

CELEBRATING THE SABBATH

Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020 at 10 o'clock



Resurrection doesn't come as we expect. Resurrection comes amid tears in locked rooms, to people face-first with death. In our own loss and grief today, we may believe God is with us, that resurrection is true. But we may not feel it. If you're afraid or grieving, you are not alone. That's how the first Easter was too. Jesus will come to you as you are.

Brother Luke Ditewig

PRELUDE

Lied

Louis Vierne

SHARING OUR WELCOME VIRTUALLY

WE COME TO WORSHIP

One: Sometimes the news we receive is so good we have a hard time believing it.

All: That's true. Too often we are skeptical about positive happenings.

One: We're like Jesus' disciple, Thomas, who doubted the resurrection.

All: Actually we understand how he felt. It is hard to believe.

One: That's just where faith comes in - believing where we have not seen.

All: May God open our hearts and our spirits to receive with confidence the good news of Easter.

HYMN:

In the Bulb There is a Flower

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Join as you are able!

In a bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory;
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One,
On this Eastertide morning, we come to you,
singing alleluias, celebrating new life all around us,
not quite believing it all, but going along with it, just the same.

We celebrate the doubters and questioners among us,
who simply keep our faith real,
who demand that we live our believing
into faith that works towards justice and peace,
and making sure that the hungry are nourished and loved.

We celebrate the saints among us,
whose courageous faith
flies without a safety net,
reminding us that true discipleship is risky and radical
in the face of a world held hostage by greed, love of power and pandemic.

We are your Easter people, Holy One.
Doubters, saints, sinners, questioners, spiritual and religious,
who skip, run, and stumble on the journey.
We pray that whoever we are on this journey,
that you might open our ears and eyes
to your call,
to be your love,
where ever we are.
In the name of Christ we pray,
Amen.

SELECTION

Through it All
Joseph Harrison, soloist

Andre Crouch

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20: 19-31

Beverli Christensen

SERMON

"My Lord and My God!"

Amie Giguere

A TIME FOR PRAYER

Erica Avena

Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RESPONDING WITH OUR GIFTS

Offertory

Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag
(*"The Wonderful Day Has Arrived"*)

Johann Walther

Doxology, Words: Hymnal, No. 47; Tune: Hymnal, No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HYMN:

He Lives!
Join as you are able!

[Click here to see hymn](#)

**I serve a risen Savior; he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever others say.
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
and just the time I need him, he's always near.**

Refrain:

***He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.***

**In all the world a round me I see his loving care,
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;
the day of his appearing will come at last.**

Refrain:

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**Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;
none other is so loving, so good and kind.**

Refrain:

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Jaak Lemmens