

The Strife is O'er

Refrain: Alleluia alleluia alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions has dispersed:
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped,
Christ rises glorious from the dead:
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Christ, by your wounds on Calvary
from death's dread sting your servants free,
That we may live eternally. Alleluia!

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*If anyone is in Christ,
that person is part of the
new creation: everything
old has passed away;
see: everything has
become new!*

2 Corinthians 5:17

Suzanne Whelan

**Easter Sunday
April 17, 2022**

WE GATHER

Prelude

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

Price

Welcome

He is Risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

We Cross the Threshold

Good Enough

What in our lives do we dream about for tomorrow, void of sorrow?
Time spent regretting decisions of our yesterdays, mistakes we made?
Sometimes we get what we get,
life disappoints us and yet,
God is still here and somehow, this faith is good enough.

CALLING ON GOD

Opening Prayer

Larainne Wilson

Let us pray together:

Holy One, You whose love endures forever, you keep offering us new life and hope, no matter what. We praise you, for you are our strength and our salvation. We shall not die, but live, for you call us into the light-encouraging us to reach for the sun, unfurl our full colors, and know that we are held in the deep and rich soil of your garden-this is more than good enough for us! Amen.

*stand as you are able

Worship Notes:

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In the Bulb There is a Flower

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's dawn for every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.



Our ushers this morning are Bill Seelig, Lauren Patriquin-Muise, Raden Sorli-Hawk, George Hayden, and Stephen Riley.

We thank Laurel and Peter Caputo for arranging our amazing display of Easter flowers this morning.

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia!
Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, glad heavens and earth reply: Alleluia!

Let the Victor's people sing, Alleluia!
Where O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, Christ lives to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory oh grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Christ rise, Alleluia!
God has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Opening Hymn

**Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

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Psalter Reading

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Raden Sorli-Hawk

Mini Message

Resurrection Hope for the Young and Young at Heart

Laraine Wilson

Honest Questions, Compassionate Response

Honest Question

Rev. Nancy

Silent Reflection

Compassionate Response

Rev. Nancy

Hear this compassionate word from the prophet Isaiah: "I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight." Know that already, God is offering us freedom from the fear of isolation and anguish at endings, inviting us to community and creativity for birthing new life—unexpected life, unending love.

And know, that despite our sometimes faltering steps,
in the name of Jesus Christ, you are being forgiven, even now.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen

WE PROCLAIM

The Word in Music

What Is Your Passion/Upon This Rock

Choplin

The Gospel

John 20:1-18

Raden Sorli-Hawk

Response

L: A Word of God that is still speaking,

P: Thanks be to God.

The Easter Message

"Tending"

Rev. Nancy Rottman

Sermon Hymn

In the Bulb There is a Flower

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WE PRAY

The Easter Prayer

The 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.

THE EASTER OFFERING

Call to the Offering

Offertory

We Will Remember

Walker/Arr. Jay Rouse

*Hymn of Praise (unison)

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Living God, whom we adore

Prayer of Dedication

CLOSING HYMN

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BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

"A Blessing for You Who Are Being Planted"

Bowler/Richie

Benediction

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, The Lord Is King

Mansfield



Easter Flowers Decorating Our Sanctuary

Given By:

Barbara and Jeff Langill
Chuck and Debbie Cotting
Nancy Lauzon
Linda Ladd
The Decker Family
Paul and Karen Harrington
Lauren Patriquin-Muise & Gary Muise
Marilyn M. McCarthy

Jack and Donna Marino

Annabel Aldrich
Fred and Paulette Boling
Marjorie Potter
The Martin Family

Lynne Lowry
The Potter/ Furey Family

Dick Carter

In Loving Memory Of:

Our Parents
Loved Ones
Loved Ones
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Jean and Bert Decker
Lincoln and Phyllis Harrington
Loved Ones
Jean and Harvey Card and William
McCarthy
Our Wonderful Friends
Bob and Myrna Shorey
Harold Aldrich and My Parents
Our Parents
Edward B Potter
Frank and Jean Spencer; Joe, John and
Kathleen Martin; Caroline Pinette
Ken Lowry
Carolyn and Woodrow Furey;
and Edward Potter
Carol Carter

Given By:

Dorsey and Dr. Lynn Holappa

Laural and Peter Caputo
The DiFillippo Family
Dacre & Suzanne Hancock

David and Diane Bjorkman
The Doe/Russell Family

Bill and Janet Everson

George and Perry Hayden
Rev Nancy and Mike Rottman
Marcia and Jeff Stevens
Rev. Nancy Strickland
Karen and Jerry Terwilliger

Paul and Karen Harrington

The Decker Family

In Loving Memory Of:

Family and Friends who are with God
now
Rose Giuta
Loved Ones
Billie Lawrence, Marjorie Hancock,
and Doris Savely
Mothers, Fathers, and Brother
Wilber and Emily Doe and Harry
and Ruth Russell
Cliff and Margaret Markham and
Leighton and Eleanor Everson
Loved Ones
Our Loved Ones
Our Parents
Rev. Mark F. Strickland
Philip R Bjorkman, Beloved Brother
and Elouise T Bjorkman, Beloved
Mother

Given in Honor of:

Celebrate in honor of Lynn Caesar
and Beatrice Blanchard
Barbara and John Wishart