

## **Worship Service - “The Presence of the Risen One”**

**Easter Sunday, Year B, Guest Preacher “Jonny Finlayson”**

31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024

**Isaiah 12:2-6 ESV / John 20:1-17 ESV**

### **Prelude**

played by church musician Annie Center,

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**Opening Music** (video) [Hallelujah Chorus](#) 250 Mass Choir

Hallelujah Chorus sung by 250 voice Mass Choir in Bangalore. The Mass Choir are from the following Churches and Choirs: St Andrews Church, Bangalore Conservatory Choir, Bangalore Mens Ensemble (BME), Bangalore East Marthoma Church, CSI East Parade Malayalam Church, CSI Kannada Church Electronic City, Healing Service Choir, Indira Nagar Methodist Church, St Johns Church, Koramangala Methodist Church, Kothanur CSI Church, Pavanasar Lutheran Church TELC,

### **Welcome / Announcements**

**I'm glad to welcome you to worship with Olympic View Community Church. We seek to welcome all of God's children to join us in bearing witness to the radically transforming power of God's love. As we gather today, let's share the joy and peace of Christ with each other by greeting each other as we pass the peace.**

### **Pass the Peace**

### **Opening Hymn**

***Thine is the Glory ~ 269***

### **Call to Worship**

One: The stone has been rolled away!

**All: Christ is Risen!**

One: The tomb is found empty!

**All: Christ is Risen!**

One: The angel has told us, “He is not here.”

**All: Christ is Risen!**

One: Death is vanquished!

**All: Christ is Risen!**

One: Hope lives!

**All: Christ is Risen!**

One: Love wins!

**All: Christ is Risen!**

One: Christ is Risen!

All: **Christ is Risen Indeed!**

## **Invocation**

Resurrecting God, Strengthen in us the will to go out, sharing your Good News of God's redeeming love. Guide us in telling the story of your endless love through our words and deeds. Remind us of your presence. Fill our hearts with your ways of love that bring about peace and justice for all. With your loving embrace, protect us in the face of terror and hateful actions. Bring us your hope found in the excitement of eternal life and saving love exemplified in Jesus, the Risen Christ! Amen.

## **Old Testament Reading ~ Isaiah 12:2-6**

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

## **A Time of Prayer**

### **Sharing Joys and Concerns**

**Today we come together as a community to share together our joys and concerns, and lift them to God in prayer.**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

Prayer by pastor

### **Hymn**

***Low in the Grave He Lay ~ 273***

## Gospel Reading ~ John 20:1-17 ESV

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.

So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb.

Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb.

And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.

They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

## Message:

## ***“The Presence of the Risen One”***

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## **Call to Serve**

As we continue to seek to become a place of compassion and support to our community, we ask that you give prayerful consideration as to how you may support our efforts. If you would like to make a donation, there are envelopes by the collection plate at the entrance. Online donations can be made through our website. Prayers and suggestions are also welcome! Thanks again for all your support, and may we continue to work together to keep being a place of ministry that seeks to promote the growth of God's shalom around us. Today, as we listen to Annie play, let's reflect on how we celebrate our faith, and how we might use our gifts and talents to inspire others to do the same.

**A Time for Reflection**      Played by church musician Annie Center,  
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## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Mighty God,  
in whom we know the power of redemption,  
you stand among us in the shadows of our time.  
As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life,  
uphold us with knowledge of the final morning  
when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son,  
we will share in his resurrection,  
redeemed and restored to the fullness of life  
and forever freed to be your people. Amen.

**Hymn**                      ***Christ the Lord is Risen Today ~ 280***

## **Benediction**

Short prayer by pastor

**Postlude**                played by church musician Annie Center,

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