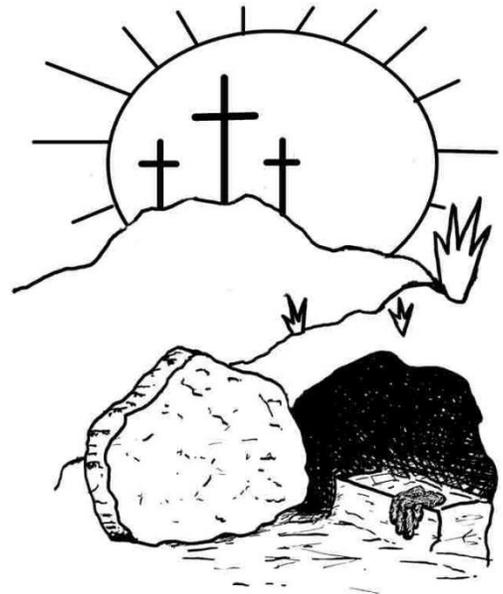


Alexandra Presbyterian Church

## Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

Minister: Rev Joyce DeGier VanderSpek  
Stephanie Burgoyne, music director  
Kaitlin Vandertuin, soprano



### GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

#### PRELUDE

### WE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP

#### Easter Litany

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed!**

He was dead and now he lives.

**Hallelujah, Christ is risen!**

The tomb is empty.

He was dead and now he lives.

The journey begins again

Come, let us follow him.

And let us start the new journey with prayer:

**God of life, you came to us and you redeem all things.**

**And now we give ourselves to you and continue your work of good news  
and reconciliation in the world.**

**Give us the strength to follow you on the mission you have called us to.**

**In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.**

Adapted from the original written by the Rev. Mary Whitson  
*"May the Lord bless the reading of His word to our hearts."*

#### HYMN

**\* PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

**Glory to you, O God:**

On this day you won victory over death,  
raising Jesus from the grave  
and giving us eternal life.

**Glory to you, O Christ:**

For us and for our salvation you overcame death  
and opened the gate to everlasting life.

**Glory to you, O Holy Spirit:**

You lead us into the truth.

**Glory to you, O blessed Trinity,  
now and forever.**

Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired;  
new love where we have turned hard-hearted;  
forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded;  
and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where  
we are prisoners of ourselves.

**\* LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

To all and to each, on his community and on his friends,  
where regret is real,  
Jesus pronounces his pardon  
and grants us the right to begin again.  
Thanks be to God!  
Amen.

**SOLO:** Reilley Smith

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

### **SCRIPTURES**

Psalm 118:1, 5, 14, 17, 22-24  
Ephesians 2:4-7  
Matthew 28:1-20

### **HYMN**

### **MEDITATION**

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

### **\* DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
raise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

### **PRAYERS OF COMMITMENT, THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION:**

We worship you, Jesus, our Savior;  
you conquered death by your cross:  
you are the stone rejected by the builders;  
you have become the cornerstone:  
make all of us living stones in your church.

We pray to you for Christians:  
may they live in the joy of the resurrection  
and be a visible sign of your presence by their mutual love.

We pray to you for the leaders of your church:  
as they celebrate your resurrection with all your servants,  
may they be strengthened for your service.

We pray to you for the leaders of the nations:  
may they exercise their office as servants of justice and peace.

We pray to you for all who are suffering  
from illness, grief, old age, and exile:  
may your resurrection be a source of comfort and aid for them. Amen.

**\* BENEDICTION**

“I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord.  
May Christ’s rising lift your spirits and gladden your hearts.  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

All those who believe in Christ will never perish.  
May you pass with Christ from death to life.  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

Christ has gone to prepare a place for us.  
May his resurrection bring you all joy and peace in believing  
so that you may abound in hope.  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—  
bless you now and forever.  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

**\* CHORAL AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**



**In Our Prayers:**  
Edith Cowper  
Bruce Wheatley  
Jeannie Carmichael  
Joan MacQueen  
The family of Rev. Stan Cox

*Meditation script was not available at time of mailing and will be mailed out next Tuesday.*