



First Baptist Church

A Place to Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, May 2nd, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen. *From the BCP*

Seasonal Music for Gathering

"Low in the Grave"

"Come Thou Fount"

"Come Everyone"

"Heavenly Medley"

Memorable Reflections

Fuller Brass (EA '10)

Christa Walsh & Tanya Bergen (MYM '13)

His Kids & Sanctuary Choir ('95)

Joel Raney (MYM '13)

Opportunities for Life and Service

Richard Hovey

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

John Nelson

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

“We Come, O Christ, to You”

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**We come O Christ to You, True Son of God and man,
By Whom all things consist, In Whom all life began:
In You alone we live and move, and have our being in Your love.**

**You are the way to God, Your blood our ransom paid;
In You we face Our Judge and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand, Your love has met Your law's demand.**

**You are the living truth, All wisdom dwells in You,
The source of every skill, The one eternal True!
O great I Am! In You we rest, Sure answer to our every quest.**

**You only are true life, To know You is to live
The more abundant life That earth can never give:
O risen Lord! We live in You, In us each day Your life renew!**

**We worship You, Lord Christ, Our Savior and our King,
To You our youth and strength Adoringly we bring:
So fill our hearts, That all may view Your life in us, and turn to You!**

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

Christa Walsh
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We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Epistle Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 22:25-31 (NIRV)

Leader: Because of what you have done, I will praise you in the whole community of those who worship you. In front of those who respect you, I will keep my promises.

All: Those who are poor will eat and be satisfied. Those who seek the Lord will praise him. May their hearts be filled with new hope!!

Leader: People from one end of the earth to the other will remember and turn to the Lord. The people of all the nations will bow down in front of him.

All: The Lord is King. He rules over the nations.

Leader: All rich people of the earth will feast and worship God. All who go down to the grave will kneel in front of him. Those who cannot keep themselves alive will kneel.

All: Those who are not yet born will serve him. Those who are born later will be told about the Lord. And they will tell people who have not yet been born, "The Lord has done what is right!"

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 7:1-23

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Kayely Rich

We Celebrate

**Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord
And take not Thy holy spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
And renew a right spirit within me**

*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.

Call to the Supper

Kayely Rich

Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

All: 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

Annabel Robinson

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.

The Words of Consecration

Kayely Rich

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!

Our Gifts and Offerings

Minister: Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we take this bread and cup 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.

Communion

We Respond to God

Hymn for Departing

“Shine Jesus Shine”

Graham Kendrick

Lord, the light of your love is shining, In the midst of the darkness, shining.

Jesus, Light of the world shine upon us.

Set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine. Fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit, blaze. Set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow. Flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth your word. Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence, From the shadows into your radiance.

By the blood I may enter your brightness.

Search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me, shine on me.

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*Benediction

Kayely Rich

Music for Departing

Mark Anderson

“Concerto in A Minor:First Movement” (Vivaldi-Bach; Arr. Thompson)

"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 is one of John's favourites."

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.