

The New Utrecht Reformed Church

Easter Celebration of the Eucharist

8th of April 2007



Thou mastering me God!
giver of breath
and bread;
world's strand,
sway of the sea;
Lord of living and dead;
Thou has bound bones
and veins in me,
fastened me flesh,
and after it
almost unmade, what
with dread,
Thy doing:
and dost Thou touch me afresh?
over again I feel Thy finger
and find thee.

-----Gerard Manley Hopkins

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We Welcome You to our Worship!

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We invite you to maintain a spirit of silence as the prelude begins our service & the Paschal Candle, extinguished on Friday, enters our sanctuary as the Light of New Life!

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude "Hymn Medley" Introit "Easter Song" A. Herring

Welcome and Greeting of Peace

*Call to Worship: Acts 10: 38 -41

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the holy spirit and with power;
HE WENT ABOUT DOING GOOD AND HEALING ALL WHO WERE OPPRESSED BY EVIL, FOR GOD WAS WITH HIM.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.

THEY PUT HIM TO DEATH BY HANGING HIM ON A TREE; BUT GOD RAISED HIM ON THE THIRD DAY AND ALLOWED HIM TO APPEAR, NOT TO ALL THE PEOPLE BUT TO US WHO WERE CHOSEN BY GOD AS WITNESSES AND WHO ATE AND DRANK WITH HIM AFTER HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD.

*Hymn 217 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Let us be before our God in silence.

Unison Prayer - by Vachel Lindsay

**CHRIST THE DEW IN THE CLOUD, CHRIST THE SAP OF THE TREES,
CHRIST THE LIGHT IN THE WATERFALL, THE SOUL OF THE SUN,
GRANT THAT I MAY TOUCH THE FRINGES OF YOUR OUTERMOST ROBE. LET ME STORE
YOUR RAYS TILL MY RIBS CARRY THE BREATH OF LIGHTNING, TILL MY LIPS SPEAK THE
FULLNESS OF THUNDER TO WAKEN WORLD-WEARY ONES: TILL MY WHISPER
ENDGENDERS LIONS OUT OF THE DESERT WEEDS.**

**GIVE ME YOUR STRENGTH! GIVE MY YOUR HIDDEN WINGS, TILL I CLIMB TO THE HOLIEST
PLACE, THAT HIGHEST PLAIN OF ALL, WITH ITS GLASSY SHALLOW POOLS.**

**GIVE US YOUR LIFE, O SUN! BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, WAFER OF AWFUL FIRE GIVE
US THE CONTRITE HEART, TAKE OUT THE DEATH FROM US.**

Word of Assurance and The Summary of the Law (Mk 12: 29-31)

This is the first commandment:

**HEAR O ISRAEL, THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE! THEREFORE YOU SHALL LOVE
THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR
MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.**

This is the second commandment.

YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.

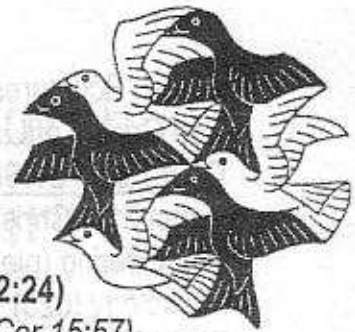
There is no greater commandment than these.

The whole bright world
rejoices now: Alleluia!
the birds do sing
on every bough:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
then shout beneath the racing skies:
Alleluia!
to Him that rose
that we might rise:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
God, the Creator, the Son,
and Holy Ghost: Alleluia!

The rabbit, being a nocturnal animal, is said to have been one of the few creatures in the garden who saw the tomb open and Jesus' resurrection.



