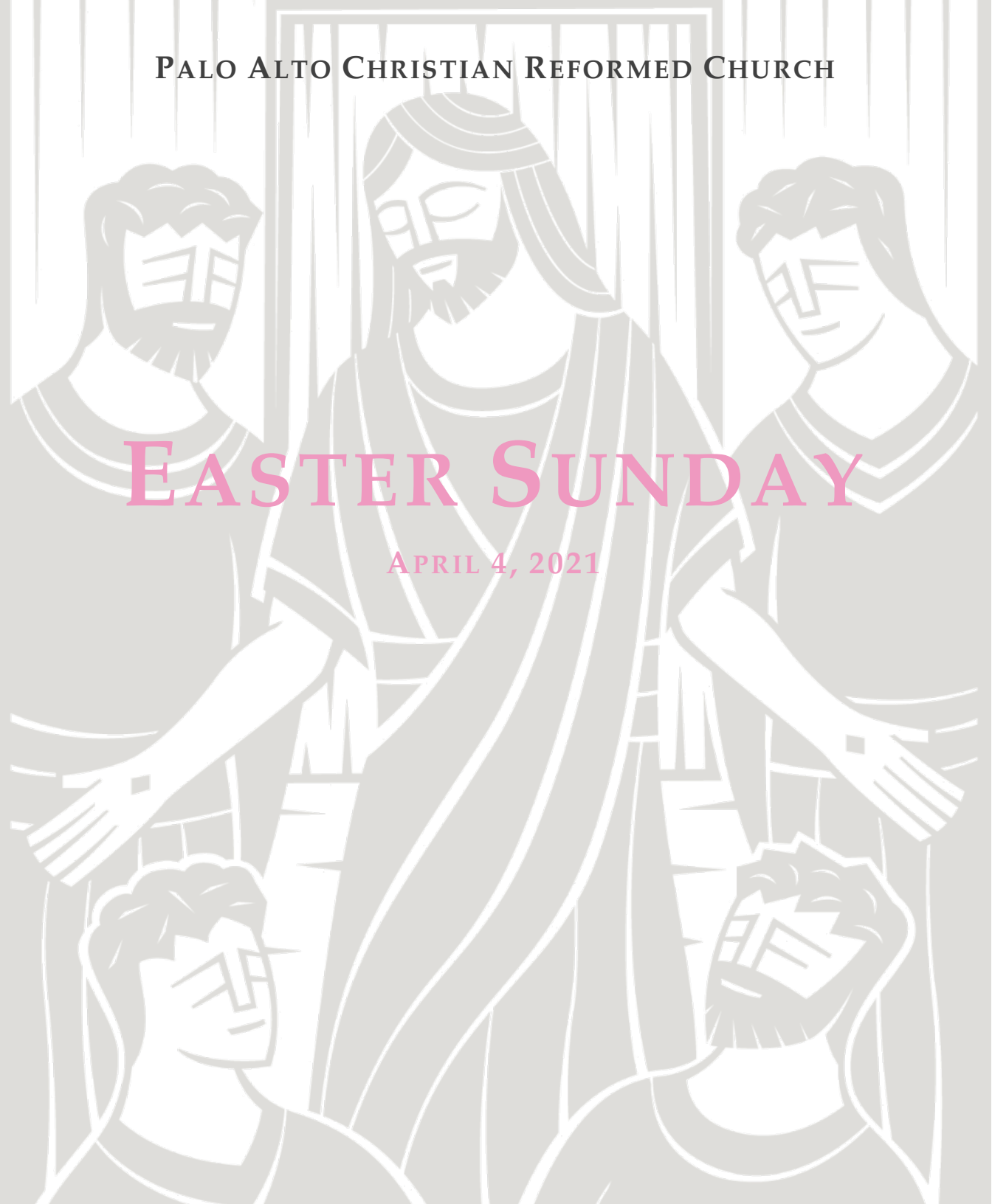


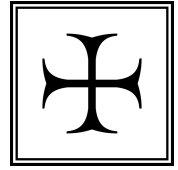
PALO ALTO CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 4, 2021



Gathering: God's People Together



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

O death, where is thy sting?

