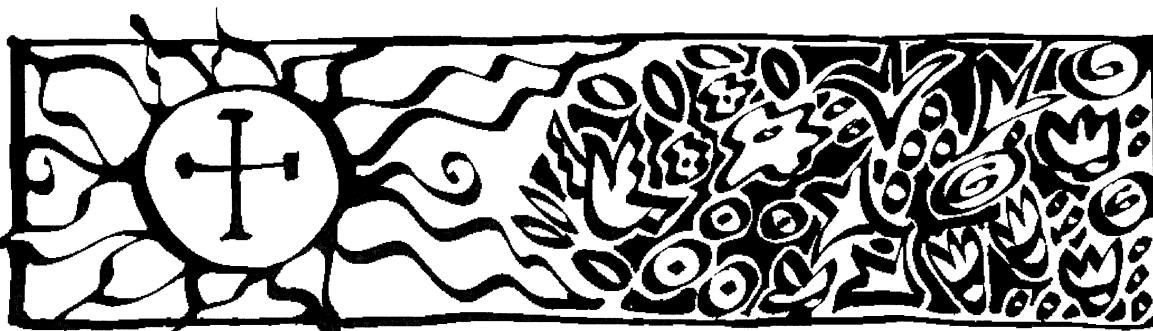


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

April 20, 2025 3:00 p.m.

Easter
Sunday



PRELUDE

The Day of Resurrection (LANCASHIRE)

K. Hildebrandt

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

EASTER CHORAL PRELUDE to Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Lives a - gain our glo-rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Where, O death, is now thy sting?
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,

Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise,
 Once he died our souls to save,
 Made like him, like him we rise,

Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply,
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
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 Al - le - lu - ia!

***INVOCATION AND 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God,
we confess that it is often hard for us
to believe the things you want for us and have already given us.
You have given us this season of spring to remind us of new life.
There are signs of budding and bursting forth —
the shout of new life.

We seem to be deaf to your life-giving message and cannot see you.
Just like Mary, who could not recognize you by sight,
we also can fail to hear your voice.
We are flooded with the many voices of our world that are negative,
instead of hearing your voice and the promise of resurrection.
Let us be more like Mary, that when you call us by name,
we recognize your voice — the risen Christ.
Help us to live like resurrection people and share the good news
that our Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed!

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: “Thanks be to God”

ANTHEM

Lift High Your Easter Praise

J.M. Martin

LITANY

One: Mary went to the tomb and saw that Jesus was not there.

Many: She was distraught and crying.

One: The disciples came and saw that Jesus was not there.

Many: Two angels asked Mary why she was crying.

One: Mary said, “Where have they taken my Jesus?”

Many: Jesus stood before Mary, but she did not recognize him.

One: She said, “Where have you taken him?”

Many: Then Jesus said, “Mary!”

One: Mary answered, “Rabboni” and realized her Jesus lived.

All: Christ has risen; He has risen indeed!”

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Alleluia No. 1

Refrain (Unison)

N.C.

F

Dm

Bb

Gm7

C

C7

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord, Al - le - lu - ia

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name!

Harmony

1 Je - sus is good been us
 2 Spread the have
 3 We have let
 4 Come, let

the Lord news cru - ce - the of o'er ci - the all all fied liv - ing the the with ing earth. earth; Christ. God,

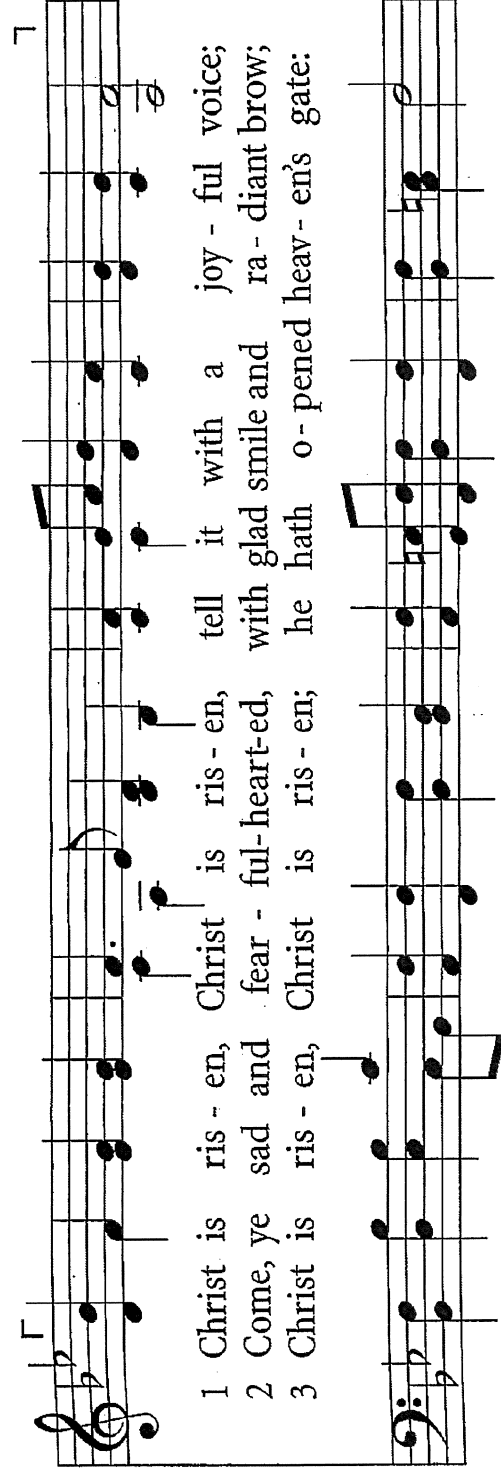
He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has shall ly died live sing to en.
 Now joy - ful - ly shall live sing to er.
 ior.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

