral Benediction “Go Now In Peace”**

*Go now in peace, never be afraid, God will go with you
Each hour of every day.*

*Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true,
Know he will guide in all you do.*

*Go now in love, and show you believe
Reach out to others, so all the world can see*

*God will be there, watching from above
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love, Amen*

***And the People Said, “Amen”**

Easter Flowers

- Zona Butler – In Memory Of Mom & Dad, Berny & Myrtis Tanner, James Butler, Annie Shuman, Kounn & Katherine Whitfred, Danny Tanner, Elvis Butler, Mom & Dad
- Marianne Stanton – In Memory Of Norman & Zenna Griffin, Charlotte N. King
- Laura & Ray Brusca – In Memory Of Anne & Frank Brusca, Harry Gaffney, Jane Stine
- Amy & Elizabeth Eldridge – In Memory Of Eldridge & Gibbs Family
- Sybil Nickerson – In Memory Of Ed Nickerson, Kelly Paterson
- James & Joann Richard – In Memory Of Tammy Richard
- Rev. Tom & LeeAnne Richard – In Memory Of our parents & In Honor of our Church Family
- Hartley & Kathie Batchelder – In Memory Of Mom & Dad, Kathie’s Mom

Welcome

This is a glorious day in the life of any Christian church including ours. The Good News has never been so good. Christ has broken the shackles of fear and death, and has stamped on our hearts "Alleluia."

Thank You

There are many hands and hearts connected with making this day, this weekly, really, happen. Thank you to those who have enhanced our worship with beautiful flowers. To those who helped prepare the sanctuary; those who helped get cards and gifts to our young people...to those who made the faithful journey of remembrance this week at special services.

For Your Safety...

We are committed to the following safety guidelines.

*Wear a mask, *Use the hand sanitizer provided as you enter Wesley Hall, *Sign in for worship (include a phone # please) *Use the hymnal with your name on it, or put your name on one.

Changes in Monthly Meetings

The Board of Trustees Mtg has been postponed until Monday April 12 at 5:30 pm via zoom. The Outreach Committee will meet Tuesday April 6th at 5:30pm via zoom. The Administrative Board meeting has been postponed until Thursday April 8th 6pm via zoom.

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From My Heart To Yours...

Dear Friends,

Our Bishop Devadhar send a Holy Week message out to the flock, and reflected on the busy-ness of Holy Week, and especially Saturday. Here is part of that meditation:

There are many Saturday people in the world today:

Children dying for want
of food and affection
brides who bring little or no dowry
mothers who break stones and carry bricks
boat people waiting for the end
of the right-to-asylum debate
prisoners who die in custody
and those killed while trying to escape
hostages who do not see the light of day
and detainees who do not see a courtroom
trials evicted from forests
and fisherfolk separated from the sea
generations within nations and peoples
and tribes doomed to die without hope ...

The prophets who lead the Saturday people often die
with them, outside
the Promised Land.

There is a Cross in every resurrection.
Is there a Resurrection in every cross?

May Christ Easter in our world this day! And may we be
Part of the work to make it so.

Grace and Peace,
Tom

Directory

Accompanist Mollie Glazer/Isaiah Williams

Lay Leader Sylvester Baptiste

Chair, Admin. Board Zona Butler

Chair, Altar Guild and Emeritus Chair, Trustees, Nelson Eldridge

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