

APRIL 12, 2020

EASTER SUNDAY

The Prelude

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*

arr. M. Costello

The Call to Worship

Rev. Caleb Cangelosi

The Hymn of Praise

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today,” Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! Sing ye heav’ns and earth reply, Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell; Alleluia! Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Foll’wing our exalted Head; Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

The Invocation

Rev. Dean Williams

The Confession of Faith

I Corinthians 15:20-26, 51-58

*We believe that Christ Jesus has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*

*We believe that we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Hymn

*The Power of the Cross*

O, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then, nailed to a cross of wood.

*This the pow’r of the cross. Christ became sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.*

O, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin. Every bitter thought, every evil deed, crowning Your bloodstained brow. *Chorus*

Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath, quakes as its Maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life – “Finished!” the victory cry. *Chorus*

O, to see my name, written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!

*This the pow'r of the cross. Son of God slain for us. What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

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The Scripture Reading

**Matthew 28:1-20**

The Offertory

***Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!***

Worship Team

How can it be the One who died has born our sin in sacrifice, to conquer every sting of death! Sing, sing, "Hallelujah!" For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes. Alive He stands, their friend and King: Christ, Christ He is risen!

*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh sing "Hallelujah!" Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed: "Christ is risen, He's risen indeed!"*

Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw Him and their hearts believed; but blessed are those who have not seen, yet sing "Hallelujah!" Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they preached the truth and pow'r of grace and pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting. *Chorus*

The pow'r that raised Him from the grave now works in us to pow'rfully save; He frees our hearts to live His grace - go, tell of His goodness. *Chorus*

He's alive, he's alive; heaven's gates are opened wide! He's alive, he's alive, now in heaven glorified!

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The Psalm 72

***Hail to the Lord's Anointed***

Hail the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free, to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong; to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth; and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth; before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go; and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest, from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blessed; the tide of time shall never his covenant remove; his name shall stand forever - that name to us is Love.

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Cangelosi

The Scripture Reading

**II Corinthians 4:16-5:10**

The Sermon

Rev. Cangelosi

***The Fruit of Our Resurrection Hope***

The Hymn of Response

***Eternal Weight of Glory***

Now the days and hours and moments of our suffering seem so long; and the toilsome wait and wond'ring threaten silence to our song. Now our pain is real and pressing where our faith is thin and weak, but our hope is set on Jesus; and we cling to him, our strength.

Oh eternal weight of glory! Oh inheritance divine! We will see our Lord redeeming every past and future time. All our pains will be transfigured, like the scars of Christ our Lord. We will see the weight of glory, and our broken years restored.

*For behold! I tell a myst'ry: at the trumpet sound we'll wake "death is swallowed up in vict'ry!" when we meet our King of Grace. Every year we thought was wasted, every night we cried "How long?" All will be a passing moment in our Savior's vict'ry song.*

We will see our wounded Savior. We'll behold him face to face; and we'll hear our anguished stories sung as vict'ry songs of grace. *Refrain* Words and Music: © 2015 Wendell Kimbrough

The Benediction

Rev. Cangelosi

The Postlude

*Up From the Grave He Arose*

R. Lowry

## NO EVENING WORSHIP TONIGHT

Easter evening is one of two Sunday nights annually when we do not have corporate worship and evening ministries. We encourage you to reach out to your extended family and friends as you are able given our current circumstances in this pandemic.

### ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES ON DEPRESSION CONTINUES THIS WEDNESDAY.** Join us online at 6:30 p.m. on the next five Wednesday evenings for a series on the topic of depression, taught by Dr. John Kwasny and Pastor Caleb Cangelosi. All talks will be available online for you to view at any time afterward.

**JOIN THE PCA FOR A MONTH OF PRAYER IN APRIL.** Visit <https://pcaga.org/prayer> to join your fellow PCA members in 30 days of prayer for the church, nation, and world. Each day includes Scripture to read, items for prayer, and a video of an elder leading in prayer.

**ONE STORY MINISTRIES AT HOME EDITION FREE FOR YOU.** The Session has voted to make one volume of One Story Ministries' *Investigating God's Word...At Home* available free of charge to anyone connected to a ministry of POPC who will make use of it. Written by John Kwasny, these Bible study guides are similar in style to what our children and youth use in Sunday School. The 14 volumes in this series can be found at [https://www.onestoryministries.org/category\\_s/137.htm](https://www.onestoryministries.org/category_s/137.htm). If you would like one shipped to your home for free, please email John at [jkwasny@pearorchard.org](mailto:jkwasny@pearorchard.org) and tell him which volume you would like and your shipping address.

**ATTENTION LADIES:** Sadly, we are not able to host the Spring Mini-Retreat with Valerie Shepard due to the spread of COVID-19. We hope to re-schedule this retreat at a future date in the LORD's wise timing. Registration fees will be refunded.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP GIVING!** We rely on you to give generously and sacrificially to support the work of our church and the missionaries and ministries we support through our Missions budget. While we're not gathering for corporate worship, you can mail in your checks, or give online. Use the ShelbyNext app on your phone or visit our website to make a one time or recurring contribution: <https://www.pearorchard.org/ways-to-give>.

**OUR MINISTRY TO YOU DURING THESE TRYING TIMES:** On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of each week we will post a daily written devotional tool for you to make use of. Visit our church website to locate that for your edification throughout these weeks. On Wednesdays at noon during this continuing season we will live-stream a 15-20 minute Bible Study by the ministry team that we encourage you to tune in to watch.

**YOUTH LARGE GROUP:** Join us on the Pear Orchard PCA YouTube Livestream or POPC youth Instagram Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. for live-streamed large group! Afterward, we have discussion groups on Zoom. If you want more information, please contact youth staff.