

Sunday April 19, 2020

2nd Sunday of Easter

WELCOME

VU = Voices United Hymn Book

THE GATHERING

Prelude: Happiness is the Lord

I.S. Stanphill

Call to Worship:

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

This day God calls us

to be people of the resurrection!

Let us take our place in the procession

of all who have celebrated Christ's resurrection
through the centuries.

Amen! Alleluia!

Let us live out the power of Christ raised from the dead.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Let us worship God!

Amen!

Opening Hymn: VU 177, This Joyful Eastertide ⁽¹⁾

This joyful Eastertide,

away with sin and sorrow!

My love, the crucified,

has sprung to life this morrow. R

**Had Christ, who once was slain,
ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain:
but now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.**

My flesh in hope shall rest,

and for a season slumber,

till trump from east to west

shall wake the dead in number. R

Death's flood has lost its chill,

since Jesus crossed the river:

lover of souls, from ill

my passing soul deliver.

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Prayer of Approach:

Servant Christ,

help us to follow you out of the dark tomb,

to share daily your resurrection life,

to be renewed daily in your image of love,

to be used daily as your new Body

in your service to the world.

Servant Christ, help us to follow you.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reading: Michael Morrison

N.T. page 118, Acts 1: 1 - 14

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

¹*In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and
taught from the beginning*

²*until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving
instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had
chosen.*

³*After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many
convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking
about the kingdom of God.*

⁴*While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem,
but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is
what you have heard from me;*

⁵*for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy
Spirit not many days from now."*

The Ascension of Jesus

⁶*So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the
time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?"*

⁷*He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the
Father has set by his own authority.*

⁸*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and
Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

⁹*When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up,
and a cloud took him out of their sight.*

¹⁰*While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven,
suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.*

¹¹*They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward
heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven,
will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."*

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Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.

¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of God

Thanks be to God

Scripture Reading: Michael Morrison

N.T. page 40, Mark 6: 7 - 13

⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts;

⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.

¹⁰ He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.

¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them."

¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.

¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

This is the Gospel of Christ

Thanks be to God

Ministry of Music: Solfeggietto

C. Ph.E. Bach

Reflection: Rev. Cordelia Karpenko

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Time of Offering

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer: Spoken

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SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn: VU 173, Thine Is the Glory (2)

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 the body lay. R

**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. R

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought 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. R

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude: Allegro Marziale

A. Justin

(1) Words: George R. Woodward, Music: J. Oudaen's David's Psalmen

(2) Words: Edmond Louis Budry, Music: Harmonia Sacra, arr. from George Frideric Handel

