

Larchmont Avenue Church

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EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum
Associate Pastor: Rev. Anna Grace Claunch
Director of Music: Douglas Kostner

PRELUDE

Tantum Ergo
Easter Brass Quintet

Gabriel Fauré

INTROIT

Introit for Easter Day
Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Douglas Kostner

SCRIPTURE READING:

THE EMPTY TOMB
John 20:1-18

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Early in the morning light, the women went to Jesus' tomb.

All: And behold, the tomb was empty, the stone rolled away!

One: He was not there. He had been raised!

All: For God's love is stronger than death!

One: Those who believe in him, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in him will never die.

All: He is indeed the Resurrection and the Life!

One: Let us come with amazement and great joy. Let us come with wonder and praise.
Let us shout the good news!

All: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

*OPENING HYMN #232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(in unison)*

Rev. Claunch

Praise be to you, O God of resurrection, for you have defeated the powers of sin and death. In resurrecting Christ Jesus, you displayed your holy power and transformed all of creation. In your steadfast love, you have redeemed us once and for all. Where we once saw pain, scarcity, and despair, we now see wholeness, abundance, and hope. Holy Spirit, inspire us to live as your new creation, working to make things on earth as they are in heaven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: THE STONE THAT THE BUILDERS REJECTED

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

ANTHEM

Cornerstone
Bill Sabia, drums

Stephen Kirchner

Oh, the stone that the builders rejected became the cornerstone of a whole new world.

*A grain of wheat may be knocked to the ground and suffer through the winter's cold,
Only to rise up again and bear its seed a thousandfold.*

*Never can our journey fail; a little child will lead the way,
Whose eyes are filled with a shining light, to whom the night is bright as day.*

*The love that rolls the stone away gives us life and that we may sing,
"Grave, where is thy victory? Death, O death, where is thy sting?"*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Claunch

SCRIPTURE READING: THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

John 11:17-27

SERMON

“I AM the Resurrection and the Life”

Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #238 *(verses 1 and 3)*

*Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.
No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise...**

...Therefore, we praise you, with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever
proclaim the glory of your name...

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your Glory.

*Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!*

...Great is the mystery of faith.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* Jacques Berthier

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!*

Look to God, do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near, lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Claunch

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory forever. Amen.

THE GREAT AMEN *(congregation singing)*

Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Financial gifts may be shared electronically via the Realm Connect app or by scanning the QR code to the right. Additional pledge cards are available at the Usher Station at the rear of the sanctuary.



OFFERTORY

Easter Hymn
Easter Brass Quintet

Robert Hobby

***DOXOLOGY #609**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN #245** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bynum

***POSTLUDE**

The Saints' Hallelujah

Arr. Luther Henderson

NOTE: You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude, but there is no expectation that you remain seated during this time. Feel free to get up and greet your neighbors!

Thank you to our Easter Brass Quintet: Don Downs & Colin Brigstock, trumpet, Reagan Osteen, horn, Clint Sharman, trombone, and Jack Schatz, trombone & tuba.
Thanks also to Jon Berger, timpani, and Bill Sabia, drums.

Announcements & Happening

EASTER FLOWERS MEMORIAL

In memory of Judy Allen from Jim & Pat Allen † In memory of Eric Almquist from the Almquist and MacGregor families † In memory of Wayne Armstrong from Lynne Armstrong † In memory of Thomas Black from Jay & Veronica Barnes † In memory of Gemmie and Dida from the Beaver Family † In loving memory of Tim's sister Bridget from Timothy & Cynthia Cannon † In Celebration! Meg, Alvaro & Family from Meg Deshpande & Alvaro Brito † In honor of Barbara and Kim Christiansen with my deepest love from Caliope Flickinger † In loving memory of the O'Rourke and DiSalvo families by Garr DiSalvo & Eileen O'Rourke † In memory of loved ones by Gregory & Sharon Hawkins † In memory of Ted & Louise Johnson from their family † In loving memory of Erika Lomitzky from the Leissl family † In memory of John J. Mackey from his family † In memory of loved ones by The Nodell Family † In memory of loved ones by Penny & Tim Oberg † In loving memory of Retha and Nicholas Petrosino from Fred Petrosino † In memory of loved ones from Adrian & Christel Pugin † In memory of our Mom and Nana, Janice Dunbar from Brian & Laura Rosenthal † In memory of Warren and Thelma Serenbetz from Paul Serenbetz † In memory of Ken & Joan Wanderer and Alexander Everhart from Rich & Diane Williams † In memory of my late parents from Gina Yoo

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Join the Women's Bible Study! Email broodal@lacny.org Men's Bible Study. Contact Arthur Washington, ajwash3@outlook.com
- SAVE THE DATE!
Youth Confirmation, Sunday May 4th

FELLOWSHIP

- Interested in membership at LAC? Reach out to Rev. Bynum at pbynum@lacny.org.
- PROGRESSIVE DINNER. A dinner party with a twist! May 17th 6-10 PM
Scan QR Code to register or visit www.lacny.org, Announcements & Happenings.



MUSIC

- The organ chimes heard in today's service were made possible by a generous gift from the Serenbetz family.
- Looking for ways to get involved? Joining the choir is a great way to make a joyful noise (and some great friends as well). Call the church office or email dkostner@lacny.org for more details.

