

# EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025

10:00 a.m.

## — THE APPROACH TO GOD —

PRELUDE

*Easter Fanfare*

Kevin Hildebrand

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is Risen!

**Alleluia!**

The Cross is empty!

**Alleluia!**

The grave is empty!

**Alleluia!**

We gather to worship the risen Christ!

**Alleluia!**

SALUTATION

INTROIT/PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN; setting by Lloyd Larson

(choir) Jesus lives! Sing your alleluias!

Heaven and earth rejoice in praise!

Jesus Christ is risen today!

Jesus Christ is risen today, this triumphant holy day!

He who once upon the cross suffered to redeem our loss.

Hymns of praise then let us sing unto Christ, our heavenly King:

Jesus Christ is risen today! Allelu, alleluia!

Now the pain which Christ endured our salvation has secured;

with the angels let us sing praises to our risen King!

Sing we to our God above, praise eternal as His love.

Jesus Christ is risen today! Allelu, alleluia!

**\*Congregation stands and joins choir**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today - #182 (verses 1-3)

(choir) Jesus lives! Sing your alleluias! Jesus lives, sing alleluia!

—Based on 14th C. Latin text, altered

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Christ our life,

you are alive

in the beauty of the earth

in the rhythm of the seasons

in the mystery of time and space

Alleluia!

**Christ our life, you are alive**

in the tenderness of touch  
in the heartbeat of intimacy  
in the insights of solitude

Alleluia.

**Christ our life, you are alive**

in the creative possibility  
of the dullest conversation  
of the dreariest task the most threatening event

Alleluia.

**Christ our life, you are alive**

to offer re-recreation  
to every unhealed hurt to every deadened place  
to every damaged heart

Alleluia.

You set before us a great choice.

**Therefore we choose life.**

The dance of resurrection soars  
and surges through the whole creation.

It sets gifts of bread and wine upon our table.

This is grace, dying we live.

**So let us live.**

—Kathy Galloway, "Celebrating Women: The New Edition"

p. 144-145

## POURING OF THE WATER

Dying, Christ destroyed our death,  
Rising, Christ restores our life! In baptism we are sealed with the Holy  
Spirit and marked as God's own forever

**Alleluia!**

Once we were not a people

**Now we are God's people! Alleluia!**

## RESPONSE

Celtic Alleluia - #198

(sung twice)

Tune: CELTIC ALLELUIA

## CHILDREN'S TIME

— THE WORD OF GOD —

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:1-18 p. 114

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON:

*4 Stories*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

# Christ will come again!

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*(low voices)* **Christ has conquered death and sin, Alleluia!**

*(all voices)* **Take the King of Glory in, Alleluia!**

**Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!**

**To His throne beyond the skies, Alleluia!**

**Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!**

**Enters now the highest heaven Alleluia.**

(choir) Shall He not with Him freely give us all things! Alleluia!

—Romans 8:31-32; Charles Wesley

\*DOXOLOGY - #965

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gracious God,

we pray for the faithful all over the world,

that all who love you may be united in your service.

We pray for the church . . .

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the peoples and leaders of the nations,

that they may be reconciled one to another

in pursuit of your justice and peace. We pray for the world . . .

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer from prejudice, greed, or violence,

that the heart of humanity may warm with your tenderness.

We pray especially for all prisoners of politics or religion

and for all refugees. We pray for all who are oppressed . . .

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in need

because of famine, flood, or earthquake,

that they may know the hope of your faithfulness

through the help of others. We pray especially for the people of . . .

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the land, the sea, the sky—

for your whole creation, which longs for its redemption.

We pray that we may live with respect for your creation

and use your gifts with reverence. We pray for the creation . . .

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer the pain of sickness,

loneliness, fear, or loss,

that those whose names are in our hearts,

in the hearts of others,

or known to you alone,

may receive strength and courage. We pray for those in need . . .

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of compassion,

into your hands we commend

all for whom we pray,

trusting in your mercy now and forever and pray this in the way our

Lord Jesus taught us to pray, saying...

