

EASTER SUNDAY



HE IS RISEN

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

historic faith. present love. future hope.

We Welcome One and All

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

APRIL 20, 2025

10:00 am

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

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Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2,14-24; Luke 24:1-12;
1Corinthians 15:19-26; Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18

Organ Prelude **"Prelude & Fugue in G Major"** J.S. Bach
 "Cortege and Litanie" Dupre
 Kenneth Dake

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Greeting: Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

Choral Introit

"Let Everything That Hath Breath Praise the Lord"

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Clark

For God's mighty acts, and God's wondrous works

Praise the Lord!

We give Thee honour

Oh Lord, we give You praise

Power and glory

Mighty Creator, our Savior, the Prince of Peace

Alpha and Omega, beginning and the ending

Oh, praise the Lord!

Amen!

"WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE...

Call To Worship *(responsive)*

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth!
Amen!

Amen!

This is the day that the Lord has made!

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

We proclaim the Good News!

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

***Hymn #216 'Christ the Lord Is Risen Today'** EASTER HYMN

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again, our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? 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!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

***Easter Prayer of Affirmation** *(unison)*

In Christ we are given a glimpse of the new creation that God has begun and will surely finish. We do not know when the final day will come. In our time we see only dim and shattered signs that the renewal of all things is underway. Yet in faith we proclaim, "the Lord is risen!" In our time we do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in our world. Yet in faith we proclaim, "the Lord is risen!" As the Lord stands at the center of our history, we are confident the Lord will stand at its end. Evil will be fully and finally condemned. There will be no more tears nor pain. All things will be made new, for the Lord is risen. The Lord is risen indeed!

Celebration "Victory Chant/You Are the Victory"

STRC Combined Choirs & Dance Ministry Vogels/Singer

Hail Jesus, You're my King
Your life frees me to sing
I will praise You all my days
You're perfect in all Your ways

Hail Jesus, You're my Lord
I will obey Your Word
Wanna see Your kingdom come
Not my will but Yours be done
Jesus, You are the victory
Hallelujah! You are the victory
Singing "Glory to the King of kings"
Hallelujah! You are the victory
Glory, glory to the Lamb
You will take me into the land
We will conquer in Your Name
And proclaim that Jesus reigns
Hail, hail, the Lion of Judah
How powerful You are
Hail, hail, the Lion of Judah
How wonderful You are
We're gonna lift You higher, higher, say
The name of Jesus higher, higher, say
No other name is higher, higher, say
Victory, victory!

...TO HEAR GOD'S WORD...

The Children's Message

***Hymn**

'We Offer Praise'

Horne

**We offer praise to You
We come together to worship You
In everything that we say and we do
We give our praise
We offer praise to You**

**We offer thanks to You
We bring our grateful hearts to You
In everything that we say and we do
We give our thanks
We offer thanks to You**

Chorus:

Hallelujah, Thine the glory
We offer praise to You
Savior we lift our hands before You
We give our praise to You
We offer praise to You

We sing our songs to You
We lift our voices to worship You
In everything that we say and we do
We sing our song
We sing our song to You (*chorus*)

Scripture Reading Luke 24:1-12

Easter Message "But...But...But...!" Pastor Jeff Neevel

...AND RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE!"
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Offering

Offertory "Crown Him Jesus! Crown Him King!"

Kingdoms may rise, and kingdoms may fall Aspinall/McDonald
The Kingdom of heaven endures through it all
Death is defeated, and Jesus is Lord
The Lion of Judah, alive evermore
Crown Him Jesus! Crown Him King!
Crown Him Savior, Lord of everything
Ransom from heaven, to Him we sing
Crown Him Jesus, crown Him Lord and King!
Alive now in Christ, the Father's good plan
The Savior of glory, Redeemer of man
Was nailed to the cross; He died in our place
For life everlasting, because of grace
Jesus: greatest, highest; Jesus: powerful, mightiest
Jesus, Son of the Living God
He is Jesus, no one greater; Jesus, Lord and Savior
Jesus, crown Him Lord of all! Crown Him Jesus!

Easter Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Blooming Cross

**The congregation is invited to come forward to place flowers on the cross in memory of loved ones who have passed from life to death to new life and to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection!*

Song "Endless Hallelujah"

Redman/Tomlin

When I stand before Your throne
Dressed in glory not my own
What a joy I'll sing of on that day
No more tears or broken dreams
Forgotten is the minor key
Everything as it was meant to be
And we will worship, worship
Forever in Your presence we will sing
We will worship, worship You
An endless hallelujah to the King
I will see You as You are
Love You with un-sinning heart
See how much You paid to bring me home
Not 'til then Lord shall I know
Not 'til then how much I owe
Everything I am before Your throne
No more tears, no more shame
No more sin and sorrow ever known again
No more fears, no more pain
We will see You face to face

Song "Risen Savior (Sing, My Soul)"

Hill, arr. Duren

Andrea Lee, soloist

Who bore our sin? Who took our shame?
The Lamb of God
Holy and righteous is His name
Sing my soul, sing out and bless the Lord
For He has overcome, oh by His precious blood
Now He's lifted high; come, let us lift our eyes

Set them on Jesus Christ; He is our Risen Savior
Who heals our wounds? Who knows our pain?
The Lamb of God
Holy and righteous is His name
Nothing can ever take His place
Let the earth be filled with glory
Let our hearts be filled with praise
You are worthy, God Almighty
Holy, holy, holy

***The Benediction**

***Congregational Response "Hallelujah Chorus" Handel**

(All who wish to sing the Hallelujah Chorus will be invited forward to sing!)

Hallelujah!

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth

Hallelujah!

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

And He shall reign forever and ever

Hallelujah!

Postlude "Grand Choeur Dialogue" Gigout

Depart in peace to share the good news: Christ is Risen!

GIVING THANKS

Thank you to all who helped lead in worship today:

Pastor: Jeff Neevel

Minister of Music and Arts: Chanelle Schaffer

Organist: Kenneth Dake

STRC Adult Choir:

Soprano – Kristin Brabec, Yolanda Thorpe

Alto – Julie Northup, Lori Thompson, Andrea Lee

Tenor – Phoebe Smith-Charles, Bill Thompson

Bass – Fred Northup, Barry Hurst

STRC Children's Choir:

Kayla Arthur, Annabel Boschulte, Arya Dixon, Gabriella Dixon,

Evelyn Grimaldi, Naomi Lally, Margaux Hazell Liburd, Jabaril Murrell,

Anna Neevel, Princeton Perez, Kenra Plummer, Gianna L. K. Smalls

Lyanna Z. Smalls, Xianna F. Smalls & Maya Stoller

STRC Dance Ministry:

Kayden Arthur, Rev. Rebecca Broom, Amber Knight &

Camille McKayle-Stolz

Band: Drums – Dion Parson, Bass – Uriel Rogers, Guitar – Steve Richman,

Trumpet – Michael Barr

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Dave Whitter

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