

April 19, 2020 ~ The Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements ~ The Rev. Paul V. Stunkel

Prelude ~ Leigh Emmett

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

***Praise #616** ~ "Our God Is an Awesome God"

*Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!* (repeat)

Leader: By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope,

All: through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Leader: Alleluia!

All: Alleluia! Amen.

**you are invited to stand as you are able*

***Hymn #231** ~ "Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"

***Prayer of the Day** ~ *in unison*

Living God,

for whom no door is closed,

no heart is locked,

draw us beyond our doubts,

till we see your Christ

and touch his wounds

where they bleed in others.

This we ask through Christ our Savior,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

***The Peace of Christ**

Virtual time with children

Anthem ~ "In Your Name" ~ (D. Lee/S. Lewis)

Breathing Prayer

Response #455 ~ "Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken"

Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand;

listen to the voice that began creation, listen even if you don't understand. (repeat)

Gospel ~ John 20:19-29 ~ in dialogue, as translated in The Complete Gospels by Robert J. Miller

Special Music

Hebrew Scripture ~ Ezekiel 37:1- 14 ~ The Valley of the Dry Bones

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breath upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Message ~ "The future belongs to God?"

***Hymn #286** ~ *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

Gratitude for the community support as we worship virtually.

Community Prayers: an opportunity to send your requests.

The Lord's Prayer ~ *in unison*

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.

***Hymn #384** ~ *"Soon and Very Soon"*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

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May the joy and peace we find in our resurrected Lord bless and keep you and your family. Stay well!!

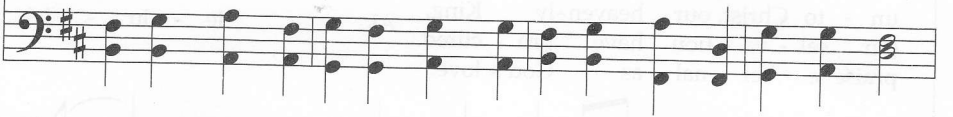
Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers 231



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-lenge 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.



Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."

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1 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
 2 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 3 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
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Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're going to see the King!

This spirited African American gospel hymn draws on John's vision of the new heaven and the new earth in Revelation 21:3-4, with its wonderful promise that God will wipe away the tears from all eyes, that death will be no longer, and that there will be no more mourning or pain.