




“Christ Shows Himself to Thomas”

Mosaic at Resurrection Chapel, National Cathedral by Rowan and Irene LeCompte



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...this image of a "wounded" resurrected Jesus...suggests that, in the resurrection, God is capable of taking even the worst of human experiences into God's own arms in such a way that they are transformed, and we are healed and made whole – not only each of us individually but the whole human family, indeed, the whole creation.

– Kristin Johnston Largen

Gathering Music

"Achieved is the Glorious Work" (from "The Creation")
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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

"Impromptu in E"
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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Rev. John Williams
I Peter 1.17-19

Leader: Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

People: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 219)

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"
LLANFAIR

* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

* Responding in Peace (CONGR 622 v2)

"He Lives"
ACKLEY

Children's Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

"Celtic Laud"
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Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Litany of Affirmation

Leader: You know that you were ransomed from futile ways by the love of Christ.

People: That word is the good news preached to us.

Leader: He was destined before the foundation of the world but was made manifest at the end of all times for your sake.

People: That word is the good news preached to us.

Leader: Through him you have confidence in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory.

People: That word is the good news preached to us.

Leader: Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth, love one another earnestly from the heart.

People: That word is the good news preached to us.

Leader: You have been born anew, through the living and abiding word of God.

People: That word is the good news preached to us.

Morning Prayer and 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response (CONGR 209)

"The Head That Once Was Crowned"
AZMON

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Moment for Mission

AMOS "Garden for Good" Plant Sale
Scott Lamb

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"Where He Leads Me"
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*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
John 20.24-29

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
"I Have Seen the Lord: Thomas"

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 204)

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"
PUER NOBIS

* Life of the Church

* Benediction

(Matt)

* Postlude

“Postlude in A”

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

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Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: North Lawrence Christian Church

American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell,

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International Ministries Global Servants: Katherine & Wayne Niles, serving in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

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