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Welcome to worship at Northminster!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you are visiting with us this morning we hope you feel the presence of God and the hospitality of this congregation. If you have any questions about our church please ask one of the pastors or a greeting host wearing a red “Ask Me” badge.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 21, 2019

* =  *Those who are able, please stand.*
Congregation responds in bold.

CENTERING THOUGHT

The Sun *by Mary Oliver*

Have you ever seen
anything
in your life
more wonderful
than the way the sun,
every evening,
relaxed and easy,
floats toward the horizon
and into the clouds or the
hills,
or the ruffled sea,
and is gone—
and how it glides again
out of the blackness,
every morning,
on the other side of the
world,
like a red flower
streaming upward on its
heavenly oils,
say, on a morning in early
summer,

at its perfect imperial
distance— and have you ever
felt for anything
such wild love—
do you think there is
anywhere,
in any language
a word billowing enough
for the pleasure
that fills you,
as the sun
reaches out,
as it warms you
as you stand there
empty-handed—
or have you too
turned from this world—
or have you too
gone crazy
for power,
for things?

APPROACHING GOD

 **WELCOME**

Teri Thomas

 **PRELUDE**

Septimi Tempri

Robin Dinda
(born 1959)



INTROIT (11:00) Christ Has Arisen! Alleluia

MFURAHINI, HALLELUYA

Celebration Choir



*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God, creator of all, death could not conquer your Son, Jesus Christ, nor could the tomb imprison him.

Let no shadow of the grave terrify us, and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you.

Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days.

May the living Lord breathe on us his peace, and may we follow wherever he leads. Amen.



*** HYMN NO. 232** Jesus Christ is Risen Today **EASTER HYMN**

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

 * **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**Glory to you, O God: you have won victory over death,
raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.
Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you
overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.
Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth.
Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

 * **SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

(Worshippers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace.)

 **ANTHEM** Christ the Lord Is Risen Again Phillip Stopford
(born 1977)
Chancel Choir

Christ the Lord is ris'n again, Christ hath broken ev'ry chain.
Hear, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, Alleluia.

He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today; we too sing for joy, and say
Alleluia.

He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross,
Lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry.
He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save;
Now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of
kings.
Alleluia.

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, thy ransomed people
feed;
Take our sins and guilt away: let us sing by night and day.
Alleluia.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD



CHILDREN'S TIME

Teri Thomas

Preschool children may be excused at this time.

HALLELUJAH (from *Messiah*)

George F. Handel
(1685-1759)

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
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, Hallelujah!



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ruth Chadwick Moore



PSALM 118: 1-2, 14-24

Finton O'Carroll and Christopher Walker
Robbie Foote and Doug Johnson, Cantors

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28: 1-10 (Pg. 33)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



SERMON

Fear and great joy

Teri Thomas



SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Presbyterian Church USA
Study Catechism

What is the nature of resurrection hope?

Resurrection hope is a hope for the transformation of this world,

Not a hope for escape from it.

It is the hope that evil in all its forms will be utterly eradicated,

That past history will be redeemed, and that all the things that ever were will be made new.

It is the hope of a new creation, a new heaven and a new earth,

In which God is really honored as God, human beings are truly loving,

and peace and justice reign on earth.



HYMN NO. 244

This Joyful Eastertide

VRUECHTEN

(please stand and sing stanza 3 on cue from leader)

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
 2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
 3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the

sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
 slum - ber till trump from east to west shall
 riv - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my

Refrain

sprung to life this mor - row.
 wake the dead in num - ber. Had Christ, who once was
 pass - ing soul de - liv - er.

slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in

vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en.

 **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

 **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 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.



OFFERING

(Please sign the pew pad and pass it to your neighbor.)



OFFERTORY O God, Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

arr. Dan Forrest

(born 1978)

Chancel Choir

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
 and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
 for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
 at blessings without number and mercies without end:
 we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
 we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
 For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
 at blessings without number and mercies without end:
 for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us
 free,
 and we through Him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
 that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
 and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
 we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you
 still:
 to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
 and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.



* DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that
 Still abounds:**

**“Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Sing, choirs of angels,
 loud and clear!**

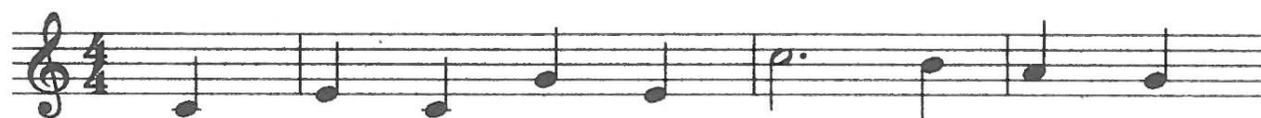
Repeat their song of glory here: “Christ has triumphed!

Christ has triumphed!”
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

 * PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING FORTH

 * HYMN Rejoice This Easter Day DARWALL'S 148TH



1. Re - joice this Eas - ter day! Christ con - quered
2. God's pow - er can - not fail, Christ rules o'er
3. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the



sin and death! Re - joice, give thanks, and praise
earth and heav'n; The keys of death and hell
Judge, shall come To glo - ri - fy the saints



God with your ev - 'ry breath. Lift up your heart, lift
Are to our Sav - ior giv'n; Lift up your heart, lift
For their e - ter - nal home: Lift up your heart, Lift



up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!
up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!
up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!



* BLESSING AND CHARGE

Sisters and brothers, may God who raised Jesus from the dead
bless you,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit raise you with him in glory.
Receive this good news – Christ is risen.

**We will tell the good news – the power of death shall no
more oppress us.**

**We will live the good news – we are free to love as he has
loved us.**

Alleluia!



POSTLUDE

Flourishes

Carlyle Sharpe
(born 1965)



We appreciate our instrumentalists' and dancers' contributions
in celebrating the risen Lord:

Trumpet I – Edmund Cord; Trumpet II – Daniel Gosling;
French Horn – Darin Sorley; Trombone I – Blake Schlabach;
Trombone II – Riley Giampaolo; Percussion – Craig Hetrick
Dancers - Melissa Ballesteros, Stephanie Banas and
Kathryn Goncalves

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Psalm 118: 1- 2, 14 – 24 is the psalm traditionally sung or read on
Easter Day. We praise God for his unfailing love; we celebrate the
day in which God has set up his cornerstone – the stone which “the
builders rejected” (verse 22); and we praise God for bringing
triumph over our enemies. The central thematic statement of the
psalm occurs in verse 17: “I shall not die, but live, and declare the
works of the Lord.” Martin Luther saw in it the story of his own life
and purpose for his living and put these words on the wall of his
study.

Today's Offertory anthem, "O God, Beyond All Praising" is an arrangement of the hymn tune THAXTED, composed by Gustav Holst (1874 – 1934) for his orchestral suite *The Planets*. In 1921 he adapted the tune to fit the patriotic poem "I vow to thee my country," which was sung at Princess Diana's wedding in 1981 and funeral in 1997. The text of the arrangement the choir sings today was written by British theologian Michael Perry (1942 – 1996). Of the final phrase - "we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still" - Perry has written that it was a "reflection on my remembered determination of youthful days to overcome acute disappointment and personal loss." Today's arrangement of the hymn is by Greensboro, North Carolina composer Dan Forrest (born 1978). It was purchased by John and Cheryl Plunkett in memory of Dorothy Wallace.

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What's Next?

Sunday Worship

April 28 – Confirmation Class will lead worship at 9 and 11am. Their statements of faith will challenge and impress. Music Sunday at 11am will bring all our choirs together as we celebrate the gifts they bring and share in worship each week.

Mission and Outreach

Offering of Letters to support funding for global nutrition –
May 5, 10am and Noon.

To write your letter at home:

<http://bit.ly/OfferingOfLettersExamples>.

Drop your completed letter in the "Offering of Letters" basket in the Gathering Place so that all can be hand-delivered to Congressional offices.

Events and Education

Celebration of Faith and the Arts Exhibit – TODAY

Youth Group Confirmation Party – April 28, 5:30pm
Sound & Spirit Concert – Chancel Choir presents Bach and
Mozart – May 5, 4pm FREE
3B Exercise – Mondays and Thursdays, 2:30pm
Women’s Bible Study – Tuesdays, 11am
Men’s Prayer Breakfast – Wednesdays, 8:15am

**PLEASE NOTE: The building will be closed on Monday,
April 22.**

*For more information, check out our website
(northminster-indy.org).*

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ShelbyNext, will then prompt you through a one-time set up for
giving.**

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