

HYMN

“Christ Is Alive!”

Tune: TRURO

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.

Christ is alive, and come to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Rigaudon

*André Campra
arr. R. King*

Participating in the Service

Victoria G. Curtiss, Associate Pastor
Barbara Maloof, Worship Leader
Stephanette Walker, Worship Leader
Members of Tower Brass

***Following this service, all are invited to the Page Smith Room
for a continental breakfast. Enter at 126 E. Chestnut Street.***

**A special word of welcome to all who are worshiping with us
this morning! For more information about Fourth Presbyterian
Church, please contact Linda C. Loving, Minister for Evangelism,
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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

APRIL 12, 2009

6:30 A.M.

PRELUDE

Canzona No. 4

*Giovanni Gabrieli
arr. Robert King*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As the dawn breaks, all of creation proclaims
newness of life.

All: **The stone has rolled away. Christ is risen!**

Leader: Three women at dawn brought spices to honor him.

All: **But they found the tomb empty. Christ is risen!**

Leader: With awe and rejoicing we proclaim the Good News:

All: **Christ is alive! Christ is risen from the dead!
Alleluia!**

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!

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)*

We tremble, Awesome God,
before your mighty power to make goodness
stronger than evil and life stronger than death.
Forgive us for doing things our own way,
putting ourselves first,
and sometimes trying to be God.
We too often reject the way of Jesus Christ,
whom you made faith's cornerstone,
because self-giving love appears to be
so impractical and dangerous.
O God, make us followers of the way of the cross,
trusting in your ultimate victory.
Free us from old ways of living that
are neither faithful nor fulfilling.
Shine the light of your Good News through us
that others may know your eternal love.
Hear now our silent prayers of confession . . .

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 16:1–8

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON JUST AS HE TOLD YOU by Victoria G. Curtiss

*“Don’t be alarmed. I know you are looking
for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.
He is not here—he has been raised! . . .
Now go and give this message to his disciples,
including Peter: ‘He is going to Galilee ahead of you;
there you will see him, just as he told you.’”
(Mark 16:6–7)*

HYMN

“Because You Live, O Christ”

Tune: VRUECHTEN

Because you live, O Christ,
the garden of the world has come to flower;
the darkness of the tomb
is flooded with your resurrection power.

(refrain)

**The stone has rolled away and death cannot imprison!
O sing this Easter Day, for Jesus Christ has risen,
has risen, has risen, has risen!**

Because you live, O Christ,
the spirit bird of hope is freed for flying;
our cages of despair
no longer keep us closed and life-denying. *(refrain)*

Because you live, O Christ,
the rainbow of your peace will span creation,
the colors of your love
will draw all humankind to adoration. *(refrain)*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

CLOSING RESPONSES

Leader: The strife is o’er, the battle done;

People: **the victory of life is won.**

Leader: Now let the heavens be joyful;
let earth the song begin.

People: **Let the whole world keep triumph,
and all that is therein.**

Leader: Let all things seen and unseen,
their notes of gladness blend;

People: **may our lives shine Christ’s hope and
love that have no end.**