

Durham Mennonite Church

April 17, 2022

10:30 a.m. Worship in person and on Zoom

Preaching: Jonathan Larson Worship Leader: Marcia Nice



Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

Welcome

Hymn - #329 Were you there?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when he rose up from the dead?

Were you there when he rose up from the dead?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when he rose up from the dead?

Call to Worship (Psalm 118:19-24)

19

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

20

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

21

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

22

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

23

This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

24

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prayer

Scripture – John 20:1-18

The Resurrection of Jesus

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 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.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet

they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in

Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Hymn - #347 I know that my redeemer lives

I know that my Redeemer lives

glory, hallelujah!

What comfort this sweet sentence gives

glory, hallelujah!

**Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground
glory, hallelujah!**

**The dead's alive and the lost is found
glory, hallelujah!**

He lives to crush the powers of hell
glory, hallelujah!

He lives within my heart to dwell
glory, hallelujah!

**Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground
glory, hallelujah!**

**The dead's alive and the lost is found
glory, hallelujah!**

He lives, my hungry soul to feed
glory, hallelujah!

He lives to help in time of need
glory, hallelujah!

**Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground
glory, hallelujah!**

**The dead's alive and the lost is found
glory, hallelujah!**

He lives, all glory to his name! -
glory, hallelujah!

He lives, my Jesus, still the same -
glory, hallelujah!

**Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground
glory, hallelujah!**

**The dead's alive and the lost is found
glory, hallelujah!**

He lives triumphant from the grave
glory, hallelujah!

He lives eternally to save
glory, hallelujah!

**Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground
glory, hallelujah!**

**The dead's alive and the lost is found
glory, hallelujah!**

Easter Litany (reflecting John 20:1-18)

Leader: Trembling, a woman approaches the tomb. The tomb: that mysterious place of meeting. Death meeting life. The Magdalene meeting a darkened tomb, but then, a risen Christ.

People: Trembling, we approach the edge where death and life meet. Death, the unknown, meets new life, also unknown. New life faces us with possibility and uncertainty. We approach, trembling.

Leader: Easter morning. A woman comes face to face with Jesus, face to face with a risen

Christ. She weeps, she flounders with awe as life is returned to her from death.

People: From a triumphant Palm Sunday to a dark, betrayed Friday, we have journeyed to Easter. Wiser now, we know that joy and sorrow, life and death are bound together. Passing through sorrow, through death, to life and joy, we arrive at Easter.

Leader: The risen Jesus still bears the marks of the nails. Life knows death, joy knows sorrow. Yet it is life which triumphs over all, and love which conquers fear.

People: Death is shattered! The disciples stare death in the face, and see that it has lost its power.

Leader: We have survived the deaths, the sorrows, the pains. Today we receive new life.

All: Rejoice! Life overcomes death. God is with us. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Adapted from Charleswood Mennonite Church

Hymn - #341 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!

Christ has arisen, alleluia.

Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.

For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,

Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

**Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!**

Christ has arisen, alleluia!

The angel said to them, “Do not fear!
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;
Only the grave cloths are lying there.”

**Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death’s fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Christ has arisen, alleluia!**

“Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave;
He has arisen mortals to save.
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done;
Even the battle with sin is won.”

**Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Christ has arisen, alleluia!**

Sermon – Jonathan Larson

Reflection on the sermon

Sharing praises and prayer concerns

The Lord's Prayer - #731 Hymnal

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn - #346 Christ the Lord

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

All creation join to 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!

Dying once, he all doth save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Jesus led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Christ, with Christ we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Benediction