

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

MARCH 31, 2013

6:30 A.M.

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE AT DELAWARE PLACE

PRELUDE Canzona per sonare no. 4

Giovanni Gabrieli
arr. Robert King

EASTER AFFIRMATION

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

All: **Alleluia!**

Leader: Light shines in the darkness,

All: **and the darkness can never put it out.**

Leader: The women found the tomb empty.

All: **Death could not contain Christ. He is risen!**

Leader: In awe and joy, 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*)

**Almighty God,
we stand in awe of you.
You make goodness stronger than evil,
and life stronger than death.
We confess that we doubt your ultimate victory.
Forgive us,
for we too often reject the good news and the hard path.
Make us followers of the way of the cross,
trusting in your resurrection power.
Hear now our silent prayers of confession . . .**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and restored to new life.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As people reconciled to God and to our neighbors,
let us greet one another with a sign of the peace of Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 25:6–9

John 20:1–18

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Coming Out Singing

JOYCE SHIN

“Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended
to the Father.” John 20:17a (NRSV)

HYMN “Christ Is Alive!”

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 Godhead reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives where even hope has died.

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYER

Leader: It is indeed right and our greatest joy . . .
. . . we worship and adore you, praising you forevermore:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory;
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

**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.**

THE COMMUNION

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 the whole earth sing.

People: **Let people everywhere hear earth's gladness ring!**

HYMN “The Day of Resurrection!”

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
and, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own “All hail!” and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth the song begin,
let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Rigaudon

André Campra

Participating in the Service

Joyce Shin, Associate Pastor

Daniel Holladay, Liturgist

Members of Tower Brass

Following this service, all are invited to the Randolph Room at Fourth Presbyterian Church (Delaware and Michigan) for a continental breakfast. Please enter at 126 E. Chestnut.

A special word of welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning! For more information about Fourth Presbyterian Church, please contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).

— *We hope you will worship with us again* —

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Communion

9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.*

4:00 p.m. Jazz Service with Communion

**On Easter Sunday the third service is at 11:30 a.m.*

Fourth Friday of the Month

7:30 p.m. Prayer service in the style of Taizé

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth is available prior to Taizé, between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

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