

May 3, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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We're thankful you have chosen to worship the Lord with us this morning.*

Organ Prelude

Paul Mosteller

Variations on ST. KEVIN
by Jon Spong

The Opening Sentences of Worship

Ben Winder

We are not eyewitnesses to an event, as were Mary and the disciples; we have not journeyed through a dangerous city to seek answers or consolation; we have not seen angels gathering at the rim of this day, or wept in the garden this morning because we could not find Him.

But we gather today to attest to a story that has not lost its power during twenty centuries of change and conflict. We gather because those before us carried this story as if it were precious gold; cherished it as if it were the key to a hidden wisdom.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, take your places with us here today, whether they be in your living room, kitchen, back porch, or deck, in celebration and in awe. What you are about to hear again has the capacity to change the world. Our worship of the Lord attests to the rising up of life from the tomb of despair, and to the uncontrollable power of God. It is Sunday morning again: and we will celebrate our Easter-resurrected Lord!
~ written by Ann Siddall, professor at Adelaide College of Divinity in Australia

Hymn of the Resurrection

Low in the Grave He Lay

CHRIST AROSE

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus, my Savior! Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!

REFRAIN: Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph o'er His foes; He arose a victor from the dark domain, and He lives forever with His saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus, my Savior! Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus, my Lord!

RERAIN

Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus, my Savior! He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord!

REFRAIN

Invocation Prayer and Welcome to Online Worshipers

Wayne Splawn

Recognition of Graduating Seniors

Ben Winder

Children's Message

Sharon Howard

Message in Song

Sara and Joel Burks

More Like Jesus

by Brett Younker, Brooke Ligertwood, Kristian Stanfill, and Scott Ligertwood

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You came to the world You created, trading Your crown for a cross. You willingly died, Your innocent life paid the cost. Counting Your status as nothing, the King of all kings came to serve; washing my feet, covering me with Your love.

REFRAIN: If more of You means less of me take everything. Yes, all of You is all I need. Take everything.

You are my life and my treasure, the One that I can't live without. Here, at Your feet, my desires and dreams I lay down. **REFRAIN**

Oh, Lord, change me like only You can. Here, with my heart in Your hands, Father, I pray make me more like Jesus. This world is dying to know who You are. You've shown us the way to Your heart. So Father, I pray make me more like Jesus.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Doug Dortch

Offertory Acknowledgement of a Time for Online Giving

Ben Winder

The Reading of God's Word

Wayne Splawn

Isaiah 53:1-5

Message in Song

Ensemble

Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs

arr. John Carter

Surely, surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. Surely, He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; surely, surely He has borne our griefs.

He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with His stripes we are healed.

Surely, surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. Surely, He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.

Affirmation of Our Faith

Wayne Splawn

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day He rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and now sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whom He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection, and everlasting life. Amen.

Message

Doug Dortch

“Entrusting Ourselves to Him Who Judges Justly”

1 Peter 2:19-25

Closing Words to Online Worshipers

Doug Dortch

Closing Song

Ensemble

May the Road Rise to Meet You

by Lee Turner

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face; may the rain fall softly on your field; and until we meet again, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Paul Mosteller

Sinfonia to Cantata No. 29

by Johann Sebastian Bach
arr. Homer Whitford

The flowers on the altar are in honor of Patricia (Pat) Ferguson and in celebration of her 75th birthday today (Sunday, May 3).

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