



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 4, 2021
10:00 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Carol Harston

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY, ALLELUIA!

The Easter Gospel

John 20:1-10

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo-rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heav - en join to say, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O Death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Dy - ing once He all doth save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth, re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ hath o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of Praise

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Christ is risen from the dead!
We see the stone removed and an empty tomb.
**We worship with holy confusion and unabashed astonishment
over the resurrection of the crucified Christ!**
We praise you, O God, and give you thanks,
dedicating our lives to the good news
that joy persists through unknown wilderness and the darkness of the tomb.
**No grave nor locked door, fearful crowd nor violent powers
can contain Christ's peace or erase God's love.**
We are your curious, confused, and courageous witnesses,
forever surprised by what we are able to survive
as you generously bestow forgiveness and redemption for all.
Love's redeeming work is done! Alleluia! Amen!

The Baptism of Maxwell Tate Baker

Perry Dixon

Call to the Water
Statement of Faith
Baptism in the name of the Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

WHERE, O DEATH, IS NOW THY STING?

The Witness of the Church

Renee Purtlebaugh

Acts 10:34-43

Prayer of Confession

Carol Harston

We join the disciples at the empty tomb
with more questions than answers, more confusion than clarity.
Unbelievable scenes invite us into a life of astonishment and daily surprises.
Forgive us our unbelief and our instinct to run.
Come again to meet us, even when we've locked the doors.
In the chaos of the unexpected, help us to see with Easter clarity
the way you raise the dead, unleash peace and amazement,
and reveal a more extraordinary story at work among the fearful.
Teach us to love the beautiful surprises and gentle miracles of everyday life.
This Easter, help us to abandon the predictable life and forgo our expected paths.
**We commit to being surprised this Easter again by your tender embrace
when you meet bewildered disciples at an empty tomb.**
We pray in the name of the crucified and risen one, Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

Words of Assurance

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,
Where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds
on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.
For we have died, and our life is hidden with Christ in God.
**When Christ who is our life is revealed, then we also will be
revealed with him in glory. ~ Colossians 3:1-4**

The Exchange of Peace

Hymn

HERON STREET
K. Lee Scott

Christ Rising Again

Refrain

Christ ris - ing a - gain dies no__ more, death has no strength, no pow - er o - ver
him; for in that he lives, _____ he__ lives to God.

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is in 2/2 time and contains the melody for the first line of the refrain. The second staff is in 3/2 time and contains the melody for the second line of the refrain. The lyrics are written below the notes.

CHRIST HAS OPENED PARADISE

The Gospel Lesson

John 20:11-18

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

Practice Resurrection

SING, YE HEAVENS, AND EARTH REPLY

Hymn (204)

PUER NOBIS

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1. That Eas - ter day with joy was bright,
2. His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed;
3. O Je - sus, strong in gen - tle - ness,
4. Come, ris - en Christ, with us a - bide

the sun shone out with fair - er light,
His wound - ed hands and feet He showed;
come now Your - self, our hearts pos - sess,
in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide;

when, to their long - ing eyes re - stored,
those scars their sol - emn wit - ness gave
that we may give You all our days shield
Your own re - deemed for - ev - er

the glad a - pos - tles saw their Lord.
that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
from ev - ery weap - on death can wield.

Offertory Prayer

Renee Purtlebaugh

News for the Community

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One, Alleluia! Amen.

Benediction

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Postlude

Charles Callahan

Celebration Fanfare
Brass Ensemble

Today in Worship

We appreciate the musical leadership from the Sanctuary Choir Ensemble in today's worship: Linda Campbell, Cameron Carnes, Nicholas Claussen, Mary Miller Dwyer, Lisa Holm, Ben Horman, and Hannelore Mehler. We give thanks to the Brass Ensemble, under the leadership of Bruce Maples, for their gifts of music: Neil Barton and Matt Porter, Trumpet; Larry Davis and Larry Hoover, Trombone; and Adam Price, Tuba.

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