

**CELEBRATING THE SABBATH**  
**Easter Sunday**

April 4, 2021 at 10 o'clock



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*You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.*

Mark 16:6

PRELUDE

*The Trumpet Shall Sound*  
The First Church Brass Quintet

G. F. Handel

SHARING OUR WELCOME VIRTUALLY

WE COME TO WORSHIP

Video montage:

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! (messages from the congregation)

Final message: "Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!" (Avena family)

HYMN #222

*Christ is Risen Shout Hosanna*

[Click here to see hymn](#)

Join as you are able!

**Christ is risen! Shout hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.**

**Christ is risen! Hush and wonder; all creation is amazed.**

**In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.**

**Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.**

**Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.**

**Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend;**

**Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.**

**Christ is risen! Earth and heaven never more shall be the same.**

**Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.**

**Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"**

**God the first and last is with us. Sing Hosanna every one!**

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OPENING PRAYER

**Whenever a joyful noise is made for the worship of God, the living God hears.**

**Whenever prayer rises from a trusting heart, the Hearer of prayer is at hand.**

**Whenever preaching faithfully proclaims the Word, the living Word is there.**

**Whenever a sincere offering is made to God, the True Offering of God is immanent.**

**Whenever forgiveness is risked, the risen Christ is made known.**

**"Where two or three are gathered in my name," declared Jesus, "there am I in the midst of them."**

--G Edwin Osborn, adapted

A MOMENT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Lauren Dube

ANTHEM

*Fugue on EASTER HYMN*  
The First Church Choir and Brass Quintet

James Boratko

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[1 Corinthians 15:1-11](#)

Jane Cave

SERMON

*First Steps in Resurrection*

Erica Avena

A TIME OF PRAYER

**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

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
The First Church Brass Quintet

arr. Caleb Hudson

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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 #218

*Thine is the Glory*  
Join as you are able!

[Click here to see hymn](#)

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.  
*Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.***

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for our Lord now liveth; death hast lost its sting. (Refrain)**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love.  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (Refrain)**

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*The Hallelujah Chorus*

G. F. Handel

Members of the First Church Brass Quintet:  
Jeffrey Albright, First Trumpet  
Christopher Baillarger, Second Trumpet  
Daniel Schapiro, French Horn  
Christopher Schrock, Trombone  
David Winer, Tuba