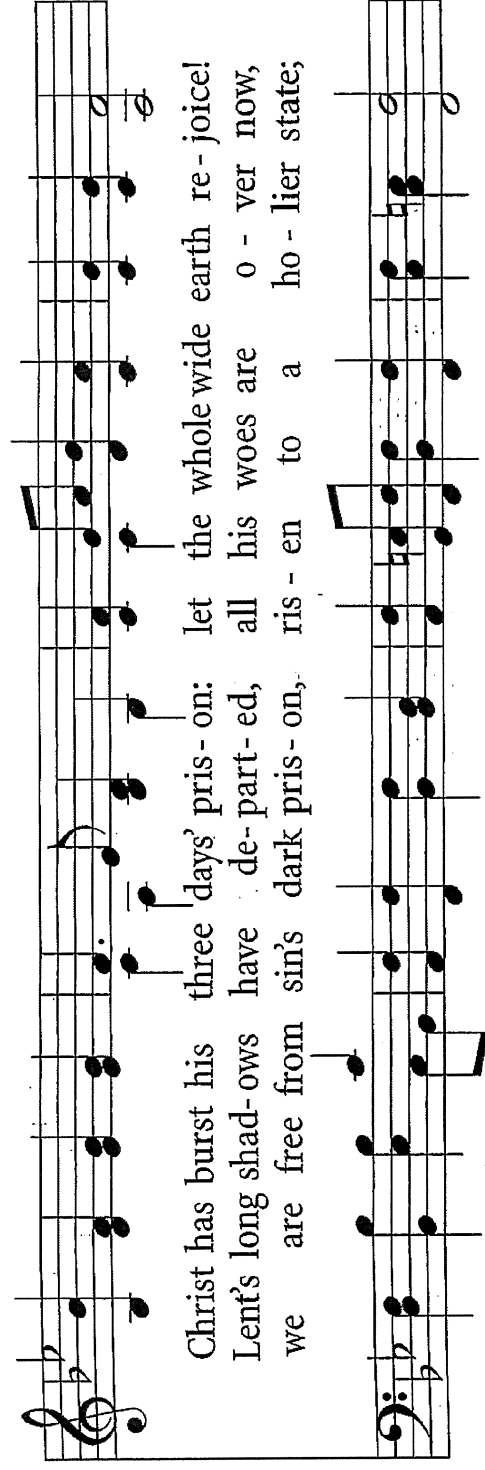
*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

