

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



Traveling Light: From Suffering to Salvation...

The Worship of God

Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020

10:55 A.M.

Prelude

Classic Brass

Sonata No. 22 from Hora Decima — Johann Pezel
Die Bankelsangerlieder — Anonymous

Words of Welcome

Tim Schaefer

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Michael Gregg

The risen Savior shines upon you! Let all creatures resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people! In the joy of this blessed morning, when sin is washed away and mourning is turned to joy, accept our sacrifice of praise. Grant that this Easter candle make our darkness light, for Christ the morning sun has risen, never again to set, and is alive and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Opening Voluntary

Classic Brass

Festive Alleluia — James Cunrow

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sin and death shall reign no more.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let our homes resound with joy.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Invocation

Harry Wooten

God of signs and wonders, breathe new life into us this day, that our spirits may awaken to the joy and the hope of our glorious inheritance through the living Christ. Clear our vision, Holy One, that we may see the promise of Easter in the stirrings of this precious earth and in the life energy flowing through our bodies. Help us find the faith to believe where we have not seen, that others may see, in our living and our loving, the glory of the risen Christ. Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today — EASTER HYMN

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Testimony of Joy

Steve Sumter & Leonard Gresham

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer

O God our Healer, show your compassion for the whole human family that is in turmoil and burdened with illness and with fear.

Hear our cry, O God.

Come to our aid as the coronavirus spreads globally, heal those who are sick, support and protect their families and friends from being infected.

Hear our cry, O God.

Grant us your spirit of love and discipline so that we may come together, working to control and eliminate the coronavirus.

Hear our cry, O God.

Heal our self-centeredness and indifference that makes us worry only when the virus threatens us, open ways beyond timidity and fear that too easily ignore our neighbor.

Hear our cry, O God.

Strengthen and encourage those in public health services and in the medical profession: care-givers, nurses, attendants, doctors, all who commit themselves to caring for the sick and their families.

Hear our cry, O God.

Inspire , give insight and hope to all researchers focused on developing a vaccine.

Hear our cry, O God.

Sustain all workers and business owners who suffer loss of livelihood due to shut-downs, quarantines, closed borders, and other restrictions...protect and guard all those who must travel.

Hear our cry, O God.

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Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud, or place in the comment section of the livestream. . .

Heal our bodies, strengthen our hearts and our minds, and in the midst of turmoil, give us hope and peace. Hold in your gentle embrace all who have died and who will die this day. Comfort their loved ones in their despair. Remember all your family, the entire human race, and all your creatures, in your love. Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

This Easter Celebration — AURELIA

Scripture Lesson

Laura Keller

John 20:1-18 [see insert]

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word ... **Thanks be to God!**

Solo

Suré Eloff

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth, from MESSIAH — G. F. Handel

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ Empty Tomb, Full Life ”

Offering

Classic Brass

THAXTED — Gustav Holst, arranged by Sterling Proctor

Communion

Lift up your heads.

We lift them up to God.

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them up to the Lord.

Lift up your hands.

**We dedicate our heads, our hearts,
and our hands to the worship of God.**

Early on the morning of the third day Jesus laughed at death, shed his grave clothes, and walked among us alive! Forty days later, he ascended into heaven, where he is seated at the right hand of the God of our ancestors. Our eyes are turned toward the skies looking for the day when Jesus shall return to a kingdom without end, where the lion will lie down peaceably with the lamb, where sickness and disease are not known, where the wicked will cease from troubling, and we will study war no more.

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On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he shared a meal with his disciples. He took bread from the table, gave thanks to God, and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the meal was over he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples saying: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Today, Jesus, we remember the bread and the cup. Today we remember your life and your death. We remember your resurrection; we remember eternal life. As we receive these gifts of praise and thanksgiving we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen: Christ will come again!

Holy God, pour out your Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine; make them be for us the body and blood of Christ. Wonder-working God, pour out your Spirit upon us; as we offer ourselves to be God's presence in the world until Jesus returns in glory.

Almighty God,

We your people cry out to you on behalf of our community:

Have mercy upon all who suffer from the evils of poverty.