It is defeated in Christ!

O grave, where is thy victory?

It is vanquished by Christ!

*Rejoice, for through death has Christ crushed death,
and by rising from the grave, he has overcome the grave.*

Hallelujah!

OPENING PRAYER

*Brightness of God's glory and exact image of God's person,
whom death couldn't conquer nor the tomb imprison,
glory to you, O Christ.*

*For where tears, death, sin and sorrow encircled us,
where sin's curse had condemned us,
you entered into your aching creation,
becoming flesh to redeem flesh,
becoming broken to make us whole,
dying to defeat death,
the tears of your own anguish
the salve to our suffering,
the pain of your crucifixion
the pledge of our salvation.
and the glory of your rising
our guarantee of new life.*

*May we therefore lift up our hearts to you in praise and thanks,
and make a joyful noise to you, O Lord.*

Hallelujah! Amen.

HYMN (#370; v. 1, 3, 4 in the Psalter hymnal)

The King of Glory Comes

*In-person worshipers: **instrumental participation only** (not for singing)*

Verse 1: All instruments but tambourines and drums, play as you wish!

Verse 2: All instruments but drums, play as you wish!

Verse 3: All instruments play as you wish!

LITANY OF CELEBRATION

The King of glory is risen today! Hallelujah!

Who is the King of glory? What shall we call him?

He is the Immanuel, the promised of ages!

Who is the King of glory? Where did they find him?

In all of Galilee, in city or village,

he went among his people, curing their illness.

Who is the King of glory? How did he save us?

He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;

he took upon himself the sin of the nations.

Who is this King of glory? Where is his body?

He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen.

And he will share with us his heavenly kingdom!

~Make a joyful noise on your instruments!~

HYMN (#186; v. 1, 3; see next page)

Low in the Grave He Lay

*In-person worshipers: **instrumental participation only** (text for meditation, not singing)*

***Participation suggestion:** play instruments where the notes are marked with an “x”*

Low in the grave he lay, Je - sus, my Sav - ior; wait - ing the
 Death can - not keep its prey, Je - sus, my Sav - ior; he tore the

6
 com - ing day, Je - sus, my Lord. Up from the grave he a -
 bars a - way, Je - sus, my Lord.

10
He a - rose! rose, with a might - y tri-umph o'er his foes. *He a - rose!* He a -

13
 rose a vic - tor from the dark do - main, and he lives for - ev - er with his

16
He a - rose! saints to reign! He a - rose! *He a - rose!* He a - rose! He a -

19
 lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

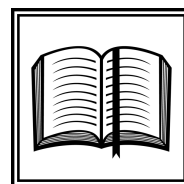
Word: God Speaks, We Respond

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

INTERLUDE

*Meditation on I Know that My Redeemer Lives / Duke Street Partita
 arr. Hull/Boeringer*



PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

based on Ps. 90

*Lord,
you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.
From everlasting to everlasting you are God.
Speak to us now through your Spirit as you have spoken to us throughout the ages.
On this glorious Easter, reveal yourself and your will for our lives,
that we might live as your own sons and daughters.
We seek your face, O Lord; hear our prayer through Jesus's name.
Amen.*

SERMON

Easter: Shaking the Foundation of Our Lives

Matthew 28:1-10

HYMN (#182, v. 1-3)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heav'n in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

