

April 21, 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Eastertide

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

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

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:

“Christ Has Arisen”

Johann Sebastian Bach

“The Noble Day Has Appeared”

Johann Sebastian Bach

“Chorale Prelude on *Easter Alleluia*”

(Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds)

Alec Rowley

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” (8:40)

Now all the vault of heaven resounds in praise of love that still abounds: “Christ has triumphed! He is risen!” Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here: “Christ has triumphed! He is risen!” Alleluia!

©Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt. 1958 Service Book and Hymnal, Reprinted by permission of Augsburg Fortress. Used with permission under OneLicense #707908

“Jesus, Jesus, Praise Him” (11:00)

Jesus, Jesus, praise him in the morning, praise him at the noontime. Jesus, Jesus, praise him when the sun goes down.

Jesus, Jesus, serve him in the morning, serve him at the noontime. Jesus, Jesus, serve him when the sun goes down.

Jesus, Jesus, love him in the morning, love him at the noontime. Jesus, Jesus, love him when the sun goes down.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 179:1,2,4

“Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

*The Greeting – concluded by the minister saying:

“Christ is risen!”

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: based on Philippians 2:1-5

As people redeemed by a resurrected Lord, we take courage from being united with Christ.

We are comforted by his love and share in his Spirit.

Though we are not all the same, God calls us to unity—seeking like-mindedness, pursued by and pursuing the same Love; being one in spirit and of one mind.

We are not blinded by ambition or ruled by our pride; rather, we value others above ourselves, and we look to others' interests.

We seek the mindset of Christ.

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness: based on 2 Corinthians 5:19-21

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them.

And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation—with him, with each other, and with his world.

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

As people redeemed by a resurrected Lord, we are reconciled to God. Remember the good news:

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 334

“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”

We Celebrate God's Promises in Baptism (11:00)

The Meaning of Baptism

The Vows

The Baptism of **Rory Kenneth Mulder**, son of

Brad & Allison Mulder

Prayer Partner: Harriet Hasper

Children are invited to come forward for the baptism, and leave during the hymn of response

The Response: **Worship & Rejoice 360:1,3**

“What the Lord Has Done in Me”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message (8:40)

The Welcome and Commissioning of Reverend Stan Kruis

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” (8:40)

T. Frederick H. Candlyn

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night: Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see; till they inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, Radiance divine; scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day. Amen.

“Lead On, O King Eternal” (11:00)

D. Linda McKechnie

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears. Your cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

The Offertory:

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

Robert Buckley Farlee, David Cherwien

The Offering

*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: Leviticus 25: 8-13, 23-28, 35-43 (p.194)

The Sermon: **“JUBILEE AND JESUS”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 863:1,3-6
“Take My Life and Let It Be”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Choral Amen (8:40)

*The Organ Amen (11:00)

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Processional”

William Mathias

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Chancel Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (8:40)

Members of Bells Jubilate (8:40)

4-year-old- 2nd Grade Choir, Jess Hollenbach – director (11:00)

Julia Fletcher – accompanist

Bells Gloria, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (11:00)

Linda & Dan Slotsema – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Dee DeKryger & Joyce Jeltama – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

The liturgical season of Easter is the fifty days from Easter to Pentecost. The white, gold, and crystals used in the paraments and banners reflect the glory of the resurrection. Jesus Christ, the King of kings, has won the victory over sin and death!

Music at LaGrave (8:40)

Thomas Frederick Handel Candlyn (1892-1964) was an English organist who spent his career at two Episcopal parishes in New York. He wrote over 200 works for use in the church, both choral and organ. His anthem *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* remains a staple in the repertoire of Episcopal churches today. Candlyn’s style is steeped in the English tradition, making use of rich harmonies, soaring melodic lines, and a substantial organ accompaniment. The anthem’s text is by Charles Wesley who wrote over 6000 hymns. Candlyn paints Wesley’s text at the outset with ascending melodic lines on the words “skies” and “arise.”

The flowers on the chancel today are given in memory of **Rev. James Molenbeek** who went to be with Jesus on April 20, 2022. Jim had many interests, hobbies and served his Lord throughout his Ministry and after. He is lovingly remembered as a Husband, Father, Grandfather, Uncle, Cousin and Friend. He is dearly missed by his family **Sue Molenbeek, Dan, Julie, Natalie and Megan Molenbeek, Matthew and Victoria Molenbeek.** We believe the promises of the Easter Resurrection and we will be with him again someday.

The April special offering is for **Family Promise**, who partners with local congregations, individuals, families, foundations and corporations to provide emergency shelter and case management for families with children facing a housing crisis.

This evening, Rev. Jonker will preach his last sermon before his sabbatical on those difficult times when our prayers seem to go unanswered, His text will be Mark 14:32-42

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live