



Easter Sunday

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ANAHEIM



Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

April 9, 2023 @ 10:30 am

PRELUDE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

arr. Harold DeCou

CHORAL INTROIT

Easter Song of Triumph

Allan Petker

CALL TO WORSHIP

What are you looking for?

The light before dawn.

What are you looking for?

A reason to hope.

What are you looking for?

Joy after grief and flowers after winter.

What are you looking for?

A place to belong.

What are you looking for?

We are looking for a risen Savior.

Good news! Come in. Love is alive!

Surely God is in this place.

*HYMN NO 123 (v. 1, 2, & 4)

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

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 ADORATION (unison)

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.

Help us to recognize you and hear your voice calling us by name. Let new life break forth in each of us, through the grace of Jesus Christ, the Risen One! Amen.

ANTHEM

Were You There?

Robert Olson

PASSING THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE

John 21: 1-18

SERMON*Who Are You Looking For?***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in resurrection—mysterious, beyond our understanding,
and yet, like tulips after the snow: real.**

**We believe in Easter morning—in the promise of a God
who would roll back every stone to return to us.**

We believe in Jesus—who calls us by name and asks, “Who are you looking for?”

So we look—for justice, for mercy, for God in our midst.

And as we look, we sing, “Alleluia!” Amen.

OFFERTORY MOMENT**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER**

(Traditional, Hymnal p. 16)

**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.**

HYMN NO 108 (v. 1,2,3, & 5)Christ is Alive!*

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Christ is alive! Let Christians sing, the cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring, Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,

But saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,

But daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the God-head reigns.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,

Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

BENEDICTION**CHORAL BENEDICTION***The Hallelujah Chorus*

G. F. Handel

(Anyone who wishes if invited to sing along with the choir)

POSTLUDE*Christ Arose*

Robert Lowry

Today’s Worship Leaders:

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music, Carol Hughes, Accompanist

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound

Liturgy by Sarah Speed, sanctifiedart.org



Announcements