

# EASTER SUNDAY

## The Resurrection of Our Lord

### GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude Village Brass, Organ

The Easter Proclamation

\*Hymn, No. 248 *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*  
HYMN TO JOY

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!**  
**Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.**  
**In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.**  
**Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.**  
**Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.**  
**Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.**  
**Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.**

**Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.**  
**Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.**  
**Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"**  
**God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!**

\*Morning Prayer Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Living God,  
We thought we had heard it all.  
We thought we knew:  
**the stories Jesus told,**  
**the lessons he taught,**  
**the love he shared.**

**But here we are,**  
**confronted by the mystery of an empty grave**  
**that should be filled with a broken body.**

We thought we had heard it all.  
We thought we knew:  
**the way of the world,**  
**the powers that be,**  
**the relentlessness of violence and the futility of hope.**

**But here we are,**  
**confronted by the mystery of an empty grave**  
**that should be filled with a broken body.**

We thought we had heard it all.  
We thought we knew.

**But here we are,**  
**in the presence of death defeated**  
**and brokenness made whole.**  
**Here we are,**  
**in the presence of love that calls our name**  
**and never, ever lets us go.**  
**Here we are,**  
**in the presence of the deepest truth:**  
**He is risen! He is risen, indeed!**  
**We thought we had heard it all,**  
**but today, everything is brand new.**  
**In the name of the risen Christ. Amen.**

\*Response of Praise

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia!

Words of Welcome

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Faith Sharing with Children Dr. Rodger Nishioka (8, 11:15 a.m.)

Call to Prayer

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your Spir-it in this place.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Rev. Zach Walker

**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.**

Anthem *Saints Bound For Heaven*  
by Mack Wilberg; Village Choir

Prayer for Illumination Laura Hewitt (8 a.m.)  
Sandy Wells (9:30 a.m.)  
Scott Stanley (11:15 a.m.)

Scripture Reading John 20:1-18 (p.988)

Sermon *The Stranger You Have Always Known* Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn No. 265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*  
DUKE STREET

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun**  
**does its successive journeys run;**  
**his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,**  
**till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To him shall endless prayer be made,**  
**and praises throng to crown his head;**  
**his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise**  
**with every morning sacrifice.**

**People and realms of every tongue**  
**dwelt on his love with sweetest song,**  
**and infant voices shall proclaim**  
**their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns:**  
**the prisoners leap to loose their chains;**  
**the weary find eternal rest,**  
**and all who suffer want are blest.**

**Let every creature rise and bring**  
**honors peculiar to our King;**  
**angels descend with songs again,**  
**and earth repeat the loud Amen!**

Offertory Rev. Len Carrell (8, 11:15 a.m.)  
*An Easter Celebration*  
Music: Joel Raney; Village Brass

\*Response

**Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,**  
**you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.**  
**How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start.**  
**Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**We are Easter people!**  
**We believe in this brand new morning,**  
**when creation dances and Jesus' promises ring true.**  
**We trust that through your grace,**  
**even the smallest act of kindness**  
**and every act of generosity**  
**can have significance beyond all expectation.**  
**With that faith, we rise.**  
**With that faith, we give freely and joyfully.**  
**Gracious God, take what we have to offer**  
**and use so that it might be a blessing,**  
**bearing witness to the truth of resurrection.**  
**Help these gifts proclaim the beauty, wonder, and awe of this day.**  
**Amen.**

\*Hymn

*Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*  
 EASTER HYMN

**Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!**  
**Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!**  
**Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!**  
**Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

*Choir:*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!*  
*Fought the fight, the vict'ry won, Alleluia!*  
*Jesus' agony is o'er, Alleluia!*  
*Darkness veils the earth no more, Alleluia!*

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!**  
**Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!**  
**Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!**  
**Where's thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

*Choir:*  
*Alleluia! Amen!*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*Hallelujah Chorus*  
 G.F. Handel; More Love Chorale

\*Postlude

*Toccat in F, BWV 540*  
 by J.S. Bach

\*All who are able may stand.

### Village Brass Ensemble

Trumpet: Wayne Bates, Stan Chappell, Mark McDonald, Brad Winter  
 Horn: Lauren Beck, Matthew LaMar, Kirk Rush, Lisa Rush  
 Trombone: Dave Groebe, Kerry Kinkelaar, Tom Mahan, John Porter  
 Euphonium: Freddy Morado  
 Tuba: Michael Hegge

### Flowering of the Cross

We invite you to flower the cross with your family to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ!  
 Crosses are outside on the west lawn and the south side.

Members of the Village Emergency Response Team (V.E.R.T.) are assigned and available during each Sunday service. They are certified in CPR and in the use of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED). V.E.R.T. members can be recognized by their red name tags.

## UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

### Living Unafraid in a Frightening World

April 30-July 16

When Easter was over and the world got back to normal, some recognized there was a new normal now. The world today is a place of crosses. Bodies fail and hearts break, systems and structures crush the powerless. There is enough in this world to scare you to death. But Jesus is alive now—there is a new normal. Jesus is alive now, so we can live, even in this world, as a people who are living unafraid in a frightening world.

If you would like more information about the life and ministries of Village Church, or are interested in becoming a member, call 913-671-2331 or visit [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org).



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## SANCTUARY



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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

April 16, 2017 • 8, 9:30, 11:15 a.m.

We welcome you to this joyous celebration and invite you to join us every Sunday. Regular worship times are 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary and The Gathering at 5 p.m. in Friendship Hall.

