

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America

167-07 35th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021



Mr. Sean Cotty – Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

PRELUDE

Sarabande from Violin Partita No. 1Bach/Grandjany

Harp Concerto, 1s movement.....Handel

Prelude in G Major from Cello Suite No. 1Bach

The Strive is Over.....Palestrina

Emily John, Harp

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mighty God, in whom we know the power of redemption, you stand among us in the shadows of our time. As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life, uphold us with the knowledge of that final morning when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son, we will share in his resurrection: redeemed and restored to the fullness of life and forever freed to be your people. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN No. 254

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:

sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of

praise; He who on the cross a victim for the world's

salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen

from the dead.

*Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:
see the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat;
once he died, and once was buried: now he lives
forevermore, Jesus Christ the world's Redeemer, whom
we worship and adore.*

*Christ is risen, we are risen! Set your hearts on things
above: there in all the Father's glory lives and reigns our
King of love; hear the word of peace he brings us, see his
wounded hands and side; now let every wrong be
ended, every sin be crucified.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high!
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory!
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Great God, receiver of our sins and sorrows, we come
before you confessing our sin: all that within us is shallow,
shameful, and without hope. We have protected our own
self-interests and have forgotten others. We have yielded
to cynicism and fear. We have embraced our doubts
and denied our faith. We come before you, tender God,
asking from you the forgiveness which conquers all death
and sets the captives free. Forgive us, we pray, for we
ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

ANTHEM

*Alleluia! Give Thanks to
the Risen Lord*

Donald Fishel

Alleluia, alleluia, shout for joy loud and long;

alleluia, alleluia, sing to God a glorious new song.

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,
alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name!
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,
alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name!
Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
Jesus has died and has risen!
We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever.*

*Come, Let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to the Savior.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,
alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name!
Alleluia, alleluia, sing to God a glorious new song.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, open our hearts to receive your Word,
reveal to us the good news, and enable us to trust in the
promise of salvation in Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 25: 6-9

Mark 16: 1-8

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

He Goes Ahead of You. Rev. Doug Estella

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty.**

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SOLO *Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana* Mascagni
 Medidation on St. Columba
 Soloist, Emily John, Harp

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Confession of Faith

Great is the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again.

ANTHEM

Christ Our Passover William Macfarlane

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:
therefore let us keep the feast.*

*Not with old leav'n, neither with
the leaven of malice and wickedness,
but with the unleavened bread
of sincerity and truth.*

*Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more:
death hath no more dominion over Him.*

*For in that He died, He died unto sin once:
but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God.*

*Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed
unto sin: but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Christ is risen, is risen from the dead:

and become the first fruits of them that slept.

*For since by man, for since by man came death:
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.*

*For as in Adam, for as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

*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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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 trespasses**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom and the power
And the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN No. 234

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join t o say Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!*

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

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!*

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

*Hallelujah Chorus
from The Messiah*

G.F. Handel

*Hallelujah!
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!
Hallelujah!*

*The kingdom of this world is become
The kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ!
And he shall reign for ever and ever!
King of kings and Lord of lords!
King of kings and Lord of lords!
And He shall reign forever and ever!
Forever and ever!
Hallelujah!*

POSTLUDE

Finale from Symphony No. 1

Louis Vierne

Announcements

Welcome, Rev. Doug Estella

We welcomed Rev. Doug Estella to the Church on the Hill pulpit on March 14, 2021. Rev. Estella is a great friend of our congregation and we are blessed to have him minister to us during this time of transition.

Rev. I. Douglas Estella is a native of Elmhurst, and an ordained minister in the Reformed Church in America. He remains an active member of the Queens Classis. Doug served RCA churches in the Midwest, New Jersey, and Queens. He is also a licensed high school ESL teacher with the NYC Dept. of Ed. Doug has been available to fill in at area churches, and he has recently served as an Interim Pastor of the Community Church of Douglaston. He and his wife, Janet, reside in Sunnyside.

Thank you COTH Chancel Choir

Thank you to Sean Cotty, Emily John and the Chancel Choir for leading us in song on this day of celebration!

Church Office Hours

The church office will be closed on Thursday, April 8th.

Prayer Requests

*If you would like to add a loved one to the prayer list,
please contact the church office*

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Susan Brooks
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Lillian Calfa
Marilyn Cooney
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Janet Fiala
John & Hazel Gittens
Rosemarie Graffeo
Herbert Family
Helen Hunt
Hank Klushin
Betty Kwong
Lynn Lauterbach

Nancy Lee
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Gerry & Jean Mandler
Barbara & Neil Meurer
Miller Family
Ruben & Eva Munoz
Betty Dalton Prager
Racquel Prager
Barbara Rogers
Rosemary Vazquez
Alison Venable
Alex Young
John Young
Joan Werbel
Buck
Dilip
Carole
Robin



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