



First Baptist Church

A Place to Belong

Worship Service for Sunday April 25, 2021
4th Sunday of Easter

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Almighty and everlasting God, you have established the new covenant of reconciliation: may all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body show in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. *From the BCP*

Music for Gathering

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

"Alleluia"

"A Hymn of Joyful Praise"

"Lord of the Dance"

Easter Reflections

(EA '14) Natalie Fuller, Trumpet

(1978) Hymn Sing

(MYM '13)Melissa Morgan, flute

(MYM '11) Fuller Brass

Easter Reflection

Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service

**TBC Chris Senger*

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

*The Introit.

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

(Tune: "Immortal, Invisible" #25)

**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 Savior 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 & Prayer

**TBC Chris Senger*

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Welcome in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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**Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise his name - I'm fixed upon it - name of God's redeeming love.**

**Hither to thy love has blessed me; thou hast brought me to this place;
And I know thy hand will bring me, safely home by thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.**

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

John Nelson

Confession of Sin

Richard Hovey

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Celebration

“Blessed Be Your Name”

by Matt Redman

**Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.**

**Every blessing you pour out, I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name;
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.**

**Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's 'all as it should be', blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name, on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.**

**Every blessing you pour out, I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name;
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.**

Scripture Reader

Enosh Lal

Epistle Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 23

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

All: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures; the Lord leads me beside still waters;

Leader: The Lord restores my soul. The Lord leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

All: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me;

Leader: Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

All: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

Leader: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

*Gloria Patri

#623

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson: Mark 5:21-43

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Twelve Years of Stories

Jennifer Holtslander

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Praise

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

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**’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;
Just to rest upon his promise, just to know, “Thus saith the Lord!”**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust him more!**

**O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
And in simple faith to plunge me ’Neath the healing, cleansing flood!**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust him more!**

**Yes, ’tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus, simply taking, life and rest, and joy and peace.**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust him more!**

**I’m so glad I learned to trust him, Precious Jesus, Saviour, friend;
And I know that he is with me, will be with me to the end.**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust him more!**

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.

Our Gifts & Offerings

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

"My Prayer"

('14) David & Rob Nelson

*Response of Praise

"Thine Be the Glory"

**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.**

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

*Benediction

Jennifer Holtslander

Music For Departing

Finale From the St. Matthew Passion
(J.S. Bach; Arr. L. Smith)

Mark Anderson

"The Music For Departing during April, May and June is played to the glory of God and in honour of John Nelson's three plus decades of faithful music ministry at First Baptist. This week's selection was chosen because it was John's favourite postlude from this past Lenten season."

A Virtual Time for Friends

After the Music for Departure a few smaller breakout groups will be formed. There is no obligation to stay if you need to be going. If you wish to take part, simply remain on Zoom to greet the group and hear how others are doing.