

April 19, 2020

PRELUDE "Even Then the Grave is Stirred" by Max Reger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 16 paraphrased):

Leader: Keep us safe, O God, we've run for dear life to you.

People: We say to God, "Be our Lord!" Without you, nothing

makes sense.

Leader: Our choice is you, God, first and only. And now we find

we are your choice!

People: Ever since you took our hand, we are on the right

way.

PRAISE SONG "Amazing Grace" (My Chains Are Gone)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Psalm 16 paraphrased): (unison) Loving God, Help, God, for we use Your forgiveness and redemption to let us continue sinning. Bring us out of that sinful nature and into a life depending on Your love. Lead us through the love of Your son our savior into the service You ask of us. Thank you, Lord, for being our guard and guide. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even as we all have sinned

People: You, Lord, continue to love all creation and bring us

to Your Sabbath.

Leader: You, Lord, continue to forgive us and hold us in Your

loving family,

People: And lead us as we confess and repent.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE Acts 2:22-36

CHILDREN'S TIME "A New Life in Jesus"

ANTHEM "Rejoice! Rejoice!" by John Wyatt Burson

SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31

SERMON "Impact of Forgiveness"

PASTORAL PRAYER

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, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN No. 216 "Christ Arose"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Choral Song" by Samuel Wesley

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Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Verse 1:

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I'm found, Was blind, but now I see.

Verse 2:

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

Chorus:

My chains are gone – I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy reigns, Unending love, amazing grace.

Verse 3:

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

Chorus (2x):

My chains are gone – I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy reigns, Unending love, amazing grace.

Verse 4:

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine. But God, who called me here below, Will be forever mine, Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

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Hymn No. 216 – Christ Arose

Verse 1:

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior!
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave He arose, (He arose,)
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes; (He arose!)
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign,
He arose! (He Arose!) He arose! (He arose!)
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Verse 2:

Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior! Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! With a mighty triumph o'er His foes; (He arose!) He arose a Victor from the dark domain, And He lives forever with His saints to reign, He arose! (He Arose!) He arose! (He arose!) Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Verse 3:

Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus my Savior! He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! With a mighty triumph o'er His foes; (He arose!) He arose a Victor from the dark domain, And He lives forever with His saints to reign, He arose! (He Arose!) He arose! (He arose!) Hallelujah! Christ arose!

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