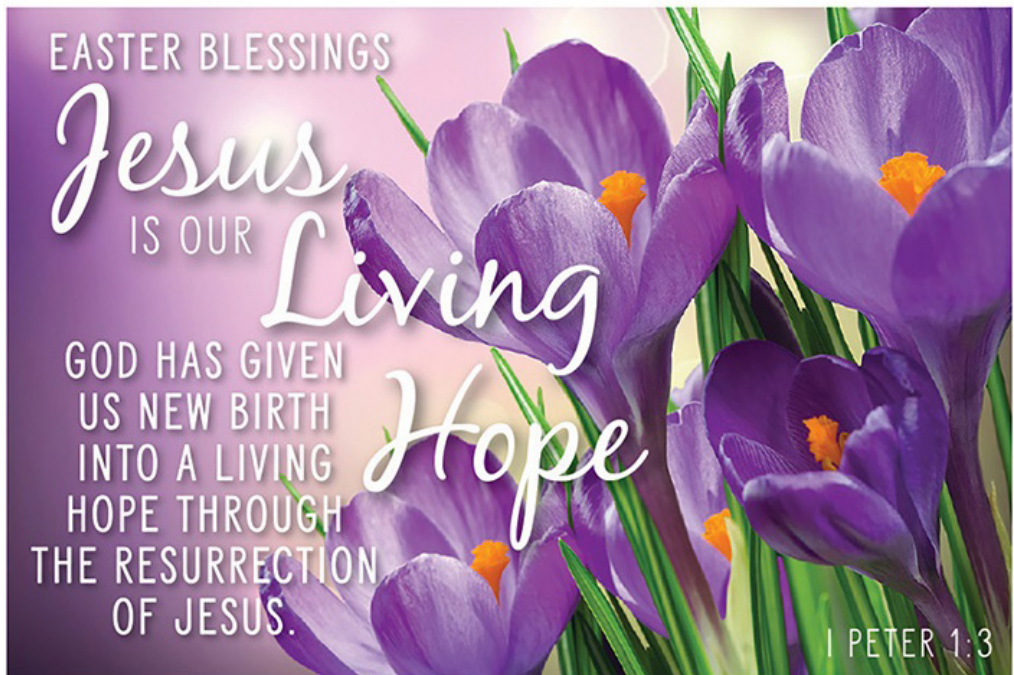


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April 19, 2020

*Welcome to worship this morning! Bulletin Cue: **Bold** indicates congregational response.*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Help in using Google Meet for worship

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

With Mary, whose glad tidings signaled hope and summoned joy, we proclaim:

We have seen the Lord!

With the disciples, whom Jesus greeted with peace and freed from fear, we declare:

We have seen the Lord!

Behold! The risen Lord is in our midst!

Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN GTG 247 Now the Green Blade Rises

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain;
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain;

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

WORDS OF PRAISE

Living God, our loving parent: you cherish your creation

And we praise you.

With earth, air, water, fire: in our element as your children,

We praise you.

With our lips, in our lives, in our diversity and in our unity,

We praise you.

Because your Spirit is at work today, encouraging and empowering us,

We praise you.

Limited as we are, you give us hope! You give us meaning and purpose,

And we praise you.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 16

Protect me, O God; in you I am safe. I say to you,

You are my God; only from you comes the good I enjoy.

How excellent are your faithful people!

It is my greatest joy to worship with them.

Those who idolize lesser things bring trouble on themselves.

I will not take part in their practices, nor worship their gods.

**You, O God, are all I have, and you give me all I need;
My life's limits are in your hands.**

I praise you, for you are my guide;
By night you speak to my soul.

**I am always aware of your presence:
So near that nothing can shake me.**

So my heart is glad, and my soul delights;
My body, too, can rest secure.

**You will not leave me to the world of the dead,
Nor banish to the abyss one whom you love.**

You will show me the path to life.
Your presence will be my unbounded joy,
My delight forevermore.

AMEN

GOSPEL READING John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 231 Christ Has Risen, While Earth Slumbers



1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-enge and to change



as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.



Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
 Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud - dled in an up - stairs room.
 Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:



let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
 He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
 ev - i - dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,

hear our prayer.

THE 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

(In lieu of a time of offering, people are invited to unmute one by one and share something that has inspired gratitude or given them hope in this past week; when all who desire to do so have spoken, we will collectively pray in response.)

PRAYER

God of life, of all life and of each life, we lay our own lives before you; we give our lives to you. In this time of global crisis, we give thanks for all your continued care, not for us alone, but for your whole suffering and precious world. We are yours, today and eternally.

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

CLOSING HYMN GTG 254 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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CHARGE AND BLESSING

May the God who shakes heaven and earth,
whom death could not contain,
Who lives to disturb and heal us,
Bless you with the power to live the gospel
Wherever you may be on this day of resurrection!
Thanks be to God!

Now whether going forth or staying home,
do everything in Jesus' name,
remembering his new commandment
to love one another, just as he has loved us. **Amen.**

254 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.

* Elements of this service were adapted from *The Iona Abbey Worship Book* with permission of The Iona Community.

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, April 19

9:30 am Online Worship Service

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday, April 20 *

10:00 am Online PW Bible Study

Tuesday, April 21 *

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

Sunday, April 26

9:30 am Online Worship Service

A friendly reminder: please maintain your pledges, as you are able during this time since the work of the church goes on even when we aren't meeting in person. The mail is taken in daily, so no worries mailing it! There is also an online option on our website, www.cpcrochester.org.

Online Worship

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

<https://meet.google.com/vao-wjef-cbe>

+1 575-305-4527 PIN: 652 821 468 #

* **Daily Conference Call - 12:00 noon**

<https://meet.google.com/kee-rcys-sdh>

+1 413-889-2244 PIN: 433 818 991#

PW Bible Study - Monday 10:00 am

<https://meet.google.com/goi-npns-qoj>

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Judy Leal

Jane, Ed, Elissa and Burgstaler family

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Bill Marshall's father, Russ

Judy Leal's niece, Toni and her family

*To be added to the prayer list,
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Prayer for a Pandemic

*May we who are merely inconvenienced
remember those whose lives are at stake.*

*May we who have no risk factors
remember the most vulnerable.*

*May we who have the luxury of working from home
remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making rent.*

*May we who have the flexibility to care for our children
when their school is closed
remember those who have no options.*

*May we who have to cancel our trips
remember those that have no safe place to go.*

*May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market
remember those who have no margin at all.*

*May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
remember those who have no home.*

As fear grips our country let us choose love.

*During this time when we cannot
physically wrap our arms around each other,
let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.*

Amen

-Author Unknown

