

Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

10 am

Prelude

Low in the Grave He Lay

Adam O'Dell

~Mark Hayes

Welcome

Call to Worship

Adapted from an Iona Community Liturgy by Craig Mitchell

Easter is not an event that has occurred, but an adventure that has begun—
a story not complete, but unfolding with the promise of new life--not just for you and
me, but for all people, in all places.

Just as the risen Christ showed up in a locked room to offer a blessing to his disciples,
today we re-enter the story with the expectation that he will also reveal himself to us
right where we are.

Friends in Christ, Jesus lives and is moving in our world today!

We come to worship our risen Savior--the One who is making all things new!

Opening Hymn

He Lives

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Alfred Henry Ackley

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Verse 1

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer
And just the time I need him he's always near

Refrain

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart

Verse 2

In all the world around me I see his loving care
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast
The day of his appearing will come at last **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!

The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find
None other is so loving, so good and kind **(Refrain)**

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Risen Lord Jesus,
just as the rising sun scatters the darkness,
may this celebration of Your rising scatter our fear,
so that we may live in the glorious freedom of the children of God.
Teach us to live as Easter people--
who trust in You above all else,
hope in You above all else,
seek You in all things,
find You in every place,
meet You among all people,
and love You beyond all telling;
for You, Risen One, are Lord of all. Amen.

A Message for Young Disciples

Proclamation and Response

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Gospel Readings

John 20:19-31 (NRSV)

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."²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ 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."

²⁶ 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."²⁷ 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."²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"²⁹ 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."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ 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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

God Transforms: Part 2

Pastor Jen Eschliman

Prayers of the People

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Thanksgiving

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

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 Song

Scars

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Verse 1

Waking up to a new sunrise | Looking back from the other side

I can see now with open eyes

Verse 2

Darkest water and deepest pain | I wouldn't trade it for anything

'Cause my brokenness brought me to you | And these wounds are a story you'll use

Chorus

So I'm thankful for the scars | 'Cause without them I wouldn't know your heart

And I know they'll always tell of who you are | So forever I am thankful for the scars

Verse 3

Now I'm standing in confidence | With the strength of your faithfulness
And I'm not who I was before | No, I don't have to fear anymore

Chorus

So I'm thankful for the scars | 'Cause without them I wouldn't know your heart
And I know they'll always tell of who you are | So forever I am thankful for the scars

Verse 4

I can see, I can see | How you delivered me
In your hands, in your feet | I found my victory

Chorus (x2)

I'm thankful for your scars | 'Cause without them I wouldn't know your heart
And with my life, I'll tell of who you are | So forever I am thankful

I'm thankful for the scars | 'Cause without them I wouldn't know your heart
And I know they'll always tell of who you are | So forever I am thankful for the scars

Ending

So forever I am thankful for the scars

Sending Forth

Announcements

Circle of Friends Plant Sale – orders due TODAY

Blood Drive – April 24th

Benediction

Postlude

Darwall's 148th
~ Peter Niedmann

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