**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.**

\*HYMN

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! - #204

Tune: HYMN TO JOY

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*The Trumpet Shall Sound* arr. by Hal H. Hopson

\*You may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolhaas, Rev. Angel Lopez, Sarah Malone, liturgists; Bruce Formsma, Tammy Walters, trumpet; Fred Gordon, French horn; Robert Killips, trombone; Mark Lopez, percussion; Mary Van Voorst, flute; Curtis Pierce, guitar; Kamerkoor; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.*

T O D A Y

We welcome all who worship with us! We invite you sign in on the fellowship pads in the pew. We would appreciate it if you took a moment to sign in yourself and your family members and let us know you were here. **If you are joining us as a guest today**, please use the QR code to the right or head to [trcholland.org/quickstart](https://trcholland.org/quickstart) to let us know you were here.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Roger DeYoung, Jeff Voskuil, Sandy Stielstra

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others, Jane Dalman and Eleanor VanDyke will be available to pray with you following today's worship service. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer located in the south hallway on the main level.

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP: Our Children and Worship Program for children aged 4 through the 2nd grade continues today during the 10:00 service. Our Worship Center program takes place in Room 2.

(Downstairs: take the Northwest staircase down to the lower level. The room is the first door to your right.)

#### EDUCATION HOUR

**There will be no education classes today.**

The cover art, by artist in residence Joel Schoon-Tanis, is an evolving painting intended to aid in telling the story of the church year and help us imagine the fullness of the story of God. As part of our year long evolving painting , we will be displaying our four Holy Week installations in the Gathering Place. The installation will include Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. We will be displaying all four so that those who were not able to make it to the midweek services can view them.

#### CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

*Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.*

Please remember to have someone notify the church office when you are in the hospital so you can receive spiritual care by the pastoral staff. Call 616-392-1459.

SYMPATHY is extended to Carol Jones in the death of her husband, Dick, on April 15.

The family of Elizabeth Du Mez will be having a private graveside service on April 26, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to Third Reformed Church Gathering Place following for a time of sharing starting around 11:30 a.m.

A service in memory of Cynthia Baine-DeMaagd will be held on Friday, April 25, at 11:00 a.m.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Ed Stielstra has moved from the hospital to Resthaven Care Center. Hospice-Bob Ritsema. Pray for: Chris Walvoord, Al Gibson. The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village-Esther DePree, Harvey Doorenbos, Shirley Hoskbergen, A.E. Lacy, Linda Parchert, Ed Westerbeke. Missionaries-Wayne & Miho Jansen (Japan), Angel Lopez (Mexico).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: May 4 is our annual congregational meeting. Again this year it will be held immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. To facilitate the gathering of all our people, there will be only one service that day, with no separate service for El Encuentro. We will enjoy a meal together at the meeting, and will conclude with the Lord's Supper. Maria Urrea will be making yummy breakfast casseroles, but we will need your help completing the meal. Sign up at the link in this week's edition of Third Church News or call the church office to provide pastries, muffins, fruit and to help with serving and clean up. At the meeting we will get a financial update, receive a state of the church report, and approve a slate of new elders and deacons. A Zoom link will be available for the congregational meeting, however it will be a non-interactive link, meaning Zoom participants will be able to observe but not vote or comment during the congregational meeting. An absentee ballot will be available in the office if you are unable to make the meeting. Nominees for Consistory are: **Deacon:** John Green Dan Callam; **Governing Elder:** Vicki Mast, Lorna Cook, Deb DuMez Kathy Schoon-Tanis.

## THIS WEEK

### **Sunday**

8:45 a.m. Kamerkoor

### **Monday**

Office Closed

7:00 p.m. Martha Bible Study

### **Tuesday**

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

10:00 a.m. Hannah/Elizabeth Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry

### **Wednesday**

6:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study

8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers (Zoom)

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

5:30 p.m. LIFT Dinner

6:15 p.m. LIFT Classes

6:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

### **Thursday**

8:00 a.m. Sunrise Saints

### **Friday**

6:30 a.m. High School Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Cynthia Baine-DeMaagd Memorial Service

### **Saturday**

8:00 a.m. Spring Clean-Up Day

9:30 a.m. Music Rehearsal

11:30 a.m. Elizabeth DuMez Reception

