



COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY CHURCH

April 20, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

Prelude

Noah Davis

Choir Introit

Call to Worship-Responsive:

Liturgist

Liturgist: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Liturgist: Let Israel say,

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Liturgist: Let the house of Aaron say,

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Liturgist: Let all who fear the Lord say,

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let us worship the risen God!

Opening Prayer:

Praise be to you, O God of resurrection,
for you have defeated the powers of sin and death.

In resurrecting Christ Jesus,
you displayed your holy power
and transformed all of creation.

In your steadfast love,
you have redeemed us once and for all.

Where we once saw pain, scarcity, and despair,
we now see wholeness, abundance, and hope.

Holy Spirit, inspire us to live as your new creation,
working to make things on earth
as they are in heaven. **Amen.**

* **Opening Hymn** *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today" #232 GTG*

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* **Call to Confession**

Liturgist

Death is overcome.

Evil is thwarted.

Let us confess the sin we carry
that we may receive new life in Christ.



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* Prayer of Confession

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**On this bright and joyful day,
we bring our whole selves to you, great God,
honestly naming the truth about our lives.
We are sinking under piles of shame,
judgment, and self-pity,
feeling closer to hell than heaven.
Christ, rend our veil of tears.
Restore us. Renew us. Revive us.
In the name of the risen Christ we pray.**

* Time of Silence for Personal Prayers of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist

Hear the good news! The Lord is alive!
The risen Lord destroys death, conquers sin,
and wipes away all shame.
We are drenched in radiating mystery:
God is with us.
Receive the wonderful news:
You are made alive in Christ.
In Jesus Christ you are restored.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Responding to Grace:

"Gloria Patri" #581 GTG

Congregation

Time With Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

Gracious God, Living Word,
as you revealed yourself to Mary
that Easter morning,
so reveal yourself to us.
By the power of your Spirit,
give each of us faith,
that hearing your Word
we, too, may proclaim,
"I have seen the Lord!" **Amen.**



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First Scripture Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

'His steadfast love endures forever.'

The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

'The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;
the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.'

I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Scripture Reading: John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So, she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards



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the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Anthem

Choir

Gospel Reading:

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.



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Sermon

"He Lives"

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

Music Meditation:

Noah Davis

Affirmation of Faith:

Life in Christ is life eternal.

**The resurrection of Jesus is the sign
that God will consummate the work
of creation and reconciliation beyond death
and bring to fulfillment
the new life begun in Christ.**

"Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26"

* Sermon Hymn

"This is My Father's World" #370 GTG

Congregation

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Words of Blessing for the Bread and the Cup

The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Eternal God, take and use these gifts
for your purpose in the world—
giving food to the hungry,
hope to the despairing,
and new life to the dead.
Teach us to live each day for you,
so that future generations
will know your goodness
and praise your glory;
in the name of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* Doxology

Congregation

* Closing Hymn

"In Christ There is No East or West" #317 GTG

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* Charge, Benediction

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

* Congregational Postlude

"Glorify Thy Name"

Noah Davis



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Father, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth; glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.



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JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heav - en - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heav - en - ly host,

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It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740
 Spanish trans. Juan Bautista Cabrera, alt.; Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea
 MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. from *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749
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EASTER HYMN
 7.7.7.7 with alleluia



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SERVICE MUSIC

Glory Be to the Father 581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

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TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)



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A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

This Is My Father's World 370

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

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When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as "going out to see my Father's world." The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.

TEXT: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901
MUSIC: Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915; harm. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1926, alt.

TERRA BEATA
SMD



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THE CHURCH

317 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 race may be. All chil - dren of the
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

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This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

TEXT: John Oxenham, 1908, alt.
 MUSIC: African American spiritual; *Jubilee Songs*, 1884; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940

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 (alternate tune: ST. PETER, 318)