



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, April 1st, 2018 Easter Sunday

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Almighty God, with life you defeat death, with light you overcome darkness, with love you conquer evil. May we believe in your Son, risen from the dead, and be filled with your Holy Spirit, so that we might receive these gifts of life, light and love which you offer in abundance, and live in such a way that you are glorified, now and forever. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Easter Celebration

Mark Anderson

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

Easter Call to Worship: Dramatic Reading Matthew 28.1-6

Leader: Christ is Risen.

All: He is Risen indeed.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

All: He is Risen indeed!

*The Introit

"It's Easter! It's Easter!"

Congregation

(Tune: "Immortal, Invisible")

It's Easter! It's Easter! The stone's rolled away!

It's Easter! It's Easter! This is the Lord's day!

New faith for the doubter, new joy for the sad,

Our Saviour walks with us to make our hearts glad.

It's Easter! It's Easter! Christ lives once again.

It's Easter! It's Easter! God's loudest "Amen"!

We sing "Hallelujah"! We sing "Praise the Lord"

Who raised up our Jesus and spoke the last word.

*Call to Worship and Prayer

John Nelson

*Welcome

Leader: Christ is Risen.

All: He is Risen indeed.

*Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

“Christ Arose”

#216

The Children are invited to come to the front, and then will return to their seats for the remainder of the service. Activity bulletins are available.

Gift of Music

FKBC Choir

We Listen to God

Children’s Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Scripture Reader

Owen Winter

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3.1-4

(N.T. pg. 201)

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 118

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Choir: This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

All: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forever and ever. Amen.

Gift of Music

Sanctuary Choir

*Gospel Lesson: John 20.1-18

(N.T. pg. 114)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn of Celebration

“Christ Is Risen”

Kristyn and Keith Getty

How can it be, the One who died, has borne our sin through sacrifice,
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing hallelujah.

For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ’s disciples lift their eyes.
Alive he stands, their friend and King; Christ, Christ he is risen.

(Chorus)

Christ is risen, he is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed;
Christ is risen, he is risen indeed.

Where doubt and darkness once had been,
They saw him and their hearts believed.
But blessed are those who have not seen, yet, sing hallelujah.

Once bound by fear now bold in faith,
They preached the truth and power of grace.
And pouring out their lives they gained, life, life everlasting.

(Chorus)

The power that raised him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save.
He frees our hearts to live his grace; go tell of his goodness.

(Chorus)

Homily

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Celebrate

The Call to the Supper

Joel Russell-MacLean

*Hymn of Approach

“Agnus Dei”

Michael W. Smith

Alleluia! Alleluia! For the Lord God Almighty reigns (repeat).

Alleluia! Holy! Holy are you Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb.

You are Holy. Holy, are you Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb. Amen.

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Minister: It is right and good, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Lord, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth... We praise you, joining the angels of heaven, all our sisters and brothers around the world, and the faithful departed ..., saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is Jesus who came and will come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayers of the People

Joel Russell-MacLean

The Lord's 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to set us free from sin, death and the devil. With love, we offer ourselves to you, fully and completely, as living sacrifices, as we proclaim the good news:

All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Minister: Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we take this bread and wine as genuine symbols of the body and blood of Jesus. Unite us to Jesus and bring us, in the end, with all the faithful, to resurrection and everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

(Once you are prepared, you are invited to make your way to the nearest communion station. Gluten free bread is available at each station.)

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” #217

Our Gifts & Offerings Mark Anderson

Members of the congregation wishing to join the Sanctuary Choir in the singing of Handel’s “The Hallelujah Chorus” are invited to come to the choir loft during the singing of “Thine is the Glory”. Men will come up the east staircase and women up the west staircase. Music will be provided at the choir loft entrance.

*Response Of Praise “Thine Is the Glory” Congregation

**Thine is the glory, risen conqu’ring Son;
Endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

(chorus)

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son;
Endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won.**

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.**

(chorus)

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction “The Hallelujah Chorus”

“A Time For Friends”: Everyone is invited to the lower hall for hot cross buns and other treats and refreshments following the service.

Deacon on Duty:

Anyone desiring prayer is invited to come to the front of the sanctuary on the right hand side. One of our deacons will be there to listen and to pray with you.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt after the worship service - not before or during!

Scattered and hidden around the Sanctuary today you will find Easter Eggs
An egg is a symbol of new life - think chicks and ducklings and other wonders of springtime. The new life that Jesus gives us doesn't turn us into fluffy chicks, it makes us brand new. The Bible says, "the old is gone, the new has come." Baptism is another way that we can think about the new life we have in Jesus.

Scripture readings for April 8th:



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