



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday

**Please stand as you are able whether you are participating at home or in the sanctuary.*

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

Maria Fuller

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

Gift of Music "Hear the News This Easter Morn"
(Joel Raney)

Sanctuary Choir
Handbells

Here are the words for those who wish to follow along:

Listen, listen, hear the news this Easter morn;
Listen, listen, sound the trumpet, sound the horn.
Listen, listen, hear the news and hear it well,
Listen, listen, sound the trumpet, ring the bell!

Choirs are singing; news is spreading all around,
Bells are ringing; listen to the joyful sound!

Christ is risen! Let all creation sing alleluia, alleluia,
Eternal Lord, Redeemer, King!

Listen, listen, hear the news this Easter morn;
Listen, listen, sound the trumpet, sound the horn.
Listen, listen, hear the news and hear it well,
Listen, listen, sound the trumpet, ring the bell!

Listen, listen, Jesus Christ is risen.
Listen, listen, Jesus Christ is risen.
Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Introit

“Agnus Dei”
(Michael W. Smith)

Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.

Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.

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.

* Responsive Call to Worship:

Joel Russell-MacLean

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.

Leader: Welcome in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

#217

The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this song, and remain at the front until the Hymn for Departing. Activity packets will be provided.

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!

Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where's thy victory, boasting 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

“Oh Sacred Head Now Crowned”
(Arr. Maria Fuller)

Sanctuary Choir
String Quartet

Here are the words for those who wish to follow along while listening:

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.

Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,

And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side.

Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified!

No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight!

But downward bends his wondr'ing eye at mysteries so bright.

Ah...but downward bends his wondr'ing eye at mysteries so bright.

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!

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Saviour!

Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Death cannot keep its 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!

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, one with the Father known,

And the blest Spirit, through him given from yonder glorious throne!

All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;

Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity!

Ah...but downward bends his wondr'ing eye at mysteries so bright.

And hail him as thy matchless King.

Thy praise and glory shall not fail through all eternity!

Children's Blessing

Kayely Rich

Confession of Sin

Chris Senger

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

“Christ Arose”

#216

**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 its 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!**

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 61.1-4, 10, 11

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: John 20:1-18

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

**“Christ is Risen”
(Keith & Kristyn 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.
(2x)**

Prayers of the People

Kayely Rich

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 and Offerings

Kayely Rich

Gift of Music

Emma Johnson, soprano

We Depart to Serve God

*Hymn for Departing

“Thine is the Glory”

#227 v1, 2

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 this song. Men will come up the west staircase and women up the east staircase. Music will be provided at the entrance to the choir loft.

**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 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.**

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

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Choral benediction

“Hallelujah Chorus”

Thank you to Emma Johnson and the String Quartet—Jeremy Buzash, Carmelle Pretzlaw, Megan Zak, Joel MacDonald—for helping to leading us in worship today.

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 ducklings and chicks and other wonders of springtime. The new life that Jesus gives us doesn’t turn us into fluffy chicks, it makes us brand new. Baptism is another way that we can think about the new life we have in Jesus. The Bible says, “If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation – the old is gone, the new has come!”

For those of you on Zoom, after the Music for Departing, a few smaller breakout groups will be formed for those who wish to take part. Simply remain on Zoom to be invited to a group.