

Virtual Worship for Easter, April 4, 2021

EASTER INTROIT - Morning Has Broken (Starmount Ensemble)

Morning has broken
like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning,
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation;
praise every morning,
God's re-creation
of the new day!

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Alleluia, The Lord is risen indeed!

That Christ rose for our sins, and was buried,
and rose again on the third day.

Alleluia, The Lord is risen indeed!

He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve,
and to many faithful witnesses.

Alleluia, The Lord is risen indeed!

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe
and proclaim this good news to the world.

Alleluia, The Lord is risen indeed!

PRELUDE – Concerto Opus 7 No. 3 Allegro, Tomaso Albinoni
Anna Lampidis, oboe

PRAYER OF CONFESSION - Book of Common Worship

Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
You shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak,
and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust in your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

HYMN – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, Hymn 232

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 16: 1-8

The Resurrection of Jesus

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

SERMON – *The Other Side of Sunday*

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ANTHEM – "Hallelujah!", from *Messiah*, G.F. Handel

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Nathan Sell