

† DOXOLOGY, HYMN NO. 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SENDING FORTH

† HYMN NO. 308

“Thine Be the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS, arr. John Ferguson

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE

“Hallelujah Chorus” (from **Messiah**)

George Frederic Handel

The text is taken from Revelation 19. 6; 11. 15; 19. 16.

Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth! The kingdom of the world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever. King of Kings and Lord of Lords; Hallelujah!

† SILENT PRAYER

† CHIMING THE TRINITY

† VOLUNTARY “Toccata” (from **Symphony V for Organ**)

Charles Marie Widor

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**Our service of worship has ended.
Our worship through service now begins.**

As we leave this Sanctuary, let us greet one another in Christ’s name.

† Congregation may stand



Our nave is equipped with a hearing loop system. Switch hearing aid to T-coil to receive sound through your hearing aid. Personal receivers are also available for others desiring enhanced listening. Please ask an usher.

The **Easter Affirmation** was written by Kennon Callahan.

Sometimes called “singing icons”, bells have been used for centuries to illuminate worship in the Christian Church by calling people to worship, by expressing joy in worship, and by announcing important moments in worship. This morning, our procession includes a **tintinnabulator (a banner of bells)** that calls us into worship on festival Sundays.

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Crucifers	Jordan Arey, Michael Braxton, Stephen Rabey, David Gordon
Acolytes	Tyler Braxton, Mahari Conston, Lauren Rush, Olivia Tobin
Preacher	Ken Carter
Liturgists	Bill Jeffries, Tara Bain, Teresa Dunn
Instrumentalists	Brass Charlotte: Richard Harris, trumpet; Rusty Smith, trumpet; Bob Blalock, horn; Martin Hughes, trombone; John Driver, trombone; Peyton Becton, timpani
Sound System	Ralph Haberstock, Doug Matre
Sanctuary Stewards	Judy & Paul Williams
Ushers	8:30 Group Chairmen: Paul Bumgarner, Terry Wallace; Terry Britt, Emma Cleek, John Cleek, Vernon Patterson, Al Rose, Glenn Shepherd 11:00 Group Chairmen: Dennis Guthrie, Warren Leonard; Bob Branan, Andy Culler, Jack Featherston, John Fletcher, Bill Gower, Diane Gower, Dennis Guthrie, Joe Jones, Danny Kirkland, Bill McCabe, David Parr, Fred Smith, Steve Wilhoit



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Charlotte, North Carolina*

The Worship of God

April 04, 2010

8:30 and 11:00 AM

EASTER

PRAISE

VOLUNTARY

“Christus Factus Est”

“Today, God’s Only Son Arose”

“Praise Him with Trumpets, Drums and Cymbals”

“Toccata” on *O Filii et Filiae*

Anton Bruckner
Johann Sebastian Bach
Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Lynnwood Farnam

† THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

† GOSPEL LESSON FOR EASTER

Luke 24. 1-12

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This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord is Risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

† HYMN NO. 302

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN, arr. Gerald Near

PRAYERS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

“Lord, Regard Our Prayers”

K. Lee Scott

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us now confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, you call us toward the light,
and yet at times we have preferred darkness.**

**You lead us into freedom,
and yet at times we have chosen to be enslaved.**

**Roll away the stone that keeps us from the life that you intend,
turn our mourning into dancing,
and raise us, with all your people, to newness of life.**

In the name of the Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray.

SILENT PRAYER AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

COMMON PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

**God of us all, your love never ends.
When all else fails, you still are God.**

**We pray to you for one another, in our need,
and for all, anywhere, who seek you on this day.**

**To those who doubt, give light; to those who are weak, strength;
to those who have sinned, mercy; to those who sorrow, your peace.**

Gather us into the arms of your mercy, and raise us into a new life.

Help us so to love and serve you in this world

that we may enter into your joy in the world to come.

We ask in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who taught us to pray...

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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 WORD

ANTHEM

“Hallelujah” (from **Christ on the Mount of Olives**)

Ludwig Van Beethoven

Hallelujah unto God’s almighty Son. Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy. Man, proclaim his grace and glory. Hallelujah!

PSALTER

Psalms 118. 1-2, 14-24

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EPISTLE LESSON

I Corinthians 15. 19-26

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“Christ Has Risen”

W ZLOBIE LEZY

SERMON

“Dying to Live”

“A Samaritan, while traveling came near to him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion” (Luke 10. 33)

“We had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive, was lost and has been found” (Luke 15. 32)

“Why do you look for the living among the dead?” (Luke 24. 5)

RESPONSE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“An Easter Affirmation”

Hope is stronger than memory.

Salvation is stronger than sin.

Forgiveness is stronger than bitterness.

Reconciliation is stronger than hatred.

Resurrection is stronger than crucifixion.

Light is stronger than darkness.

The empty tomb is stronger than the bloodied cross.

The risen Lord is stronger than the dead Jesus.

Easter is stronger than Good Friday.

We are the Easter people. We are the people of hope.

We are the people of the empty tomb, the risen Lord, the new life in Christ.

† GLORIA PATRI, HYMN NO. 71

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“The Glory of Christ”

K. Lee Scott

You, living Christ, our eyes behold, amid your Church appearing, all girt about your breast with gold and bright apparel wearing; your countenance is burning light, a sun resplendent in its might: Lord Christ we see your glory. Your glorious feet have sought and found your own of ev’ry nation; with everlasting voice you sound the call of our salvation; you search us still with eyes of flame, you know and call us all by name: Lord Christ, we see your glory. O risen Christ, today alive, mid your Church abiding, who now your blood and body give, new life and strength providing, we join in heav’nly company to sing your praise triumphantly: Lord Christ we have seen your glory.