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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 11, 2021

8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

WELCOME to worship! We're in the Season of Easter and we continue to celebrate the hope of the world, the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! May that good news give you strength, hope, and peace.

THE PRELUDE: *Arabesque no. 1* by Claude Debussy

Rachel Ehring, Pianist (8:30am/10am)
Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist (5:00pm)

THE WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Daneen Pysz

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

(People read/sing **bold** words.)

We gather on this Sunday to celebrate the hope of the world.

May the Spirit of the living Christ grant us this hope.

As we gather, we remember how the first Easter began:

Early in the morning, on the first day of the week,

They gathered in the dark to go to the tomb. And they were saying among themselves,
"Who shall roll away the stone from the door of the tomb?"

And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back
and entering the tomb, an angel greeted them, saying,

"Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.

He is not here; for he has been raised!"

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

THE GATHERING HYMN: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

#365 vv. 1-3

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Al-le-lu-ia! our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!
who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia! suffer to redeem our loss. Al-le-lu-ia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Al-le-lu-ia!
who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia! sinners to redeem and save. Al-le-lu-ia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Al-le-lu-ia! our salvation have procured, Al-le-lu-ia!
now above the sky he's king, Al-le-lu-ia! where the angels ever sing. Al-le-lu-ia!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many

as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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**Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the twentieth chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Neta Wenrick (8:30am/10am)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN: You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

#787 vv. 1-3

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, . . . my rock . . . in whom I trust!"**

Refrain: **And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

**The snare of the fowl-er will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge with faith-ful-ness your shield. (Refrain.)**

**You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. (Refrain.)**

THE MESSAGE: "*The Heart of our Savior*"

Dr. Dennis Chernekoff

OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC: *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

Rachel Ehring, piano

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. On this day of resurrection, O Christ,

We offer these gifts in response to Your mercy. May they reflect our gratitude and desire to share with others the hope of the resurrection; in Your holy name we pray. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each prayer - Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: Thine is the Glory

#376 vv. 1-2

**Thine is the glory, risen, con-qu'ring Son;
endless is the vic-t'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.**

Refrain: **Thine is the glory, risen, con-qu'ring Son;
endless is the vic-t'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

**Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lov-ing-ly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!** (Refrain)

SENDING WORDS: Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

THE POSTLUDE: *The Day of Resurrection* arr. L. Shackley Rachel Ehring, Pianist (8:30am/10am)
Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist (5pm)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS - We're glad you have joined us! Please sign-in at the Welcome Table to receive a gift. Welcome!

4DM - *The Fourth Day Movement* begins next Sunday and runs through most of Easter Season (April/May). This preaching/Bible study theme is all about sharing and living out the Easter message of hope. Books will be available on the patio next Sunday.

FOSTER ALL - "*Love Has No Limits*" is ministry emphasis for the month - Looking at this ministry's important work and ways that Gloria Dei supports this life changing effort and ways we might in the future. (Ends on Mother's Day)

THANKS to Dr. Dennis Chernekoff for preaching this morning and for pianist Rachel Ehring for leading us musically. Pastor David and Fred Johnson return from vacation next week.

OFFERING - Place check/money in boxes, or **ELECTRONIC GIVING** - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-Dana Point. Alternatively, you can give via credit card or debit card through our secure site: mygloriadei.org/donate.

DEVOTIONALS - April - June Devotional books are located on the Welcome Table or contact the office to have it sent to you.

BACK INSIDE - Worship is now inside the sanctuary (25% capacity), sit wherever you see a bulletin and outside in the courtyard. Face masks are required. Thanks for following Gloria Dei's guidelines.

VOTIVE CANDLE STATION - Thanks to Jeff Contestabile for creating a beautiful place for prayer. Take a look at it over near the organ pipes/altar ramp. Light a candle. Say a prayer.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY 10AM BIBLE STUDY - Begins meeting in person in Knudson Hall and virtual. Contact the office for the link.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH - April 16, 6pm. We will meet to prep care packages for our shut-ins, followed by game night! Contact Paige for more info youth@mygloriadei.org.

COLLEGE MINISTRY STUDENT AND SEMINARY STUDENT - Starting in June. Housing needed - looking to rent a one bedroom or studio apartment for a year. If you have a rental connection, call the office.

PETTING ZOO for Good Shepherd Sunday, April 25, 9:30am - 10am. We will have lambs and other furry friends, between the morning services, for the "good shepherd in all of us" to enjoy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins again at all morning services on Sunday, April 25. The kids will join our Sunday School Director, Barb Collins, outside for a Bible story & activity right after the children's message. If you would like to help, please contact Barb Collins at sundayschool@mygloriadei.org.

NURSERY - begins again on April 25 at the 8:30am & 10am services. Services for babies - pre-K.

MOTHER'S DAY - Returning by popular demand, "a daisy a day", starring Pastor David on lead guitar! On May 9, Gerbera daisies for all the ladies - moms, daughters, etc.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Mark your calendars for three days of VBS fun on June 17 -19, 9am - noon. Older youth and adult volunteers needed. More details coming soon.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS - Not feeling well or at risk (pre-existing conditions/elderly), please watch the livestream. Extra masks & hand sanitizers available at Welcome Table.

VACCINATIONS - If you or someone you know is having difficulty registering for a shot, please contact the church office. Volunteers are also able to drive people to receive their shot.

CONFIRMATION - 8th graders get ready! Mark your calendars for May 23 at the 10 am service. Rehearsal for Confirmation will be Saturday, May 22, 10am.

UPCOMING: Ministry Celebration and Lunch (June 27).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR APRIL 11-17, 2021

Today: Worship (8:30am & 10am, 5PM)

Monday: GIFT Group (6:30pm)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Brass Practice (4pm); Heart Lifters (6:30pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Patty Anderson Memorial (2pm); Bethel Bible Study (6:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); Bell Rehearsal (6:30pm)

Friday: Sr. High Service Project & Game Night (6pm)

Saturday: Serra's Pantry (8:30am)

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Lector: Pam Weiss; Usher: Pam Weiss; Welcome Table: Diane Kelly

10am: Lector: Roger Grefsrud; Usher: Lisa Mers & Sharon Miller; Welcome Table: Ann & Jim St. Martin

5pm: Lector: Jeannie Moyer