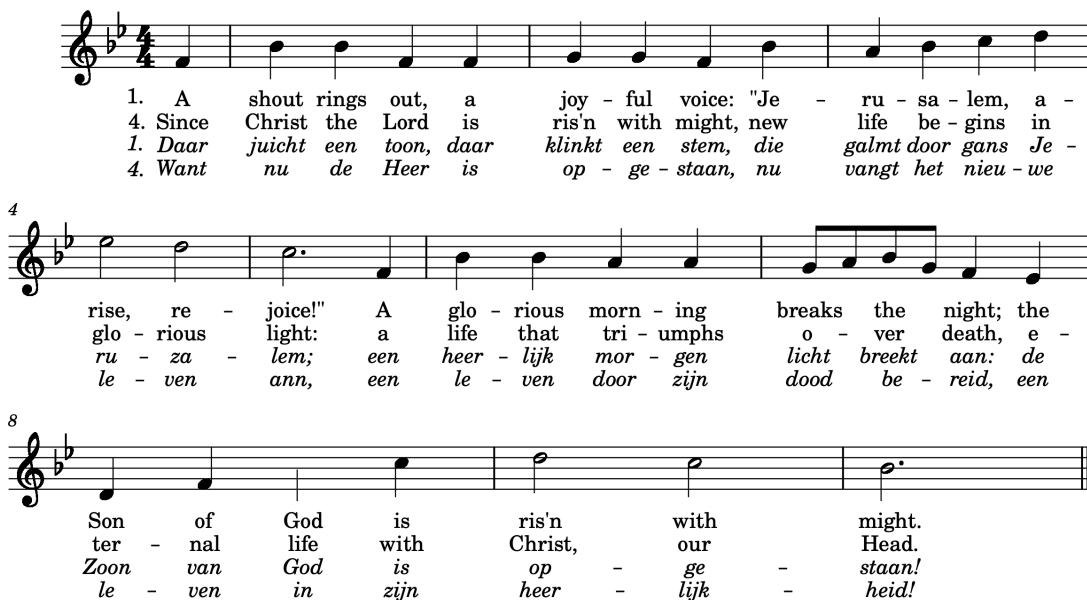
Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

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

HYMN (#392, v. 1, 4—The Psalter Hymnal) *A Shout Rings Out, a Joyful Voice/Daar juicht een toon*

Eduard Gerdes; tr. Psalter Hymnal, 1987

attr. Henri A. C. Malan



1. A shout rings out, a joy - ful voice: "Je - ru - sa - lem, a -
 4. Since Christ the Lord is ris'n with might, new life be - gins in
 1. Daar juicht een toon, daar klinkt een stem, die galmt door gans Je -
 4. Want nu de Heer is op - ge - staan, nu vangt het nieu - we

rise, re - joice!" A glo - rious morn - ing breaks the night; the
 glo - rious light: a life that tri - umphs o - ver death, e -
 ru - za - lem; een heer - lijk mor - gen licht breekt aan: de
 le - ven ann, een le - ven door zijn dood be - reid, een

8
 Son of God is ris'n with might.
 ter - nal life with our Head.
 Zoon van God is op ge - staan!
 le - ven in zijn heer - lijk - heid!

HYMN (#264, v. 1, 4, 6)

Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
 till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
 the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **{Refrain}**

O Lord, once lifted on the tree of pain,
 draw all the world to seek you once again. **{Refrain}**

Set up your throne, that earth's despair may cease
 beneath the shadow of its healing peace. **{Refrain}**

Sending: God Goes with Us



SENDING PRAYER

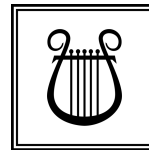
Lord,
your prophets foretold with great yearning that this day would come,
which we have remembered before in song, some months ago, singing:
“The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks,
when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes
not, as of old, a little child, to bear and fight and die,
but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.
Oh, brighter than the rising morn when Christ, victorious, rose
and left the lonesome place of death, despite the rage of foes —
oh, brighter than that glorious morn shall dawn upon our race,
the day when Christ in splendor comes and we shall see his face.”
The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
come quickly, King of kings.”

Lord, reminded of the joy of your resurrection,
may you exhort us by your Spirit and fill us with eagerness
to live anew for you, living out our glad thanks and praise
in all that we think, do, and say, to the glory of your name.
Amen.

