



# Easter SUNDAY



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# Welcome and Announcements

**Bell Prelude**     *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

arr. Lee J. Afdahl

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

### \* Opening Words

Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer, FBC Martinsville VA

One:     We enter a virtual gathering space once again  
            this season.

**People:     We worship together in spirit and in  
                  truth, though not in person.**

One:     We pray, sing, and listen to God's Word  
            despite the fear that pervades our community.

**People:     We trust Christ's peace, a peace given  
                  freely, despite our doubts and fears.**

One:     We know the Holy Spirit is among us, blowing  
            with a hopeful wind of change.

**People:     We feel the presence of Christ, the one  
                  who died and rose again, and brings us  
                  eternal life.**

One:     We submit to God's leading in this time of  
            transformation.

**People:     We experience the joy of Easter morning  
                  when we celebrate all God has in store  
                  for us.**

### \* Opening Prayer

### \* Hymn

*Thine is the glory*

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I Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ing Son!  
Endless is the victr'y thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ing Son!  
Endless is the victr'y thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo! Jesus meets us. Risen from the tomb,  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing:  
for our Lord now liveth; death has 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 conqu'rors, through thy deathless love.  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. [Refrain]

## **CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY**

### **Time with Our Children**

### **Congregational Prayer**

#### **Song**

*In Christ Alone*

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live, I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

I will stand  
I will stand, all other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground, all other ground  
Is sinking sand, is sinking sand  
So I'll stand

## **WORSHIP IN GIVING**

### **Prayer for the Gift and the Giver**

(Voices Together 1020)

God of extravagant mercy, with hands outstretched, you have poured out wonder and pleasure and delight, goodness and beauty and bounty. So take our offering, we pray, as our protest against all that is evil and ugly and impoverished, trivial and wretched and tyrannical, in our world and in ourselves -  
- that we, too, may be poured out for the world. Amen.

## **LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

### **Special Music**

*Festival Salutation*

Franklin Ritter

### **Scripture Lesson**

Luke 24:1-12 (NRSV)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They

found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

## Sermon

“Other Side of Darkness”

## GO IN GOD’S NAME

### \* Hymn

*Christ the Lord is risen today* (vv. 1-3)

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- 1 Christ the Lord is ris’n today! Alleluia!  
All creation joins to say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high: Alleluia!  
Sing, O heav’ns, and earth reply: Alleluia!
- 2 Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
- 3 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once, he all doth save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

**\* Benediction**

**\* Postlude**

*Easter Postlude on "Victory"*

Palestrina

*\* Please stand as able and led*



- Pastor ..... David Whitten
- Worship Leader ..... Terrie Glass
- Children’s Time ..... Terrie Glass
- Bell Choir Director..... Sarah Beers  
     Alyce Newman, Ann Andrus, Barbara Beers, Carol Goss,  
     David Whitten, Dustin Dedrick, Kevin Beers, Sandy Faw
- Flautist..... Sarah Beers
- Guitarist..... Dave Whitten
- Organist/Pianist..... Bob Phillips
- Violinist ..... Bill Kinzie
- Dir. of Technology & Media..... Kevin Beers



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