

April 21, 2019

Easter Sunday

Led by the Holy Spirit, LaGrave's members seek to worship and serve God in all of life, transforming His world and being transformed to reflect the character of Christ.

Welcome to worship at LaGrave. Because our worship proceeds without announcements, please carefully follow the order of worship printed below, noting that we use *two* different red hymnals. The *Worship & Rejoice* hymnal will be indicated by bold, italic type. An asterisk denotes standing for those who are able. We are glad that you are here. Let us worship God together.

MORNING WORSHIP 8:40 & 11:00 AM

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:

*Please prepare your heart and mind for worship
with a time of prayer and meditation.*

“Fanfare and Flourishes”

James Curnow

“An Easter Celebration” (Lift High the Cross /

Joel Raney

Thine Is the Glory / Crown Him with Many Crowns)

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing” (8:40)

*Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of
our King! To all the world glad news we bring: alleluia!*

*The Lord of life is risen today. Sing songs of praise along
the way. Let all the world rejoice and say: alleluia!*

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“Love Was Made a Lily Bright” (11:00)

Mark Patterson

*Love was made a lily bright on that Easter morn. Love, that bowed
to be a sacrifice, shines with hope once more. Love, whose song
was scorned by some, triumphs now through Christ our risen Lord.
Love was made a lily bright raised from earth to bring us new life.
Just as the lilies burst forth in spring, freed from their winter
chains, so, love prevails, for Christ who died now lives to make us
free; O, gift of everlasting life.*

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The Christ Candle Returns:

*To symbolize the death of Jesus, the Christ candle was
removed from the sanctuary during the Maundy Thursday
service. On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, to symbolize
Christ's time in the grave, the candle remained absent from
the front of the church. This morning, to celebrate Jesus'*

*resurrection, the candle is restored. “The light shines in the
darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it!”* John 1:5

We Respond with Praise

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 182:1-4

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

arr. Terre Johnson

(Please rise at the director's cue.)

*Latecomers will be seated during the singing of the hymn.

Introduction

Verse 1 & 2: All in harmony

Interlude

Verse 3: All in harmony

Interlude

Verse 4: All in unison

*The Greeting – concluded by the minister saying:

“Christ is risen!”

*The People's Response: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Welcome

We Celebrate Christ's Resurrection Life

New Life:

“... for the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised . . .”

The Reading: I Corinthians 15:51-57 (pg. 1789)

The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 186

“Low in the Grave He Lay”

New Righteousness:

“... count yourself dead to sin but alive to God in Jesus
Christ.”

The Reading: Romans 6:3-13 (pg. 1751)

The Response Anthem: “Lord of the Dance”

arr. John Ferguson

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I
danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came
down from heaven and I danced on the earth; at Bethlehem I
had my birth.*

*Refrain: “Dance, then, where ever you may be; I am the
Lord of the dance,” said he, “and I'll lead you all, wherever you
may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance,” said he.*

*I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they wouldn't
dance, and they wouldn't follow me; I danced for the
fishermen, for James and John; they came with me and the
dance went on. (Refrain)*

*I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame; the holy
people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped
and they hung me high, and left me there on a cross to die.
(Refrain)*

*I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black, it's hard
to dance with devil on your back, they buried my body and
they thought I'd gone. But! I am the dance and I still go
on. They cut me down and I lept up high; I am the life
that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me.
“I am the Lord of the dance,” said he. (Refrain)*

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New Creation:

“He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making
everything new!’”

The Reading: Revelation 21:1-5 (pg. 1937)

*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 204

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna”

Introduction

Verse 1 All in unison

Verse 2: All in harmony

Verse 3: All in unison

The Children's Message

(Children, 4 - 2nd grade, may leave for Children's Worship.)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem: “Christ Is Risen Again”

Philip W. J. Stopford

*Christ the Lord is risen again, Christ hath broken every chain.
Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, alleluia!*

*He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, is our
Paschal Lamb today; we too sing for joy, and say, alleluia!*

*He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross, lives
in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry. He who
slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save; now through
Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of kings. Alleluia!*

*Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ thy ransomed people
feed; take our sins and guilt away: let us sing by night and day;
alleluia!*

The Offertory:

“Easter Fanfare” (*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*)

Kevin Hildebrand

The Offering:

*Today's offering is for Family Promise and the LaGrave General Fund.
Please use an envelope from the pew to designate your gift. All
undesignated monies will go to the General Fund.*

(Please sign and pass the Welcome Register.)

*The Doxology:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;**

**praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Luke 24:1-12 (pg. 1643)

The Sermon: **“HE IS NOT HERE; HE HAS RISEN”**

We Respond with Devotion

*The Hymn of Dedication: Lift Up Your Hearts 205:1,3,4,5
“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

God Sends Us into His World

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Choral Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Grand Choeur Dialogué” Eugène Gigout, arr. John Kuzma

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director

Glenda Buteyn – assistant director

Junior Choir, Marcia Pylman – director (11:00)

Karen Schipper – accompanist

Greg Wells, Aaron Good – trumpet

Leah Bouwman – French horn; Pete Tigchelaar – trombone

Mark Lago – tuba; Perrin Rynders – timpani and percussion

Julia Fletcher, Mia Ackerman, Ella Busscher, Elsie Fletcher,

Audrey Magee, Julia Plantinga, Hanna VandeGriend,

Annika Wenger, Eliza Wenger, Elsa Wenger – liturgical dancers

Andy VandeGriend – Christ Candle Bearer (8:40)

Cyndi Post – Christ Candle Bearer (11:00)

Becca and Ellie VandeGriend – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Payton and Simon Speulstra – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Greg Wells and **Mark Lago**, both music teachers at Northview Public Schools, join several LaGrave instrumentalists in offering the ministry of music this Easter morning. We welcome them and thank them for their presence and gifts.

Music at LaGrave: In 1963, English songwriter Sydney Carter penned *Lord of the Dance* using the first-person singular and applying the analogy of a dance to portray the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. The text is sung to the dance-like Shaker tune *‘Tis a Gift to Be Simple*. In the fourth verse the choir, rather than singing, speaks the text and sings a “siren” effect to

evoke the darkness of Golgotha, but resurrection hope soon follows as the vivacious melody and original tempo return. This joyous music and pictorial text are further enlivened by liturgical dance in this morning’s worship.

The April special offering is for Family Promise of Grand Rapids. Family Promise is dedicated to helping homeless families by giving parents the hope and encouragement they need to create a better future for their kids and end the cycle of homelessness. Through their emergency shelter, housing services, home ownership opportunities, and aftercare services, they have helped over 1,000 families build a stronger future.

This evening there will not be a service.

Easter is the glorious celebration of Jesus’ victory over sin and death. The colors white and gold are used in the paraments and banners. They symbolizes our hope of new life in Jesus Christ. The crystals symbolize the light brought into the world by the risen Jesus Christ as well as his exaltation as Lord and King.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.