BLESSING

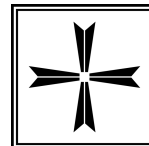
POSTLUDE

Participants, Art and Music



Cover	Paramentics, <i>Jesus Appears to His Disciples</i>
Prelude	Erschienen ist der herrlich Tag (<i>The glorious day has come at last</i>), from Op. 65: 66 <i>Chorale Improvisations</i> , by Sigfrid Karg-Elert <i>Grand Chœur</i> , by César Franck <i>Processional</i> , from <i>Marche Moderne</i> , by Edwin. H. Lemare
Liturgy	Parts of our liturgies are selected or adapted from <i>The Worship Sourcebook, Second Edition</i>
Readers	Jennifer, Camille, and Erin Baham
Pastor	Rev. Rich Loerop
Organ	Gretchen Hull
Postlude	<i>Toccata</i> (from <i>Symphony for Organ</i> No. 5 in F minor, Op. 42, No. 1), by Charles-Marie Widor

Offering



As you worship this weekend, we invite you to respond with your gifts. If you'd like to send a check, please make it payable to the PACRC and designate the cause (General Fund or special offering) in the notation line. Mail your checks (no cash) to the church and we will keep them safe until we are able to count them.

You are invited to give through our online portal on the PACRC website: <http://www.pacrc.org/donate>. Using the drop-down menu, you may specify which cause you would like to support. If you do not designate a cause, your donation will be applied to the General Fund. Please feel free to contact the deacons if you have any questions.

PACRC General Fund – The General Fund pays for the operating expenses of the church, including staff salaries, local education and outreach programs, and property maintenance, as well as ministry shares supporting the work of the Christian Reformed denomination in California and around the world.

StreetLife Ministries– Street Life Ministries is different from many organizations helping the hungry or homeless in our area. It cares for people outdoors where they feel particularly safe and welcome. Street Life pastors and volunteers provide delicious hot meals and worship services at outdoor venues in Redwood City, Menlo Park, and Palo Alto. Each week SLM serves over 500 meals to men, women, and children. SLM provides clothing, job training, and counseling as well and fosters real friendships between servers and those served. The PACRC deacons encourage you to volunteer with Street Life Ministries. To learn more you can go to streetlifeministries.org online or call (650) 241-8865.

Offerings for upcoming weeks:

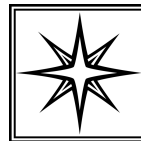
4/11 CRCNA Resonate Global Mission (Cal and Jamie Hofland)

4/18 Climate Witness Project

4/25 Bread for the World

5/2 GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior)

Announcements



Everyone is invited to participate in a **new Palo Alto CRC Bible study**. We plan to meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 PM. The first meeting on April 7 will be partly organizational, but we will also start our study of the book of Colossians. No preparation is necessary! We will also have a time of sharing concerns and prayers. Please join us Wednesday via [this zoom link](#) (or see your email) so that we can get your input on how to tailor the sessions for the most benefit, and to find out how what Paul wrote to this small church long ago informs us today. If you have further questions, please email info@pacrc.org

A **pastor in Hawaii and his family** are traveling to Stanford, as their expected daughter will need heart surgery following her delivery. His in-laws are also traveling here to help out, and he is in need of a place for them to stay for ideally 2-4 months (though any amount of time would be helpful) from April 16. They are specifically looking for a back house/spare house near the hospital. If you know of or have a place for them to stay, please email Pietie Vreman at pietjevreman@gmail.com

Gil and Joyce Suh are PACRC-supported missionaries with Resonate Global Mission. The Suhs minister in Cambodia, but they have spent much of the last year in the US while Gil serves as Scholar-In-Residence at Calvin University. The Suhs will be in the Bay Area over the Easter holiday and will lead Easter Sunday worship at San Jose CRC. They have graciously made themselves available for a Zoom ministry update and Q&A with us while they are here. The conversation is scheduled for 7:30-8:30 pm on Monday, April 5. It will be interesting to hear how the pandemic has changed their lives and Resonate's programs over the past year. To join the meeting, [just click here](#) (or see your email).

Birthdays

4/4 Mary Schrottenboer

4/11 Bill Snow

Anniversaries

4/6 Pat and Gary Brandse

