



Easter Service

ANAHEIM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 4, 2021

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Christ Arose

Robert Lowry

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

You are encouraged to join us in lighting a candle in your home as the service begins.

CHORAL INTROIT

'Twas on that Easter Sunday Mornin'

arr. Jester Hairston

CALL TO WORSHIP

This day is like every other day.

Alarm clocks beeped. Covers were removed. Coffee was brewed. Weary bodies came to life.

And yet this day, is like no other day—

For the sun rose, and we knew it was a miracle.

The tomb was empty, and they knew it was love.

So again and again we say—

The longest night is over. Death has lost its sting. Jesus is among us. Alleluia! Amen.

Again and again and again—Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

HYMN NO.123 (vs. 1, 2, & 4) *Jesus Christ is Risen Indeed!*

Jesus Christ is ris'n 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 heav'nly 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!

OPENING PRAYER

Astonishing God, the shadows and gloom of Good Friday have been dispersed by the light and color of Easter Sunday. We rejoice in your power that transforms our sorrow into joy, our despair into hope, our defeat into victory and evil into goodness.

Help us on this Easter morning, O God, to burst out of the tombs that have trapped us.

Just as the sun rises each day, raise new life up in each of us again and again and again through the grace of Jesus Christ, the Risen One! Amen.

ANTHEM

Hallelujah from The Mount of Olives

Ludwig von Beethoven

SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-18

SERMON

“Again & Again, The Sun Rises”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Lord’s Prayer

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.**

Communion of the People

(Pastor Kim will invite you to eat whatever bread and juice/wine you have prepared)

HYMN NO.122 (v. 1 & 2)

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 has 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 has lost its sting. (refrain)

BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Thine Is the Glory

G.F. Handel, arr. G. Young

Today's Worship Leaders

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music

Carol Hughes, Accompanist

AFPC Intern Choir Abbott Hatch & Rick Connor, Video and Sound

Today's prayers are by Sarah Are of Sanctified Art