

Welcome

We are so glad you found us online and are participating in this worship service. We would love to help you get connected to others during this challenging season. For a full list of online opportunities and other ministries we might offer to you, please visit our website: resurrectionclintonhill.org

COVER ART / "37th Hour" oil and oil stick on canvas, 2017 / Matt Kleberg

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Reflection

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Wherever beauty called me into lonely places,
Where dark Remembrance haunts me with eternal smart,
Remembrance, the unmerciful, the well of love,
Recalling the far dances, the far-distant faces,
Whispering me "What does this—and this—remind you of?"
How can I cease from knocking or forget to watch—

C.S. LEWIS / Launcelot

Advent
Christmas
Epiphany
Lent
Easter
Pentecost

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EASTER

All the hopes and expectations of the world are realized in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, making Easter the most celebrated day in the Christian calendar. Easter is a day of joy, celebration, and renewal. Because the good news of Easter can hardly be contained in a single day's celebration, Easter is only the first of the fifty days of the Easter season that culminates in Pentecost. This season is designed for extended celebration, for exploring the ramifications of Easter for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living. The liturgical colors are white and gold.

GOD CALLS US

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP April 12th, 2019, 10:30 AM

Call To Worship / 1 Peter 1

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

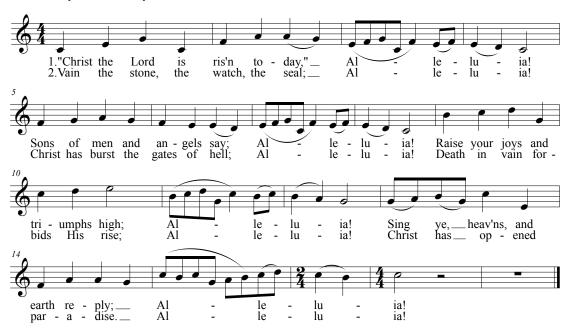
We are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. *Amen!*

SONG OF PRAISE

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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Translated by Charles Wesley



- 3. 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?
- 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!
- 5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia! Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia! Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOD CLEANSES US

Confession of Sin

Gracious Father, you sent your son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life in Him. Yet we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced your image in us. Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake, and enable us by His resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us. *Amen.*

(Followed by silent confession.)

Pardon / Romans 4

Hear this good news from God: "Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification." Therefore, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ and by his authority, you are entirely forgiven, accepted, and made new.

People: Amen! Thanks be to God!

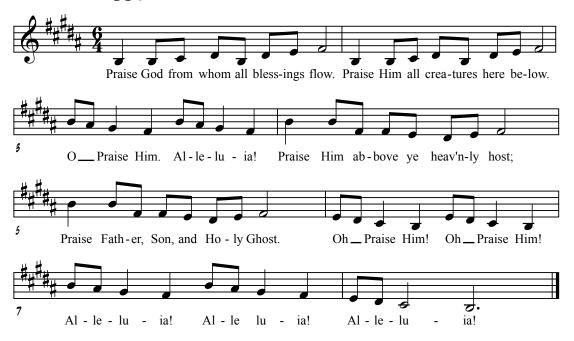
Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

People: and our mouths will declare your praise!

The Doxology | with hands raised



The Passing of the Peace

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The people greet one another, followed by news of the church's life.

GOD SPEAKS WITH US

First Lesson / 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

Prayers of the People

As God's priestly people, we pray to him on behalf of the church, the city, and the world. When the prayer leader says "Lord, in your mercy," please reply with "**Hear our prayer.**"

Sermon Lesson / John 20:1-10

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." 3 So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. 4 Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples went back to their homes.

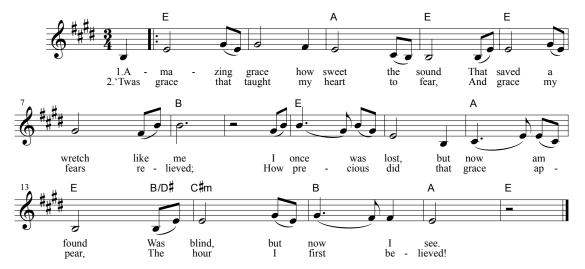
Minister: The word of our Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE

Amazing Grace

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Words by John Newton and John Rees Traditional American Tune



- 3. Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
- 4. And when this flesh and heart shall fail, And mortal life shall cease; I shall possess within the veil, A life of joy and peace.
- 5. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise, Than when we've first begun.

Sermon

"While It Was Still Dark" The Reverend Jamison Wayne Galt

Sermon Notes

Prayer of Response

Lord, death could not hold you down. You are the Resurrection and the Life, so we, too, can live. Thank you that the grave is only a journey into the presence of God. You have removed the sting of death and empowered this life to be abundant no matter the circumstances. We thank you that we have your presence with us now and forever, in this present darkness and in the eternal dawn to come. *Amen.*

Offertory

The offering is a way for members and friends of Resurrection Clinton Hill to present the substance of their whole lives to God. If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give. Checks may be made out to "Resurrection Clinton Hill" and placed in the offering plate.

To give online, go to www.resurrectionclintonhill.org and follow the online giving instructions.

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Register your credit/debit card, and select 'Clinton Hill.' Save this number for future giving.

Profession Of Faith / Isaiah 25

We believe that on this earth the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this earth the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. Amen.

GOD COMMUNES WITH US

Invitation to Communion Prayer

The minister guides us in three minutes of centering prayer in lieu of the Eucharist. Try to sit upright, breathe slowly and intentionally. Choose a name or word for God that comforts you and speak it once in your mind. Remember that God breathed his breath of life into you, that, furthermore, all Christians are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Jesus stands at the door and knocks. Invite him to come in and commune with you. Try to remain in silence, verbally, and mentally. Every time a chattering thought or question or request comes to mind, simply return to your word for God. Time and again, refocus on God's presence in and with you. After three minutes of silence we will conclude together with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer / 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 and ever. Amen.

SONG OF COMMUNION

The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

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Andre Crouch



GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US OUT

Charge to the People

Benediction

The Five-fold Amen





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