



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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