

Easter Sunday Worship: April 12, 2020¹

Hymn:

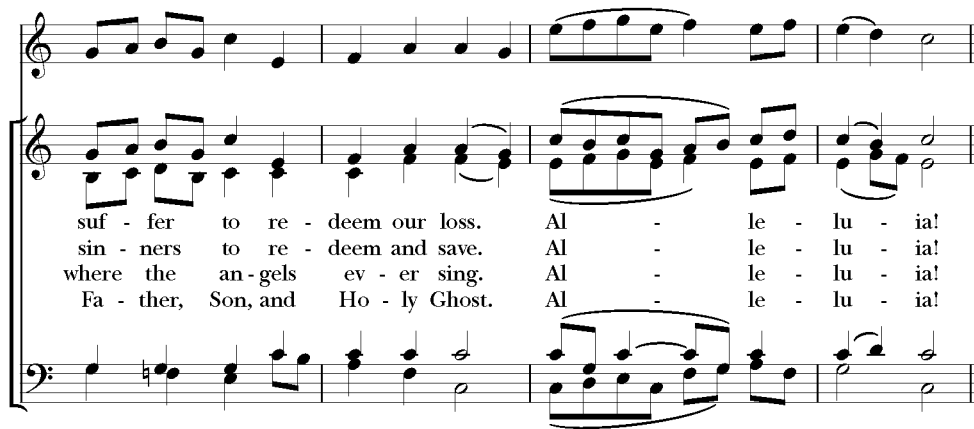
Descant

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

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Officiant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Opening responses:

Acts 10:34:37-43; Ps 118; 1 Cor 5:6-8; Jn 20:1-9

Officiant: Give thanks that God is good
All: LET US CELEBRATE THE FEAST

Officiant: Give thanks that Jesus is risen
All: LET US CELEBRATE THE FEAST

Officiant: Give thanks that we are alive
All: LET US CELEBRATE THE FEAST

Officiant: Glory to God
All: JESUS IS RISEN. ALLELUIA!

Officiant: Glory to God
All: WHAT MORE CAN WE SAY?!

Officiant: Glory to God
All: YOUR LIFE IS OUR STORY

Officiant: Glory to God
All: YOUR LOVE IS OUR WAY

Ruth Burgess

Officiant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy

Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**All: Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayer (Looking in the wrong places)

Lord Jesus, we are always looking for you in the wrong places; among the good and respectable people, when we should know you are to be found with the poor and disreputable and outcast. Lord Jesus, we are always looking for you in the wrong places, at a safe distance, but you come so close to us, nearer to us than breathing.

We look for you in churchy things, but we are more likely to find you among the pots and pans, or around the kitchen table ...

We look for you in buildings, but you walked crowded streets, and shorelines and mountains ... Even now, even after Easter, still we insist on trying to find you among the tombstones; among long-dead dogmas, in old, decaying fears and hurts, in the guilts and resentments we inhabit like a coffin. But the angel said: Why do you look for him among the dead? He is not here!

Lord Jesus, help us to lay down the graveclothes, roll away the stone and come out into life, here and now.

We will find you, among the living, ahead of us, going to the Galilee we seek. You have wrestled death to the ground, and now there is nowhere we can go, no darkness we can enter, which is not God-encompassed.

Ruth Burgess and Kathy Galloway

St Francis' canticle of the sun (abridged):

All: Most high, all powerful, all good Lord! All praise is yours, all glory, all honour, and all blessing. To you, alone, Most High, do they belong. No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce your name.

Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures, especially through my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day; and you give light through him. And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendour! Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars; in the heavens you have made them, precious and beautiful.

Be praised, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air, and clouds and storms, and all the weather, through which you give your creatures sustenance.

Be praised, My Lord, through Sister Water; she is very useful, and humble, and precious, and pure.

Be praised, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom you brighten the night. He is beautiful and cheerful, and powerful and strong ...

All: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Confitemini Domino

**1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.**

**2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."**

**14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.**

**15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:**

**16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"**

**17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.**

- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Scripture Reading: Mark 16:1–8 (NRSV):

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.’ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn:

Antiphon (at the beginning)

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

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1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

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

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Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman*

The Nicene Creed

**All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer:

Jesus Christ, Lord of the morning, rising with the sun of the new day. In the garden still damp with early-morning dew we find an empty tomb – you are not here! You stand beside us risen and glorified. You have destroyed death. You have broken the chains of oppression. You have gone before us into the darkest places and have made them holy. Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and for ever, yours is the victory. In this place, as earth begins to wake, we welcome you, Jesus Christ our guest. Be with us this day and for evermore Amen

It was early in the morning, in a place of death, that the disciples first learnt that Jesus had risen; and that their friend and teacher was so much more than they could possibly have imagined.

Today, we remember that first Easter morning: when desolation turned to hope, grief turned to wonder and life triumphed over death. Let us hear the words of St Francis, as he tells us of a world that praises God as it rises to a new day and of light in the darkness.

Hymn (next page):

Descant

3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

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

let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

our Christ hath 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 is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

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Blessing

The Officiant offers a blessing.

Officiant: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**