

Virtual Worship for April 11, 2021

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP **Rev. Nathan Sell**

We gather as people on a journey.

**We believe & we have doubts,
we do good & we sin.
We are imperfect humans,
and still beloved by God.**

Love and grace. Hope and faith.
These are the essence of the one we call God.
We seek forgiveness & grace from
the One and from those we've harmed.
Assured of that grace,
we are ready to grow again.
We yearn for a new way,
a new perspective,
and a clear path.

**Though we are full of trust
and full of doubt, we are here.**

Speak to us, God!
Continue creating us!
Inspire our hearts.

**Enlighten our minds.
Guide our actions. Amen.**

- written by Tim Graves and posted on **LiturgyBits**

PRELUDE – Love's That Way, Bryan McFarland

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Kate Guthrie

Almighty God,
You have raised Jesus from death to life,
and crowned him Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him,
or acknowledged his rule in our lives.
We have gone along with the ways of the world,
and failed to give him glory.
Forgive us, and raise us from sin,
that we may be your faithful people,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world
and is head of the church, his body.

HYMN – Lift High the Cross, Hymn 826

Refrain:
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)

All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. (Refrain)

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)

SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.

SERMON – EQB
Rev. Nathan Sell

ANTHEM – Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er / Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain, Mary McDonald
The Starmount Ensemble

Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er /

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free,
That we may live and sing to Thee:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought His people forth into joy from sadness.
"Alleluia!" with the Son, God the Father praising;
"Alleluia!" yet again to the Spirit raising!

"Alleluia!" now we sing to our King immortal
Who, triumphant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal.
"Alleluia!" with the Son, God the Father praising;
"Alleluia!" yet again to the Spirit raising!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & BENEDICTION
Rev. Dr. Kate Guthrie