

First Baptist Church at Worship

May 8, 2022

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Assemble in God's Name

Organ Voluntary *Prelude on BROTHER JAMES' AIR** by Searle Wright

Greeting and Call to Worship Alex Lockridge

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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The Lord is our shepherd, our guide, and protector.

The Lord is our parent, our companion, and our friend.

The Lord is almighty, with wisdom and power.

The Lord is present, with comfort and care.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving,

honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen!

+Hymn *You Servants of God* *LYONS

You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name;

The name all victorious of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God rules in the heights, almighty to save; though hid from our sight, his presence we have;

The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

"Salvation to God who sits on the throne!" let all cry aloud and honor the Son:

The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might:

All honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

- Charles Wesley, alt.

+Confession of Sin Paul Sims

God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. We see Your work in our world and still do not believe in You. We listen to other voices and ignore Your loving voice. Forgive us, God of grace. Restore us to Your flock and fold so that we may receive the abundant life You offer us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Proclaim God's Word

A Moment for Children

Alice Tremaine

A Reading from John's Revelation

Alex Lockridge

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm 23

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please join to sing hymn 64: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul Sims

Acts 9:36-43

The Easter Gospel

Alice Tremaine

John 10:22-30

+Hymn 68

He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought

HE LEADETH ME

Sermon

“Seeing the Point – The Sheeple of God”

Alex Lockridge

Give Thanks to God

+Hymn 354

Praise Him! Praise Him!

JOYFUL SONG

If you sit here and follow Christ, if you wish to open your eyes for the light today,
please come before the sanctuary and sing the hymn and I will receive you. You are welcome here.

+Offertory Prayer

Alice Tremaine

Offertory

HALLE, HALLE



O God, to whom shall we go? You alone have the words of life.

Let Your words be our prayer and the song we sing: hallelujah, hallelujah. REFRAIN

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord. When I call them, they follow me.

I will lead them to rest by the peaceful streams: hallelujah, hallelujah. REFRAIN

Now Christ is raised up from death. He will never die again.

All who follow his way shall have life in him: hallelujah, hallelujah. REFRAIN

~~Canaan folk song~~

Prayers of the People

Alex Lockridge

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

+Doxology for Easter

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Praise God from whom all grace flows forth!

Praise Life, all creatures here on earth! Alleluia, alleluia.

Praise Light who guides us on our way!

Praise Love who forms us day by day! Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Go in God's Name

+The Peace

Alex Lockridge

The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn 637

Guide My Feet

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+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

*As you go, remember that you have been claimed by Jesus, the Good Shepherd,
who came that we may have abundant life.*

*Day by day, may you receive God's goodness and mercy,
so that your life will overflow with God's generosity. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Postlude on LYONS

by Neil Harmon

~~+Hymn 637~~

~~Guide My Feet~~

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
my mother*

Marie Leake

by

Linda Leake Wilson

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