

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

APRIL 1, 2018 6:30 AM

PRELUDE

Little Prelude in E Major, BWV 938

Dorothy Fine
J. S. Bach

OPENING SENTENCES

Stuart Spencer

Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the good news—the grave is empty; Jesus is alive forevermore.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the good news—once we were no people; now we are God's people.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christ is our peace, the indescribable peace we now share with one another.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 232

EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

PRAYERS OF PRAISE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Amanda Hanrahan

O Christ, you took upon yourself our humanity, and you were raised for us: we worship your glorious and powerful name.

Glory to you, oh Lord.

Allow us to live by your life and to walk as children of light in the joy of Easter.

Hear us, Lord of glory.

Increase our faith and the faith of your church; may we faithfully and fearlessly bear witness to your empty tomb.

Strengthen us, Lord of glory.

Comfort all who are burdened and engrave on their hearts your words of eternal life.

Come near us, Lord of glory.

Strengthen those who are weak in faith or those we love who have no faith, and reveal yourself to doubting hearts.

Help us see you, Lord of glory.

Give strength to the sick, support the elderly, and reassure the dying by your saving presence.

Heal us, Lord of glory.

And now, as children of God, let us pray with boldness the prayer taught us by our Lord.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28: 1 – 10

MEDITATION “Let Fear End and Faith Begin” Stuart Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER Bailey Heckman

MOMENT FOR MISSION Melissa Mantz

OFFERTORY Dorothy Fine
Prelude in E Major, WTC Bk I J. S. Bach

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Heidi Biermann

O Lord Jesus, in your resurrection the heavens and earth rejoice, and so do we.
Alleluia! By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell, and you destroyed
sin and death.

Keep us victorious over sin.

By your resurrection you raised the dead, and you brought us from death to life.

Guide us in the way of eternal life.

By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners and all who
doubted you, and you filled the disciples with joy.

Give us joy in your service.

By your resurrection you proclaimed Good News to the women and the apostles,
and you brought salvation to the whole world.

Direct our lives as your new creation. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN NO. 245 LLANFAIR
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Heidi Biermann

This is the Good News that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we
are saved:

**Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised on the third day.
He appeared first to the women, then to Peter, then to the twelve, and
then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the
anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from
the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of
God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Holy Spirit. Christ is
the head of the body, the church, and by the cross reconciles all things
to God. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit. Amen.**

*BENEDICTION Stuart Spencer

POSTLUDE Dorothy Fine
Allegro, from Concerto in F Major, Antonio Vivaldi Arr. by J. S. Bach

**Those who are able, please stand.*

PROCESS TO THE CEMETERY

We welcome everyone in the name of our risen, victorious Savior, Jesus Christ!

This morning's order of worship is based on an ancient form that has been used by God's people for centuries. This simple service features prayer, praise, and a joyful proclamation of what Jesus has won for us by His death, burial, and resurrection. At the conclusion of the worship service, you are invited to take a flower and walk to the cemetery and place it on the grave of a loved one or a friend. Then join us back in the Choir Room for a delicious breakfast!

Join us each Sunday as we worship God together!

8:30 Traditional Worship Service: During this worship service we gather in the Sanctuary to read Scripture, sing hymns, pray together, and hear the preaching of the Word. Our worship music is facilitated by our vocal and bell choirs and ensembles.

9:45 Christian Education: We have Christian Education opportunities available for all ages. Our Adult Forum meets in the Conference Room, and we have classrooms dedicated to our Sunday School for children and youth.

11:00 Contemporary Worship Service: During this worship service we gather in Fellowship Hall to read Scripture, pray together, and hear the preaching of the Word. Congregational singing and special music are led in contemporary style by a small group of musicians with instruments that may include guitar, keyboard, and percussion.

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