Have mercy, Lord!

Have mercy upon all who have lost their way.

Have mercy, Lord!

Have mercy upon all who have been offended by the church.

Have mercy, Lord!

Have mercy upon all who feel forgotten and neglected.

Have mercy, Lord!

Have mercy upon us, Triune God and make us worthy to be called your people who pray the prayer that Jesus taught to his disciples:

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.

Closing Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

Were You There — traditional spiritual

**Were you there when he rose up from the grave?
Were you there when he rose up from the grave?
Oh, sometimes I feel like shouting glory, glory, glory!
Were you there when he rose up from the grave?**

Sending Forth

Michael Gregg

From darkness and despair, we find hope and joy.

Christ is risen! We go forth in joy!

From doubt and betrayal, we find trust and faith.

Christ is risen! We go forth in faith!

From suffering and death, we find healing and life.

Christ is risen! We go forth to live!

Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Amen.

Amen!

Postlude

Classic Brass

Allegro — Kevin McKee

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Classic Brass

Glen Hummel, Trumpet

Mark Schubert, Trumpet

Gerry Wood, Horn

Simon Willats, Trombone

Vurl Bland, Tuba

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Hymn Notes

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Latin carol, 14th cent.,
tr. *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, sts. 1-3;
Charles Wesley, 1707-88, st. 4.

Setting by Jeremy J. Bankson
EASTER HYMN
from *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708

Introduction: Brass, Percussion, and Organ



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



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en-dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
All: Now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re-deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re-deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

This Easter Celebration

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2020

Aurelia

Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

1. This Eas - ter ce - le - bra - tion is not like ones we've known.
2. No gath - ered choirs are sing - ing; no ban - ners lead the way.
3. Our joy won't come from wor - ship that's in a crowd - ed room
4. In all the grief and suf - fer - ing, may we re - mem - ber well:
5. We thank you that on Eas - ter, your church is blessed to be

We pray in i - so - la - tion, we sing the hymns a - lone.
O God of love and prom - ise, where's joy this Eas - ter Day?
but from the news of wom - en who saw the emp - ty tomb.
Christ suf - fered cru - ci - fix - ion and faced the powers of hell.
a scat - tered, faith - ful bo - dy that's do - ing mi - ni - stry.

We're dis - tant from our neigh - bors— from wor - ship lead - ers, too.
With sanc - tu - a - ries emp - ty, may homes be - come the place
Our joy comes from di - sci - ples who ran with haste to see—
Each Eas - ter bears the pro - mise: Christ rose that glo - rious day!
In homes and in the pla - ces of help and heal - ing, too,

No flo - wers grace the chan - cel to set a fes - tive mood.
we pon - der re - sur - rec - tion and ce - le - brate your grace.
who heard that Christ is ris - en, and then, by grace, be - lieved.
Now no - thing in cre - a - tion can keep your love a - way.
we live the Eas - ter mes - sage by glad - ly serv - ing you.

Were You There

Were you there when he rose up from the grave? Were you there? Were you there when he

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The melody in the treble staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a series of chords. The lyrics are positioned below the treble staff.

rose up from the grave? Were you there? — Oh,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a long note on G4 that spans across the system. The lyrics are positioned below the treble staff.

some-times I feel like shout - ing glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! —

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a long note on G4 that spans across the system. The lyrics are positioned below the treble staff.

— Were you there when he rose up from the grave? Were you there?

The fourth system concludes the piece. The treble staff has a long note on G4 that spans across the system. The lyrics are positioned below the treble staff.

Schedule

All In-Person activities have been suspended until further notice.

See the website for information and resources.

royallane.org

Quarterly Church Conference will be held at 6:15 pm, Wednesday, April 22.

Zoom: Meeting ID 828 952 886

Deacons on Call

Paulette Harrison & Cathy Walling

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The Scripture this morning is 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. ²So 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." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and 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. ¹³They 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." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"

Whom are you looking for?" 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." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus 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.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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Holy Wisdom, Holy Word... **Thanks be to God.**