

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

APRIL 24, 2011

6:30 A.M.

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE AT DELAWARE PLACE

PRELUDE Canzona per sonare No. 4

Giovanni Gabrieli
arr. Robert King

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As the dawn breaks, all of creation
proclaims newness of life.

All: **The stone has been rolled away. Christ is risen!**

Leader: The women found the tomb empty.

All: **Death could not contain Christ. He is risen!**

Leader: With awe and rejoicing, we proclaim the good news:

All: **Christ is alive! Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia!**

HYMN “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as God’s love, Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

We stand in awe of you, God of Mystery,
for you make goodness stronger than evil
and life stronger than death.
We confess that we doubt your ultimate victory.
Forgive us for being afraid of that
which we cannot understand or control.
We too often reject the way of Jesus Christ
because self-giving love appears to be
so impractical and dangerous.
O God, make us followers of the way of the cross,
trusting in your resurrection power.
Shine the light of your good news through us
that others may know your eternal and abiding love.
Hear now our silent prayers of confession . . .

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven
and restored to new life.**

Leader: As people reconciled to God and our neighbors,
let us greet one another with a sign
of the peace of Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 28:1–20

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON With Us Always

by Victoria G. Curtiss

HYMN

“Because You Live, O Christ”

Tune: VRUECHTEN

Because you live, O Christ,
the garden of the world has come to flower;
the darkness of the tomb is flooded
with your resurrection power.

Refrain:

The stone has rolled away
and death cannot imprison!
O sing this Easter Day,
for Jesus Christ has risen,
has risen, has risen, has risen!

Because you live, O Christ,
the spirit bird of hope is freed for flying;
our cages of despair no longer keep us
closed and life-denying. ***(Refrain)***

Because you live, O Christ,
the rainbow of your peace
will span creation; the colors of your love
will draw all humankind to adoration. ***(Refrain)***

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYER

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .
. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory;
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

**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 COMMUNION

CLOSING RESPONSES

Leader: The strife is o'er, the battle done;

People: **the victory of life is won.**

Leader: Now let the heavens be joyful;
let earth the song begin.

People: **Let the whole world keep triumph,
and all that is therein.**

Leader: Let all things seen and unseen,
their notes of gladness blend;

People: **may our lives shine Christ's hope
and love that have no end.**

HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

“Christ the Lord is risen today!” Alleluia!

All creation, join to say; Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!

Jesus died, our souls to save; Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!

Praise to you by both be given; Alleluia!

Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!

Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Rigaudon

André Campra
arr. R. King

Participating in the Service

Victoria G. Curtiss, Associate Pastor

Louise Gram, Liturgist

Members of Tower Brass

Following this service, all are invited to the Randolph Room at Fourth Presbyterian Church (Delaware and Michigan) for a continental breakfast. Please enter through the Garth courtyard.

A special word of welcome to all who are worshiping with us this morning! For more information about Fourth Presbyterian Church, please contact Linda C. Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (lloving@fourthchurch.org).

— We hope you will worship with us again —

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Communion

9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.*

4:00 p.m. Jazz Service with Communion

**On Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday the third service is at 11:30 a.m.*

Fourth Friday of the Month

7:30 p.m. Prayer service in the style of Taizé

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth is available prior to Taizé, between 5:00 and 7:30 p.m.

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