

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 3, 2016

10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "This Joyful Eastertide"
"Trumpet Tune for a Festive Day"

Jordan
Lasky

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship:

Revelation 5

When the Lamb, who had been slain, had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. They sang a new song:

"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever! Amen!"

* Hymn: PH 397, vv.1-3

"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing"

GELOBT SEI GOTT

* God's Greeting:

Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be God,

And blessed is his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

* Prayer of the Day:

God of glory, fill your church with the power that flows from Christ's resurrection so that, in the midst of the sinful world, it may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity, risen to new life with Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

* Response: PH 397, v. 4

"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing"

GELOBT SEI GOTT

Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord

the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

I John 3:4–6

Prayer of Confession:

Here we stand, Lord, convicted by your word. We are caught between our selfish sins and your holy law. We want to live new lives but we have not put to death our old ones. By the grace of Jesus' death and the power of Jesus' resurrection, cleanse and heal and restore us.

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Lord, in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Romans 5:6–8

God's Will for Our Lives:

Colossians 3:1–4

Response:

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light."

Houston

I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God; shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: PH 515

"Lift Your Heart to the Lord"

SALVE FESTA DIES

[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave after the hymn.]

Scripture Reading:

Luke 24:1–35

Prayer

Sermon: *Resurrection Road*

Theme: Walking with Jesus Enlightened, Enlivened

Prayer:

**Christ be near at either hand,
Christ behind, before me stand,
Christ with me where'er I go,
Christ around, above, below.**

**Christ be in my heart and mind,
Christ be in my soul enshrined.
Christ control my wayward heart,
Christ be near and ne'er depart.**

**Christ my life and only way,
Christ my lantern night and day.
Christ be my unchanging Friend,
Guide and Shepherd 'til the end.**

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "He Is Risen"

Lasky

Mission Video Report: Ahadi Family Kenya

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Blessing:

Celtic Daily Prayer

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever He may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

* Benediction:

Hebrews 13:20-21

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

* Doxology: PH 633

"He Is Lord"

HE IS LORD

He is Lord, he is Lord, he is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

* Postlude: "Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful"

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