

# FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day EASTER SUNDAY April 4, 2021

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## PRELUDES

*Hallelujah  
Perfect Praise  
Brand New Day*

*The Sanchez Family  
Virtual Choir Video  
Jon, Grace, Liz, Burns, Joe, Willie*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are allowing persons to be present in-person for Sunday worship.  
Please sign up ahead of time and follow protocol: Masks, social distancing, online pre-screen.

- This Week: Easter Season Prayer Service Every Night at 6pm (Zoom)
- Meals every day, Monday thru Friday, 11am-1pm - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- Learning Pod on WEDNESDAY – VOLUNTEER with KATIE
- Weekly Prayer Groups sponsored by the deacons (links on website; each is 30 minutes long):
  - Mondays at 8am with Brent
  - Thursdays at 8pm with Jacob B and Laura M
  - Fridays at 8:30am with Michelle

BOOK CLUB – We will read Marilynne Robinson's GILEAD, and meet for four conversations starting Tuesday, April 13, 6:40-7:30. (Working on some guest presenters...)

- WEDNESDAY discussion: 6:40-7:30: 12 Steps & Christianity, using as our resource "The Big Book." (For this week - Step 6 and 7)
- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR ADULTS: On break today, but starting a new class next week.

COMING on April 28 "Appreciation Day" presented by your deacons. Details coming!

Planning this WEDNESDAY, 4:30-5:30 pm for The Social Media Campaign that we will use to substitute for the May Fourth Fest fund-raiser. Meeting on ZOOM and in person at church

Please share your prayer requests on the Chat Line

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## \*CALL TO WORSHIP – Easter

Leader: Brothers and sisters, our forty day journey leads us to this moment.

People: Alleluia, we see the empty tomb.

L: We have followed Jesus through his praying, his teaching, his life in this world.

P: We've followed him through his healing, his weeping, his aching  
and even his death in Jerusalem.

L: And today we follow him in RISING. Today we embrace his New Life!

P: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

L: Rise and shine, for the day has come!

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen, indeed!

## BRINGING IN THE LIGHT, PSALM PRAYER

( Ariannah Hamilton)  
(Katie Cole)

## \*HYMN – *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

(Betsy Pabon)

Unison Prayer. Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:  
The fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us,  
the ignorance that hobbles us, the doubt that plagues us.  
Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places,  
see the world with new and gracious eyes, move to those places where love is needed,  
have faith that you are with us.  
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Sung Response: (#698 )

Take O take me as I am. Summon out what I may be.  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

\*LITURGY OF PARDON

(Deb Duval in the sanctuary)

Leader: Beloved, let us proclaim the good news:

People: **God is merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love**

Leader: Claimed as God's own, let us bear witness to the truth of Easter

All: **From any tomb of darkness and death, God raises us with the  
breath of life. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia. Amen!**

SING:

1. *I've got a feeling everything's gonna be alright.....*
2. *The Holy Ghost done told me....*

TIME FOR CHILDREN -

(Katie Cole video and.....)

CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER

PRAYERS FROM ZOOM WORSHIPPERS - "One Year Later"

Tim Hughes (video)

Susan Pattie and Levon Chilingirian

PRAYER REQUESTS – Requests in the sanctuary

Requests written in the "Zoom Chat Section" (shared by Deb Duval)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Burns

\*HYMN - (#241)

*Woman, Weeping in the Garden*

(Sanctuary)

Woman, weeping in the garden, who has pushed the stone aside?  
Who has taken Jesus' body, Jesus Christ the crucified?

Woman, waiting in the garden, after men have come and gone,  
After angels give their witness, silently you watch the dawn.

Woman, walking in the garden, Jesus takes you by surprise;  
When the gardener calls you, "Mary!" faith and joy meet in your eyes.

Woman, weeping in the garden, weep for joy, for you have seen  
Jesus, the Messiah, risen; Christ of whom the prophets dream.

Woman, dancing from the garden, find the others and proclaim  
Christ is risen as he promised; tell the world he knew your name!

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20: 1-18

(Burns, Liz, Grace in the sanctuary)

SPECIAL MUSIC

*O Happy Day*

(our traveling, virtual choir)

Featuring: The sanctuary band, The Freeborns, The Sanchezes,

Alyce Lee, Laura Blanton, McNeill Shiner, Debbie Freeborn, Laura Massie, Sharon Matthews, Katie Harris

Sing. Dance. Proclaim the Good News, everybody!

MESSAGE

" While It Was Still Dark"

\*AFFIRMATIONS OF FAITH

Led by Evening Prayer Community (two lines at a time)

*Michelle Grover Kanash, Danae Jacobs, Shemiram Fabian  
Alyce Lee, Mark Abbott, Laura Massie*

Lord, You have always given bread for the coming day;  
and though I am poor, today I believe.

Lord, You have always given strength for the coming day;  
and though I am weak, today I believe.

Lord, You have always given peace for the coming day;  
and though of anxious heart, today I believe.

Lord, You have always kept me safe in trials;  
and now, tried as I am, today I believe.

Lord, You have always marked the road for the coming day  
and though it may be hidden, today I believe.

Lord, You have always lightened this darkness of mine;  
and though the night is here, today I believe.

OFFERING

(sanctuary)

We can give online at [www.fourthboston.org](http://www.fourthboston.org) OR send a check to  
Fourth Presbyterian Church, 340 Dorchester Street, South Boston, MA 02127

DOXOLOGY

Tim, Michelle, Abe Sanchez & Grandma Jennie (in Malden)

*With a recording from a past worship service*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

(sanctuary)

Musical Offering *The Old Churchyard*

Please participate by eating something from your home (a piece of bread, if possible),  
and drinking from a cup of juice or water.

\* HYMN (#248) - *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!  
Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:  
All creation is amazed.  
In the desert all-surrounding,  
See, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding  
Bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits  
From the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning.  
See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection,  
Not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion.  
Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven  
Nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation  
Where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:  
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us,  
Sing Hosanna, everyone!

\*BENEDICTION

Spoken Response: Alleluia, Amen!

Sung Response God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again

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