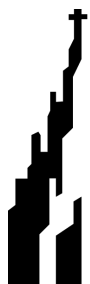




11 AM

**LIVESTREAM
WORSHIP**

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 18, 2021 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
Johann Sebastian Bach

“Jesus Christus, Unser Heiland, Der Den Tod Überwand, BWV 626”

(Jesus Christ Our Savior, Who Overcame Death)

“Heut Triumphieret Gottes Sohn, BWV 630”

(Today the Son of God Triumphs)

OPENING WORDS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: Y también contigo.

And also with you.

ACOLYTE CANDLE LIGHTING VIDEO

Trish, Mabel and Margo Buben

CALL TO WORSHIP

Trish, Mabel and Margo Buben

Leader: Living God, we give you thanks for the love poured into the world through Christ Jesus,

People: **Who opened our minds to understand what you have made;**

Whose appearance brings lasting peace;

Who creates faith despite our fears, doubts, and tears.

Leader: Loving God, we worship you now through words, song and prayer.

Join with us in this celebration of resurrection hope and abiding faith!

HYMN #246 (vs. 1, 3, 5)

“Christ Is Alive!”

TRURO

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide,

Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,

Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón!

¡Alabado sea Dios!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Praise God!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #740

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness your face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:36-48

The Rev. Dr. Bush

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The Rev. Schoenewolf

HYMN #295 (*vs. 1, 3, 4*)

“Go to the World!”

SINE NOMINE

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
The nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
For I am with you till the age shall end,
When all the hosts of glory cry “Amen!” Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 4

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, “O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!” You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

SERMON

“Getting a Good Night’s Sleep”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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HYMN #254

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

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That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light
When, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.

He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the glorious wounds abide,
The tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was risen again.

From every weapon death can wield, your own redeemed forever shield;
O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide.

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

“Christ Lag In Todesbanden, BWV 625”
(Christ Lay In Death’s Fetters)

Dr. Moore, *organ*
Johann Sebastian Bach



PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY’S SERVICE

Preaching:	The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists:	The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf The Rev. BJ Woodworth Trish, Mabel and Margo Buben
Musicians:	Dr. Edward Alan Moore, <i>Organist/</i> <i>Music Director</i> Todd Farwell, <i>Cantor</i> David Jennings-Smith, <i>Cantor</i>
A/V:	Tim Benedict Wayne Gaines Matt Stufft

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CHRIST IS ALIVE! (vs. 1, 3, 5)

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

Capo 1: (D) Refrain (A7) (Em)

E^b B^b7 Fm 3

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you

(A) (D) (A7) (D)

B^b E^b B^b7 3 E^b 3

lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each

(A7) (B7) (Em) (D) (A7) (D)

B^b7 C7 Fm E^b B^b7 E^b Fine

day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(D) (B7) (Em) (A7) (Em)

E^b 3 C7 Fm B^b7 Fm

I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me

(A) (D) (D) (D7)

B^b E^b E^b E^b7

o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your

(Em) (D) (A7) (D)

Fm E^b B^b7 E^b to Refrain

face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This African American gospel hymn can well be understood as an updated adaptation of Psalm 5:8, with the "enemies" of the psalm treated as the pressures and temptations of daily life. As with the psalms, the "I" here is understood to express a shared communal experience.

TEXT: Doris Akers, 1953

MUSIC: Doris Akers, 1953; arr. Richard Smallwood

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LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

Irregular

GO TO THE WORLD! (vs. 1, 3, 4)

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985

MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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SINE NOMINE

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THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone
 2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the
 3 From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, your own re -

out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 glo - rious wounds a - bide, the to - kens true which
 deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
 made it plain their Lord in - deed was risen a - gain.
 us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

These Eastertide stanzas are derived from a longer Latin text that was one of the earliest hymns written especially for a season of the church year. They are set here to a tune with Christmas associations, a means of linking the two great festivals of the Christian year.