



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday April 4, 2021
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.

Music for Gathering

"Crown Him"

"The Lord is Risen"

"Were You There"

"Burdens are Lifted"

"Because He Lives"

First Baptist Reflections

(EA '07) Fuller Brass

(EA '06) Exaltation

(EA '09) juBELLation & Gordon Kerfoot

(EA '14) Sanctuary Choir

(EA '09) juBELLation/Choir/Christa/Mark

Easter Celebration

Christa Walsh

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

Leader: Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed.

All: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!

Leader: I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing. I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

All: To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever!

Leader: I saw a new heaven and a new earth, He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new! I will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things is passing away."

All: Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed.

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Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

*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 heart's 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.

*Prayer of Invocation

Joel Russell-MacLean

Leader: 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 Celebration

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

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**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once he all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave, Alleluia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

Gift of Music

"Rejoice He is Alive"

(EA '05) Sanctuary Choir

We Listen 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.**

**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.**

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

**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.**

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

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

All: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever!"

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my defence; the Lord has become my salvation. Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

All: The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

Leader: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

All: The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

Leader: Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

All: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous 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 will be forever. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson: Mark 16.1-8

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Celebrate

*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 Call to the Supper

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-MacLean

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

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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.

Words of Institution

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.

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Christ Arose”

**Low in the grave he lay, Jesus, my Saviour,
Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!**

**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 Saviour;
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus, my Lord!**

**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!**

**Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus, my Saviour;
He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord!**

**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!**

Gift of Music

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today - Medley"

(1970) CBC Hymn Sing

*Response of Praise

“Thine Be the Glory”

**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.**

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry tho 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.**

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

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

*Choral Benediction

"The Hallelujah Chorus"

First Baptist Regina

A Virtual Time for Friends

After the music for departing 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.