



**Worship Service for April 20, 2025  
Easter Sunday**

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| <b>Prelude</b>                    | Marshall Davies      |
| <b>Chiming of the Hour</b>        | Paula McKnight       |
| <b>Welcome</b>                    | Pastor Felix Carrión |
| <b>Centering Moment</b>           | Pastor Felix Carrión |
| <b>*Praise &amp; Worship Song</b> | Congregation         |

**"Traveling Friend"**

There's a friend whose walking this road with us.

Helping us to notice what is real.

Showing hearts and minds a deeper meaning.

And understanding ev'rything we feel.

And if you want this trav'ling friend to stay with you.

All you've got to do is pray

and when you share your bread this Friend is there with you.

Helping eyes to see a brand new way.

Stay, trav'ling Friend, please stay.

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You make my heart feel new.

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You make OUR hearts feel new.

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## **Announcements**

Paula McKnight

## **Call to Worship**

Paula McKnight

LEADER: Welcome today! Look where our Lenten journey has brought us!

**ALL: We walked the seashore and the hills with Jesus; we went to the upper room and to the Garden of Sorrows; we stood at the cross and hid in a room out of fear.**

LEADER: Now we are here, in the splendor and beauty of this sacred place!

**ALL: Everything is bursting with life. Jesus is alive!  
He is risen!**

LEADER: Hallelujah!

**ALL: Hallelujah! Amen!**

**\*Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH #233 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” vs 1 &amp; 2

Christ the Lord is risen today, Al-le-lu-ia!

Mortal tongues and angels say: Al-le-lu-ia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al-le-lu-ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth reply: Al-le-lu-ia!

Let the Victor's people sing, Al-le-lu-ia!

Where, O death, is now your sting? Al-le-lu-ia!

Dying once, Christ lives to save, Al-le-lu-ia!

Where your victory, O grave? Al-le-lu-ia!

**Gathering Prayer**

Paula McKnight

**ALL: Holy One, how good it is to gather as kindred spirits this Easter morning. HALLELUJAH! We thank you for greeting us here with the living presence of Jesus. We hear you calling to us, “Bring your heavy**

**burdens, and I will give you rest and peace.”**

**HALLELUJAH!**

**Our doubts and fears meet their end, and we rise to a new life of love and faith. HALLELUJAH! Our praise and prayers rise with great joy in our hearts.**

**HALLELUJAH!**

**Amen.**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Paula McKnight**

**Plymouth's General Fund**

**\*Doxology**

**Congregation**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise God all creatures here below**

**Praise God for all that Love has done**

**Creator, Christ, and Spirit one**

**Amen.**

## **Offertory Prayer**

Paula McKnight

**ALL: O Holy One, may these gifts that proceed from our hearts serve to inspire our praises and prayers, and may they be used in service of the healing of our world.**

**Amen.**

## **Biblical Witness**

Pastor Felix Carrión

Luke 24:28-33

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same

hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

## **Contemporary Witness**

Paula McKnight

### Song of the Simple Truth The Complete Poems of Julia de Burgos

Dawnings in my soul!

Dawnings in my mind!

When the intimate door is opened

to enter one's self,

what dawnings!

To gather the hour that passes trembling at our side,

and make it now,

and make it robust,

and make it universal!

And let it sing

and let it scream;

and let it reach into all the anonymous corners.

Dawnings in my soul!

Dawnings in my mind!

When the intimate door is opened

to enter one's self,

what dawnings!

There inside,

deep inside,

to approach life.

**Reflection**

Pastor Felix Carrión

“That Same Hour”

**Special Music**

Plymouth Choir

“Spirit, Sing Through Me”

Spirit, place Your song within my heart;

breathe within my soul each note and part.

Make my voice your messenger to all the world



'til all may know the grace, the love that God imparts,  
Spirit, sing a song through me!

Spirit, be my guiding voice so near;  
bringing peace and casting out all fear,  
Make my voice your messenger to all the world  
'til all may know the grace, the love that God imparts,  
Spirit, sing through me a song!

Spirit, sing your melody anew;  
flow into my heart and back to You;  
Make my voice your messenger to all the world  
'til all may know the grace, the love that God imparts,  
Spirit, sing Your song through me!  
Spirit, sing through me Your song!

## **Invitation and Communion Prayer**

Congregation

PASTOR: Welcome, friends, to this holy sharing.

**ALL: Welcome to offer love.**

PASTOR: Welcome to this time set apart.

**ALL: A time to remember the holy promises of God.**

PASTOR: Welcome to this table of remembrance and joy,

**ALL: where we are fed the feast of life in the bread  
and cup.**

**Communion Prayer  
Breaking Bread and Pouring Cup  
Sharing the Elements**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**Jesus' Prayer**

Congregation

### **The New Zealand Book of Prayer**

**ALL: Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer,  
Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is  
heaven: The hallowing of your name echoes**

**through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustains our hope and comes on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH #241 "Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day"

Joy dawned again on Easter Day,  
the sun shone out with bright array;  
For when the Apostles hid in fear,  
the Risen Christ to them appeared.

O Jesus, Savior, Gentle One,  
come take our hearts to be your own,  
That we may give you all our days,  
the willing tribute of our praise.

O Sovereign One, with us abide  
in this our joyful Easter tide;  
From every weapon death can wield,  
your own redeemed forever shield.

**Benediction**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**Song of Parting**

Congregation

TNCH #236 "Halleluja"

Halle, halle, halle - luja.

Halle, halle, halle - luja.

Halle halle, halle - luja.

Halleluja, halleluja.

Halle, halle, halle - luja.

Halle, halle, halle - luja.

Halle halle, halle - luja.

Halleluja, halleluja.

**Postlude**

**Marshall Davies**

### **Today's Worship Participants**

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