



Worship Service for April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

Prelude Marshall Davies

Chiming of the Hour Aimee Broadhurst

Welcome Pastor Felix Carrión

***Praise & Worship Song** Congregation

Sing! #12 "Come, My People" v. 1

Come, my people, welcome to worship.

Love is in the warmth of this place.

Sing to God a song of thanksgiving,

Sing to God a song of praise!

Gather in safety, welcomed in Christian love;

God touches us with strength from above.

Announcements Aimee Broadhurst

Call to Worship Aimee Broadhurst

LEADER: Christ is risen!

ALL: He is risen, indeed!

LEADER: Darkness has been vanquished.

ALL: The brilliant light of hope has come.

LEADER: Rejoice in the Good News!

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH #233 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" vv 1 & 2

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Let the Victor's people sing, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!

Dying once, Christ lives to save, Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Invocation

Aimee Broadhurst

LEADER: God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to God.

LEADER: Let us pray.

ALL: O God, joy fills our souls to overflowing on this day. We give you praise for faith arises in us. Open our hearts and minds to receive the new life of Christ's resurrection, our eyes to the glory of the Risen Christ, our hearts to the wonder of the Cross, and our hands to the service of your Reign. We give praise in the name of Jesus Christ, the Living One. Amen.

Exsultet/Easter Proclamation

Pastor Felix Carrión

LEADER: Let us now proclaim.

ALL: Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the lightning of his glory, let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the people.

1st Biblical Witness

Aimee Broadhurst

Psalm 40:1-3

To the leader. Of David. A Psalm.

¹ I waited patiently for the Lord;

he inclined to me and heard my cry.

² He drew me up from the desolate pit,

out of the miry bog,

and set my feet upon a rock,

making my steps secure.

³ He put a new song in my mouth,

a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear,

and put their trust in the Lord.

2nd Biblical Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

Mark 16:1-8

¹ When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and

Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices,

so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on

the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they

went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another,

‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.⁶ But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.’⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.’⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Contemporary Witness

Aimee Broadhurst

Dawnings in soul!

Dawnings in my mind!

When the intimate door is opened

to enter one's self,

what dawns!

To gather the hour that passes trembling at our side,

to make it now,

and make it robust,

and make it universal.

- Julia de Burgos, Song of the Simple Truth

Sermon

Pastor Felix Carrión

“The Three Messages of the Resurrection”

Special Music

Plymouth Choir

“A Gaelic Easter Celebration”

That Easter Day with sun was bright; the sun shone out
with fairer light

when, to their longing eyes restored, the glad apostles
saw their Lord.

His risen flesh with radiance glowed; His wounded hands
and feet he showed.

The scars their solemn witness gave that Christ was
risen from the grave.

O Jesus, strong in gentleness, come now, Yourself our
hearts possess,

that we may give You all our days the tribute of our
grateful praise.

From ev'ry weapon death can wield Your own redeemed
forever shield.

O Lord of all, with us abide in this, our joyful Eastertide.

Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia!

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Felix Carrión

Invitation to Offering

Aimee Broadhurst

Plymouth's General Fund &

"Bread for the World" - Loose Offering

Offertory Music

Marshall Davies

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

Aimee Broadhurst

**ALL: O Holy One, may these gifts that proceed
from our hearts serve to lift up the praises and
prayers of your people, and may they be used
in service of your glory and honor. Amen.**

Invitation

Pastor Felix Carrión

PASTOR: Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. You who
come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me
shall never thirst".

**ALL: In company with all who hunger for spiritual
food, we come to this table to know the risen
Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.**

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Felix Carrión

PASTOR: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and will
forgive and cleanse us. Let us pray.

**ALL: "O God, have mercy on us, according to
your steadfast love. Cleanse us and create in**

**us a clean heart, and put a new and right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit.”
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor Felix Carrión

PASTOR: Let us proclaim together these words from the Exsultet.

**ALL: O truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth, and the divine to the human. How wonderful and beyond all telling is Your mercy toward us, O God. How holy is this night when innocence is restored to the fallen and joy is given to those downcast. How blessed is this night when humanity is reconciled to God in Christ.
Amen.**

Communion Prayer and The Words of Institution

Pastor Felix Carrión

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Felix Carrión

PASTOR: Let us pray.

ALL: Eternal God, we thank you for the bread of life and the cup of the new covenant. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. May we be at all times and in all places the servant church of the Risen Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

***Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH # 233 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" vv. 3 & 4

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Christ rise, Alleluia!

God has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Commissioning & Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

PASTOR: God of promise, our lives rise to new life in
Jesus Christ!

**ALL: God of hope, our hearts and minds burst
with new joy in Jesus Christ!**

PASTOR: Go now with the blessing of God Almighty, the
love of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit,
to proclaim and show forth God's glory. Amen.

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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