

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

APRIL 21, 2019

EASTER

Our silence and reverence will enable others to prepare their hearts and minds for worship. Please take a few moments to sit quietly before God as you come into the sanctuary.

Worship bags are available for all children. The bags, containing activity pages and necessary supplies, hang along the back wall of the sanctuary. We encourage all children to use one each week!

Meditation

No one is ever ready to encounter Easter until he or she has spent time in the dark place where hope cannot be seen. Easter is the last thing we are expecting. And that is why it terrifies us. This day is not about springtime and girls in cute new dresses. It's about more hope than we can handle.

— Craig Barnes

Welcome Russ Dean

Chiming of the Hour

Music for Preparation
Prelude for Easter Morning Gerald Near (b. 1942)

*Processional Hymn and Litany (*responsively*) Erin Rumble
Christ the Lord is Risen Today EASTER HYMN

(Musical Introduction)

(spoken) Christ is risen. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed!

(sung) **Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!**

Mortal tongues and angels say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye 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!

(spoken) Christ is risen. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed!

Christ is risen—

In the rebirth of springtime flowers.

Christ is risen—

In Easter celebrations – joyous worship, family gatherings.

Christ is risen—

When hope surprises us, when tragedy comes and we can say

“Hallelujah Anyway!”

(sung) **Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!**

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

(spoken) Christ is risen. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed!

*Invocation

Lord's Prayer (*sung*) Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

Our Father, which 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.

Call to Confession Joey Haynes

Discipline of Silence

Prayer of Confession

God of all Easter celebrations, how we love this day, because we love to cheer for the underdog; we love the come-from-behind victory – we love to win! In the midst of our days of celebration, let us not forget the hard work that must accompany any real victory, the loss that leads to gain, the sacrifice that is a necessary part of service. Christ is risen, indeed – “for it is in dying that we are born to eternal life!” Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak CANONBURY

**O use me, God, use even me just as you will, and when, and where,
until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.**

Children's Time Amy Jacks Dean

Misunderstanding: Identifying the Problem Russ Dean

Misunderstood Victory

Scripture Lesson John 20.1-18 Amy Jacks Dean

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the

body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Leader: You have heard the ancient STORY.

People: **Let us listen now for the word of the Lord.** †

Understanding: Seeking an Answer Amy Jacks Dean
Practice Dying . . . Live in Resurrection

Prayer of Intercession Dan McClintock

Mission Offering

Our April Offering will go to the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America ~ *Bautistas por la Paz* which is the largest network of Baptist peacemakers in the world, bringing peacemakers together in regional and international gatherings to work toward the common goal of a more just and peaceful world.

Our own LeDayne McLeese Polaski is the Executive Director, but will be transitioning out of that role next month.

Thank you, LeDayne! *Well done, good and faithful servant.*

Please designate **all checks and envelopes** as either “Annual Ministry Plan” (AMP) or “mission.” In keeping with our initiative to “create a culture of generosity,” **all loose cash** in the offering will be given to our mission for this month. If you write a check or put cash in an envelope, however, **please designate this gift.**

Text-to-Give: 704.800.3901 and follow the prompts.

Offertory Anthem

Light's Glittering Morn Bedecks the Sky Horatio Parker (1863-1919)

Hagan Ledda, baritone

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky; heav'n thunders forth its victor cry;
The glad earth shouts her triumph high, and groaning hell makes wild reply,
While He, the King, the mighty King despoiling death of all its sting,
And trampling down the pow'r's of might,
brings for His ransomed saints to light.

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky; heav'n thunders forth its victor cry.

That Eastertide with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light,
When to their longing eyes restor'd th'apostles saw their risen Lord:
He bade them see His hands, His side, where yet the glorious wounds abide;
Those tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was risen again.

O Jesu, King of gentleness, do Thou Thyself our hearts possess;
That we may give Thee all our days, the tribute of our grateful praise.

O Lord of all with us abide, in this our joyful Eastertide;
From ev'ry weapon death can wield, Thine own redeemed for ever shield.
The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won,
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!
All praise be thine, O risen Lord, from death to endless life restored;
All praise to God, our Lord be, and Holy Ghost eternally.
Alleluia!

*Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise God all creatures here below.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication Dan McClintock

*Call to Discipleship

We offer all who worship this day an opportunity to commit to the challenge of Jesus: *"Come, follow me."* This commitment may be made as a profession of faith, or as a commitment through membership in this church to join us in seeking to follow in the Way of Jesus. You are invited to come forward to be welcomed as we sing.

*Hymn of Commitment

The Day of Resurrection LANCASHIRE

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Christ who reigns eternal in resurrection light;
We listen for the teachings once heard so calm and plain,
For we, too, want to follow and raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,
The whole world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ again has risen, our joy that has no end.**

Meditation of Commitment

...For it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
— Prayer of St. Francis

Benediction Russ and Amy Jacks Dean

Choral Response

Hallelujah (from Messiah) George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

†The challenge an ancient text presents to modern readers is to allow the truth that originally animated the text to become a "living Word" for us. Only as we interact with a given text in a continual "now" ("now" in the anthem, "now" in the sermon, "now" in the fellowship that follows worship, "now" in the work and service, the joys and sorrows of busy lives) can that Word truly become *"living and active"* (Hebrews 4.12).

Deacon of the Week: Erin Rumble

Erin has been at Park Road for about 15 years and has been involved in almost every leadership role that has come along! Building Committee, Deacon Chair, Cuba Team Leader, you name it, she's done it. We are grateful for Erin's involvement in the life of our church—and for her beautiful soprano voice! Erin is married to Brett and is employed at CPCC.

Easter Egg Hunt

Today—Immediately following worship
Children are invited to the courtyard and the playground areas
to hunt for Easter Eggs.

Happy Easter to All!

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Please turn off all cell phones during worship.

Our newsletter, *Good Tidings*, and copies of past sermons
are available in the sanctuary narthex.

A podcast of sermons is available at www.parkroadbaptist.org.

CDs of past worship services are available through the church office.

We encourage you to take the bulletin with you
but you may leave it on the back pew to be recycled.

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