



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday in Easter
April 19, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 233

The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

Stanzas 1 and 2

Hymn can be found on pg. 4 of bulletin

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of birth, God of joy, God of life, we come to you as a weary people hungry for good news. We find ourselves paying so much attention to the virus and the uncertainty of today's world, that we have missed our world's rebirth for the spring season. We have become so preoccupied with how to best please ourselves and our loved ones, that we have overlooked the joy you offer us in the world around us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have forgotten that we live for you, God, and not for ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your many gifts. In our world today, help us to find safe ways to share your love and your gifts with all humanity. Hear our prayer, merciful God.

(Time for silent prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA

The Day of Resurrection (Stanza 3)

LANCASHIRE

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
The round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 7:6-11

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 14:7-12

SERMON

Alive

Rev. Nathan Sautter

THE RESPONSE

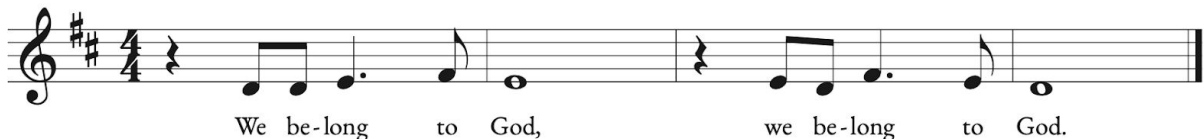
SONG OF RESPONSE

When We Are Living

SOMOS DEL SENOR

Kenneth Oeth and Christina Recktenwald, soloists

Congregation invited to sing the bolded words



When we are living we are in Christ Jesus; and when we're dying we are in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying, **we belong to God, we belong to God.**

'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love's embrace;
Whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, **we belong to God, we belong to God.**

And in this wide world we will always find those who are weeping, sick in heart and mind.
They need our help, they need our care, **we belong to God, we belong to God.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA No. 1

Stanzas 1, 3, and 4

Hymn can be found on page 5 of the bulletin

*BENEDICTION

IN WORSHIP TODAY

OUR MUSIC

Christina Bouras Recktenwald and Kenneth Oeth, members of the Octet
Meme Tunnell, guest pianist

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WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Garry Harris on the death of his mother, Sarah Elizabeth Harris, 4/15/20.
Martha Nichols on the death of her brother, John Richard Clay, 4/8/10.
Charlie Farnsley on the death of his grandmother, Sissy Nash, 3/10/20.
Joyce Reibling on the death of her sister, Marilyn Beverly Pierce, 3/6/20.
Barbara Taylor on the death of her sister, Teresa Herlston, 3/6/20.
Steve Jester on the death of his mother, Carolyn Jester, 3/3/20.

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor
Rev. Nathan Sautter, Associate Pastor for Community Life
Jordan Akin, Associate Pastor for Youth
Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Music Ministries
Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's Ministries
Hayley Abell, Director of Weekday School
Paula Roberts, Organist
Christina Bouras Recktenwald, Children's Choirs Coordinator
Ricky Case, Children's Choirs Coordinator
Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate
Teresa Larson, Seminary Intern

233 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Refrain E C#m F#m B

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al - le -

al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B E

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.

- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
- 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
- 4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

E C#m F#m B

to Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.

Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 Now we shall live for - ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.