



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday in Easter

April 26, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

Stanzas 1, 2, and 3

Hymn can be found on pg. 4 of bulletin

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Read responsively)*

“God of mercy, forgive us.”

(Time for silent prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA

Alleluia!

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE WORD

LESSON FOR CHILDREN

Lorie Williamson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Teresa Larson

EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 1:15-20

GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:22-39

SERMON

“How God Is”

Rev. Steve Jester

THE RESPONSE

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Christus Paradox

Arr. Alfred V. Fedak

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peace-maker and sword-bringer
of the way you took and gave.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain,
Stripped of might upon the cross,
Shining in eternal glory, beggar'd by a soldier's toss,
You, the everlasting instant;
You who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us,
sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow,
have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our pilgrim guide.
Worthy is our earthly Jesus!

Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry.
Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our death and life ...
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!
You, who are our death and our life.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal... 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 485

We Know that Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

Stanzas 1 and 2

Hymn can be found on pg. 5 of the bulletin

*BENEDICTION

IN WORSHIP TODAY

OUR MUSIC

Christina Bouras Recktenwald and Jim Rittenhouse, soloists
Meme Tunnell, guest pianist

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WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Missy Hitt and her family on the death of Missy's sister, Susan Hayes, 4/22/20.
Sarah Middleton and her family on the death of her husband, Ken Middleton, 4/21/20.
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

Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing, The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

We Know That Christ Is Raised 485

Capo 3: (D) (Asus) (A) (A/G) (D/F#)
 F Csus C C/B^b F/A

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

(D) (A) (D) (E7) (A)
 F C F G7 C

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life
 The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the church of God.
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

(Am) (D) (G) (Em) (Bm)
 Cm F B^b Gm Dm

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse, re - stored and whole, will sing:

1-3 4
 (Em) (D) (Asus) (A) (Em) (D)
 Gm F Csus C Gm F

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Beginning with an allusion to Romans 6:9, this exuberant baptismal hymn unfolds the implications of our incorporation into Christ's new life, making us "a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The text was written to fit this expansive tune by a distinguished British composer.

TEXT: John Brownlow Geyer, 1967, alt.
 MUSIC: Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904
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ENGBERG
 10.10.10.4
 (this tune in a higher key, 641)