SERVICE

- LAC Food Connection: lacoffice@lacny.org
- April 27th - Earth Day Sunday & Native Planting Garden Ribbon Cutting
- SAVE THE DATE: LAC Rummage Sale, May 1-3
Donations accepted: Sat., April 26 10am - 12pm
Sun., April 27 12pm - 4pm
Mon., April 28 10am - 4pm
Tues., April 29 9am - 12pm
www.lacny.org/rummage-sale-2025-2/ or scan the QR code



THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

9:00 am & 11:00 am Worship Services

MONDAY APRIL 21 -- Office Closed

7:00 pm Trustees Meeting (Lindsley)

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

6:45 pm Al Anon (Library)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

5:00 pm 5th-7th Grade Youth (Youth Room)

6:15 pm 8th-12th Grade Youth (Youth Room)

7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Lindsley)

4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell Hall, Carhart, Chapel, Room 202)

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

10:00 am Rummage Sale Donations

1:00 pm Village of Larchmont Earth Day

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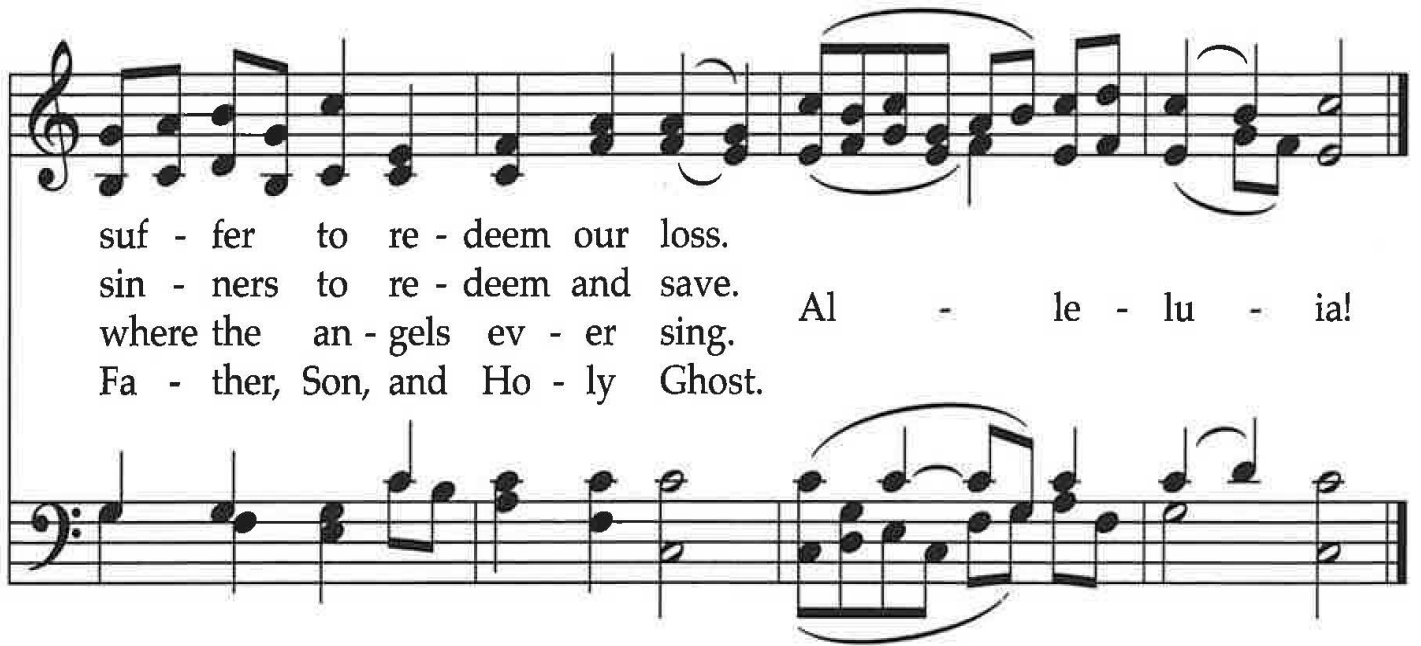
1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION



suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save.
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Al - le - lu - ia!

SPANISH

- 1 El Señor resucitó, ¡Aleluya!
 muerte y tumba ya venció. ¡Aleluya!
 Con su fuerza y su virtud ¡Aleluya!
 cautivó la esclavitud. ¡Aleluya!
- 2 El que al polvo se humilló, ¡Aleluya!
 vencedor se levantó. ¡Aleluya!
 Cante hoy la cristiandad ¡Aleluya!
 su gloriosa majestad. ¡Aleluya!
- 3 Cristo, que la cruz sufrió, ¡Aleluya!
 y en desolación se vio, ¡Aleluya!
 hoy en gloria celestial ¡Aleluya!
 reina vivo e inmortal. ¡Aleluya!
- 4 Cristo, nuestro Salvador, ¡Aleluya!
 de la muerte es triunfador. ¡Aleluya!
 En El hemos de confiar. ¡Aleluya!
 Cantaremos sin cesar. ¡Aleluya!

KOREAN

- 1 예수부활 했으니 할렐루야
 만민찬송 하여라
 천사들이 즐거워
 기뻐찬송 부르네
- 2 대속하신 주 예수 할렐루야
 선한싸움 이겼네
 사망권세 이기고
 하늘문을 여셨네
- 3 마귀권세 이긴주 할렐루야
 왕의왕이 되셨네
 높은이름 세상에
 널리반포 하여라
- 4 길과진리 되신주 할렐루야
 우리부활 하겠네
 부활생명 되시니
 우리부활 하겠네

245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre - a - tion, join to say:
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to you by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,
 Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.