Anthem "Break Forth Into Joy" C. Simper



THE WORD OF GOD

*Responsive Reading:

GOD RAISED CHRIST, HAVING FREED HIM FROM DEATH, BECAUSE IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR CHRIST TO BE HELD IN DEATH'S POWER (Acts 2:24)

But thanks be to God who gives us the Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 15:57)

JESUS HIMSELF STOOD AMONG THEM AND SAID TO THEM, "PEACE BE WITH YOU." THEY WERE STARTLED AND TERRIFIED AND THOUGHT THEY WERE SEEING A GHOST. JESUS SAID TO THEM: "WHY ARE YOU FRIGHTENED AND WHY DO DOUBTS ARISE IN YOUR HEARTS?" LOOK AT MY HANDS AND FEET; SEE THAT IT IS I MYSELF. TOUCH ME AND SEE; FOR A GHOST DOES NOT

HAVE FLESH AND BONES AS YOU SEE THAT I HAVE. (LUKE 24: 36-39)

But Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died (1Cor15:20)

JESUS SAID TO MARTHA: "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN ME, EVEN THOUGH THEY DIE, WILL LIVE, AND EVERYONE WHO LIVES AND BELIEVES IN ME WILL

NEVER DIE. " (John 11: 25, 26)

*Gloria Patri (Hymn No 623)

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY GHOST. AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END, AMEN, AMEN!

Children's Sermon & Song "He Is Lord!"



1 He is Lord, he is Lord, he is ris - en from the
 3 He is Love, he is Love, he has shown us by his
 4 He is Life, he is Life, he has died to set us

dead, and he is Lord! Ev - ery knee shall bow, ev - ery
 life that he is Love! All his peo - ple sing with one
 free, and he is Life! And he calls us all to live

tongue con - fess that Je - sus Christ is Lord,
 voice of joy that Je - sus Christ is Love,
 ev - er - more, for Je - sus Christ is Life.

Jewish Scriptures: Isaiah 65: 17-25 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26 The Celtic Alleluia!
The Gospel of Luke 24: 1-12 and the Communion Meditation "Waiting for Resurrection"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn 216 "Christ Arose

*The Apostle's Creed

The Offering (please use the envelopes)

Offertory Anthem "The Holy City" S. Adams

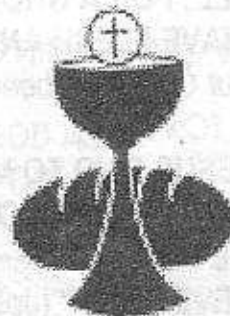
*Doxology (625)

**PRAISE GOD FROM ALL WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW; PRAISE GOD ALL
CREATURES HERE BELOW; PRAISE GOD ABOVE YE HEAVENLY HOSTS;
PRAISE FATHER (CREATOR), SON (CHRIST) AND HOLY GHOST.**

Offertory Prayer

Let us feast this Easter day
on Christ,
the Bread of Heaven!
the Word of grace
has purged away
the old
and evil leaven.

Christ alone our souls will feed;
He is our bread
and drink indeed;
faith lives
upon no other!
Alleluia!
---16th c., Martin Luther



The Invitation to the Table

The Breaking of the Bread

(Hold the elements till we all have bread & cup so that we can eat & drink together

*Communion. Remember, we are chosen by God as witnesses who ate and drank with Him after He
rose from the dead! Acts 10: 41)*

The Great Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 227 "Thine is the Glory"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Ring the Bells" H. Bollback

Postlude "Hymn Medley"

*Indicates please stand, only if you are able.

**A Special Welcome to New Visitors! We are honored to have you worshipping with us!
If you do not have a church home, please consider making New Utrecht your home! We
welcome you!**

Everyone is invited to join us for an Easter coffee hour in the Parish House! Come!

Thanks to.... **Victor Safay** and many devoted volunteers for the lovely decoration of our sanctuary
& preparation of the Easter Egg Hunt! Thanks to... **Rev. Bob Peterson & our choir** for such
glorious songs of praise today! Thanks to... **our church members & friends** who contributed to our
Easter Coffee Hour. **Happy Easter to everyone!**

EASTER FLOWERS

*The plants and flowers on the Altar
this morning express our wonder and
joy in the Resurrection and
Renewal of Life*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Nellie Abdelhak
Dorothy & Harold Adamson
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