
EASTER SUNDAY ♦ APRIL 4, 2021



“The Promise” by Lisle Gwynn Garrity | Inspired by Mark 16:1–8
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THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO



Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- The Holy Christ Has Arisen Johann Sebastian Bach
 Voluntary in D Major John Stanley
 Vivace—Adagio—Andante Largo
 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight James Biery
 Sound the Trumpets Henry Purcell
 Easter Bells Michael Ryan

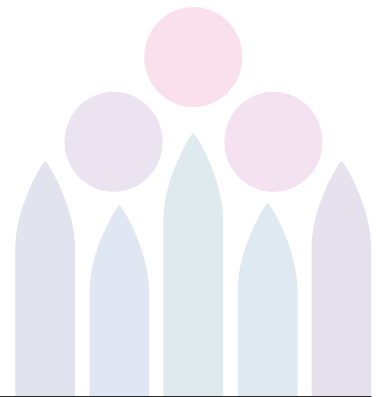
- Introit ♯ “Christ Is Arisen” Richard Benedum
Christ is arisen from the dead, alleluia!

*Doxology (*sung*)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below;
 praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.† Amen.**

Welcome and Call to Worship

Prayer of Praise



†Or “praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”

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!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he’s King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. 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*)

Beloved Community, before God and before each other, we confess:

We have seen the sun rise and withheld our praise.

We have seen our neighbors suffer and withheld our aid.

We have seen love extended and chosen to walk away.

We have seen divisions deepen and managed to remain unfazed.

Hear us. See us. Forgive us.

Thank you for your grace that knows no bounds. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Solo # “Come Sunday” Duke Ellington

Come Sunday, that's the day. Lord, dear Lord above, God almighty, God of love, please look down and see my people through. I believe that God put sun and moon up in the sky. I don't mind the gray skies, 'cause they're just clouds passing by. Come Sunday, that's the day. Lord, dear Lord above, God almighty, God of love, please look down and see my people through. I believe God is now, was then, and always will be. With God's blessing we can make it through eternity. Come Sunday, that's the day. Lord, dear Lord above, God almighty, God of love, please look down and see my people through.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now declare, “God's mercy endures forever.”

The Lord is my strength and my song and has become my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!

The right hand of the Lord is exalted!

The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!”

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord indeed punished me sorely but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter.”

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Gloria Patri (*unison*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:[†]
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Mark 16:1–8

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

Hymn “Thine Is the Glory”

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory 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 the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. *Refrain*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

[†]Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
 he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
 the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We will lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise . . .

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

Communion Solo :: “Morning Has Broken” Gaelic melody

*Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God’s feet pass.
Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning, God’s recreation of the new day!*

Psalm 23 (unison)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
 thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
 and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem :: “The Strife Is O’er” Henry G. Ley

*The strife is o’er, the battle done; now is the Victor’s triumph won:
O let the song of praise be sung, hallelujah!
Death’s mightiest powers have done their worst, and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst, hallelujah!
On the third morn he rose again, glorious in majesty to reign,
O let us swell the joyful strain, hallelujah!
Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death’s dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee hallelujah! Amen.*

Bearing the Word into the World

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!

Charge and Benediction

Closing Response :: “Hallelujah” from *Messiah* George Frideric Handel

Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth, hallelujah! The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever.

King of kings forever and ever, hallelujah, and Lord of lords forever and ever, hallelujah!

Postlude :: Toccata from *Symphony V* Charles-Marie Widor

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This special offering supports the work of **Fourth Church Meals Ministry; Chicago Lights Tutoring** and **Elam Davies Social Service Center**; and the work of **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs**. To make a One Great Hour of Sharing gift, use the designation “OGHS” when giving at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online or write it on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

A time of online **Easter fellowship** will take place today following the postlude! All are invited to join us for this **virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom** at www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship (Zoom details are also posted at www.fourthchurch.org). You can take part in Coffee Hour **by phone** as well: dial 312.626.6799 and enter meeting ID number 963 5583 1751#.

If you are looking for a resource for personal meditation and prayer, **we invite you to join the more than 4,000 people who use the daily devotions** written by Fourth Church members and staff. These reflections are available by email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) as well as online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), and Twitter (www.twitter.com/fourthchicago). * **Men’s Bible Study** meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. and **Horizons Bible Study for women** meets on Wednesday, April 14 at 12:00 p.m. For Zoom details for these Bible studies, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org). * **TwentiesThirties Bible Study** for young adults meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. For Zoom details, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).

