

Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018
10:30 AM

*We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest.
As you enter the sanctuary, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer.
Please turn off your cell phone and turn your thoughts toward God.*

We prepare for worship

Take a moment and meditate on this as you prepare for worship...

Upon this I anchor my confidence. For I know that my Lord Christ has overcome death, sin, hell and the devil for my good. For he was innocent, as Peter says: "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." (1 Pet. 2:22). Therefore sin and death were not able to slay him, hell could not hold him, and he has become their Lord, and has granted this to all who accept and believe it. All this is effected not by my works or merits; but by pure grace, goodness and mercy.

Martin Luther

Prelude

The Baltimore Brass
Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

Choral Introit

Fanfare for Easter

Pfautsch

Christ the Lord breaks the bonds of death, lives again and will forever reign! He is here in all his risen glory. Let all men lift their voices. To the Lord we will sing the blessed song of the angels; Gloria in excelsis Deo!

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

I am He that lives, and was dead, says the Lord; and behold, I am alive forevermore.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 277

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Lyra Davidica

"Christ the Lords is ris'n today," Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has lead, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!

Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Confession of Sin (unison)

O Almighty God, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, we acknowledge that we are unworthy of your redeeming grace. We have not believed your promises, nor trusted in our living Lord. Through the worldliness of our spirit, our eyes have been blinded so that we have not discerned your presence with us. Through disappointment of mind and dejection of spirit, our hearts have not burned within us as we have heard His Word. We have not trusted in His redeeming power, and have been overcome by evil. We have forgotten the glad tidings of His victory over death, and have not known the things that belong to our peace. But now in penitence we come to you, begging your forgiveness. Mercifully grant us cleansing from all our sins, and restore unto us the joy of your salvation. For Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate and our living Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Ephesians 2:4-7 (ESV)

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,
even when we were dead in our trespasses,
 made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—
and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us
 in Christ Jesus.

*Confession of Faith (unison)

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 45

What does the resurrection of Christ profit us? **First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, that He might make us partakers of that righteousness which He had purchased for us by his death;¹ secondly, we are also by His power raised up to a new life;² and lastly, the resurrection of Christ is a sure pledge of our blessed resurrection.³**

¹ 1 Cor. 15:16 ² Rom. 6:4; Col. 3:1 ³ 1 Cor. 15; Rom. 8:11

*Hymn No. 266

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

St. Kevin

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;
 God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness;
 Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;
 Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison,
 And from three days' sleep in death, as a sun hath risen;
 All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
 From his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
 With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;
 Comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
 Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,
 Nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal:
 But today amidst thine own thou didst stand, bestowing
 Thine own peace, which evermore, passeth human knowing.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

**The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 731)* and Prayer of Dedication

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

Now Christ Is Risen

J. S. Bach

Now Christ is risen from the dead; Now banished is all sadness. From stain of sin our souls He led through sorrow unto gladness. By death His life has set us free, that in His love we'll ever be; Therefore we come with gladness.

Musical Interlude

After the Offertory, children grades 1-4 may recess for Children's Church through the side door, or may remain with their families.

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:1-15

(Pew Bible, pg. 706)

The Resurrection

28 Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

The Report of the Guard

¹¹ While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. ¹² And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers ¹³ and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' ¹⁴ And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." ¹⁵ So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

Sermon

"The Kingdom's Alleluia!"

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

*Hymn No. 274

Thine Be the Glory

Maccabaeus

Thine be 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 graveclothes, where thy body lay.

***Thine be 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 the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
 for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
 Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
 Make us more than conqu'rors, tho' thy deathless love;
 Bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above.

*Benediction and Three-Fold *Amen* (*Hymnal*, pg. 740)
 Postlude

Danish

 *Those who are able, please stand.

We welcome the Baltimore Brass to our service this morning!

If you would like to give a special gift for our music ministry you can do so by using a pink pew envelope and marking it "Tiemann Music Fund."

The Same-Sex Attraction Conference registration must be done on-line by April 21st. The registration at 8 AM the day of the conference is to check in and receive your materials and name tag, not to sign up and pay. Sorry for any confusion the promotional material has caused.

This Week at Aisquith

TODAY	10:30 AM	Worship Children's Church (grades 1-4) No Youth Group tonight!
TUESDAY	10:30 AM	Ladies' Bible Study (church library)
	10:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (1st floor classroom)
	7:00 PM	Ladies' Bible Study (church library)
	7:30 PM	Session Meeting
THURSDAY	7:30 PM	Choir practice
FRIDAY	7:00-11:00 PM	Youth Group Lazer Tag and game Night (meet at the church)
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship and the Lord's Supper Children's Church (grades 1-4)

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