#220 Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Risen

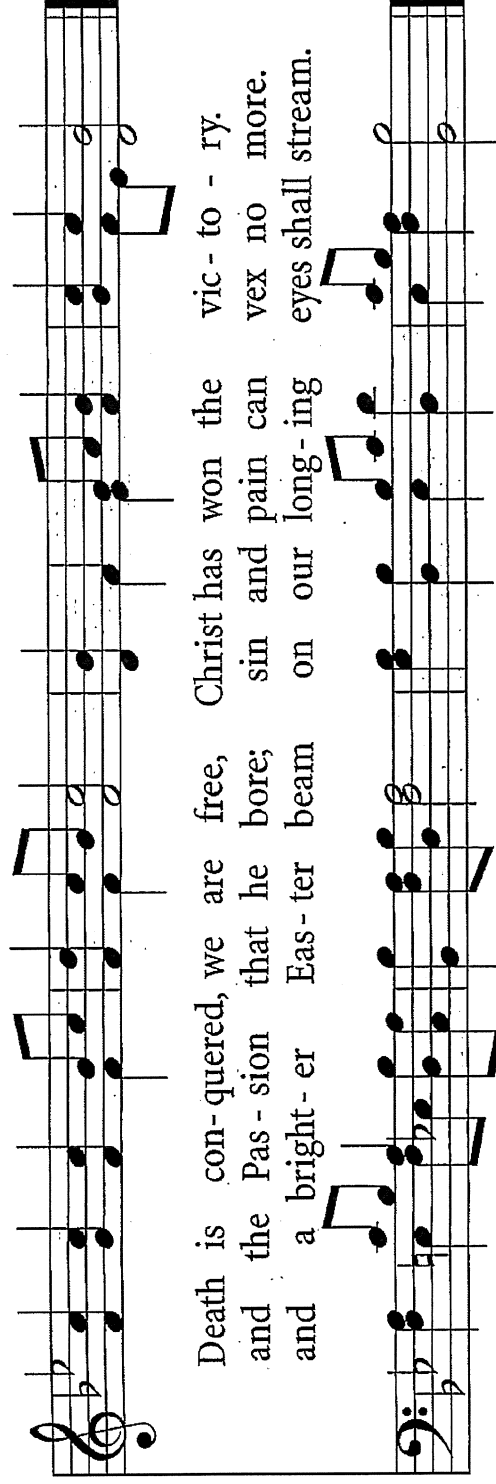
ALL SAINTS



1 Christ is ris - en, Christ is ris - en, tell it with a joy - ful voice;
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful-heart-ed, with glad smile and ra - dian't brow;
3 Christ is ris - en, Christ is ris - en; he hath o - pened heav - en's gate:



Christ has burst his three days' pris - on: let the whole wide earth re - joice!
Lent's long shad - ows have de - part - ed, all his woes are o - ver now,
we are free from sin's dark pris - on, ris - en to a ho - lier state;



Death is con - quered, we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
and the Pas - sion that he bore; sin and pain can vex no more.
and a bright - er Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

SECOND READING

JOHN 20:1-18

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

INTERGENERATIONAL SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Lift High the Cross

C. Callahan

*New Doxology

M. Adria

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three Persons, yet one Love:

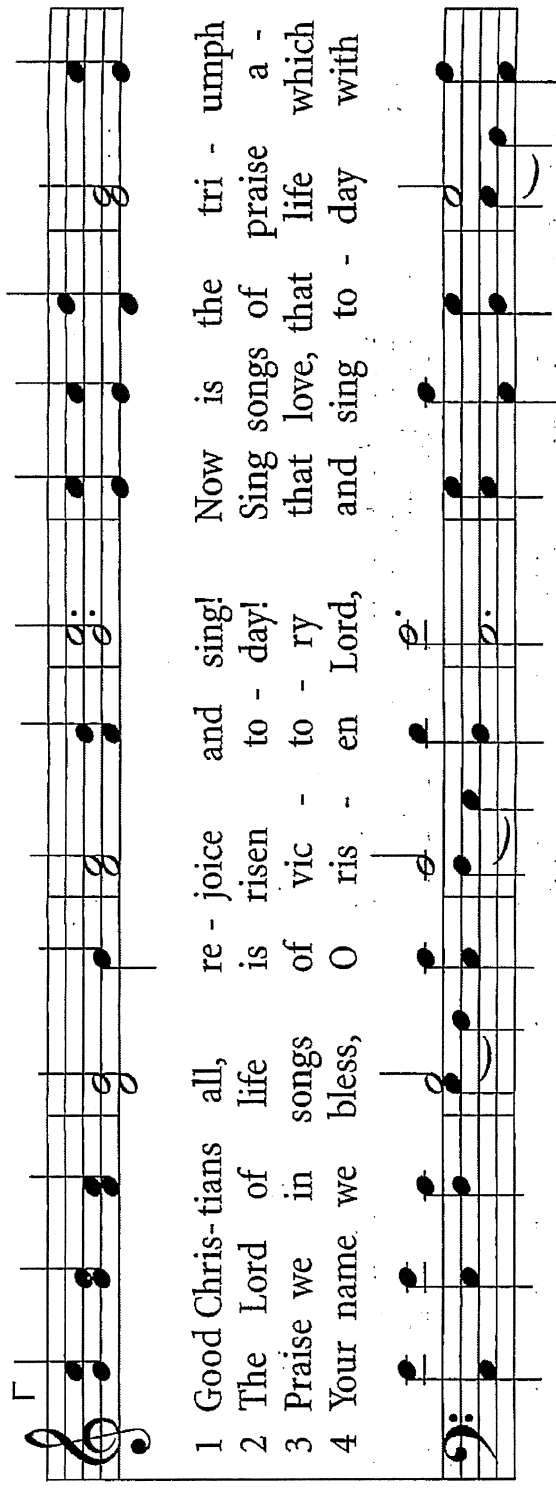
Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

*Prayer of Gratitude

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#211 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

GELOBT SEI GOTT



1 Good Chris-tians all, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph
2 The Lord of life is risen to-day! Sing songs of praise a-
3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry Lord, that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, and sing to-day with

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of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 long his way; let all the earth re-joice and say:
 can-not die, and sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:
 one ac-cord the life laid down, the life re-stored:

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.
People: And also with you.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna!

R. Arnott/C. Dyck

*The Sending of the Community

*Congregational Amen

The service of the church into the world – begins again this week

POSTLUDE

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

V. Pinkevicius

***Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:
Writing Prayers & Leading Worship - Rose Merke;
Writing & Leading Prayers of the People - Rev. Amanda Strain;
Scripture Reading - Sean Henry, Devi Henry;
Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music
Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

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severe scent sensitivities, we ask that people refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes
on Sunday morning to church. Thank you for helping us care for one another.*

— FBC Council