The **First Tuesday Book Club** meets via Zoom this Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss **Just Faith: Reclaiming Progressive Christianity** with its author, Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons; for Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/firsttuesdaybooks * **Books by Women** will meet via Zoom next Tuesday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss **Olive Again** by Elizabeth Strout. Email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org) for Zoom details. * A four-week series “**Generosity as a Spiritual Practice,**” begins Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. For details, including the Zoom link, register at www.bit.ly/generosity0421 * “**Why Do Presbyterians Do Interfaith?**” will be the topic of a Zoom conversation led by Nanette Sawyer on Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/interfaith041321

Sunday School and family activities meet online. For details about these children and family opportunities, email Briana Belding-Peck (bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org). * For details about **youth groups and Confirmation**, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). * Adults sixty and over are invited to take part in the **Center for Life and Learning**; for details, email Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org) or see www.fourthchurch.org/cll

If you are interested in learning about **becoming a member of Fourth Church**, we invite you to join us online for a one-session Inquirers’ Class on Sunday, April 11 at 9:00 a.m. To register for this class, sign up online at www.bit.ly/inquirer0421 to receive Zoom details.

Congregational leaders are working to develop the guidelines that will inform our future reopening of the Fourth Church campus. Alongside that process, we would find it helpful to know **what criteria will you use to inform your participation choices in the months ahead.** Thus we would appreciate your **taking a brief survey online at www.bit.ly/onlineonsite21**

For the foreseeable future we are gathering online for **livestream-only worship.** In addition to livestreaming our 11:00 a.m. service at **www.bit.ly/FPCworship** (*where the service is available throughout the week*), the service is available via **Facebook Live** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **YouTube** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. * Those without Internet access are invited to **listen to the service live via phone by calling 888.916.9166** (*toll-free*) at the time of the service (*the prelude begins around 10:45 a.m.*). * During the week we make the service and sermon available via **podcast on iTunes and Spotify** (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast); you can also receive our sermons **by email** (www.bit.ly/fpcsermons).

Cornerstones, a fellowship group of those fifty and over, meets via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. this Friday, April 9. The program will feature **Andrea Denney**, Executive Director of Operational Ministries, **talking about “Our House: Managing and Caring for Fourth Church’s Physical Spaces.”** For the Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/cornerstones0421 * Our **LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome** group will meet for an online happy hour Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. For the Zoom details, contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** at 9:30 a.m. Email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) for details. * **If you would like to talk to a pastor**, please call the church (312.787.4570). * **If you have a prayer request**, Dave Handley (dhandley@fourthchurch.org) is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries. * **To explore options for teletherapy**, call our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. * If you would like to have a **one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister or arrange for ongoing talks**, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

We are looking for church members to serve as **adult volunteer leaders with youth ministry** (for grades 6–12). Those interested in learning more are invited to sign up at www.bit.ly/youthleaderinfo2021 * **Fourth Church Meals Ministry** is also looking for volunteers. **To sign up to help**, please use VOMO, our Volunteer Ministry sign-up platform, at **www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers** * The **Benevolent Guild**, which has been making face masks, meets on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. For details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) and follow us on **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (instagram.com/fourthchurch) for resources and ways to connect. Online events are posted on the church calendar at **www.fourthchurch.org/calendar**

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“The Promise”

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Inspired by Mark 16:1–8 | Acrylic and gold leaf on canvas

Just after sunrise, they come to the tomb. They come to do what far too many cannot do in the wake of COVID’s rage—to touch and anoint the body of their loved one, to provide a proper burial, to honor the life lost with a memorial. However, the women at the empty tomb are left with what many who are grieving today are experiencing—dread and terror. Mark’s Gospel originally ends this way (we believe verses 9–19 were added later). Not with Mary running to tell the disciples, not with exuberance and joy, but with fear and silence. The women are numb.

How could it be this way? Who stole the body? Did we come to the wrong tomb? Jesus is going where? Galilee? How?

The young robed man’s words probably feel like a mirage induced by their grief or lack of sleep—or both.

In this painting, I imagine what the women see in the moment before they turn to flee from the tomb. Instead of the dry, cracked desert, I imagine instead that they see the story of creation happening again before them. As the horizon breaks open, I imagine light and wind sweeping over a deep sea, giving shape to what was once a formless void. I imagine the heavens blooming like an iris, giving birth to glimmers of radiance. I imagine darkness that still lingers—for in these shadows, there is sacredness too. I imagine the winding path they followed to get to the tomb, previously lit only by starlight, now illuminated with promise.

They may be overridden with fear and trembling, but their story does not end here. There is a way forward. In this liminal space, once again, God proclaims that their fear—this new, uncertain way—is still held within the promise of resurrection. For this, I believe, is the promise of this life: that the story of creation happens again and again

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