



Worship Service for March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Aimee Broadhurst
Welcome	Pastor Felix Carrión
Centering Moment	Pastor Felix Carrión
*Praise & Worship Song	Congregation

“You are the Light of My Path”

You are the light on my path shining for the world,
showing the way leading on.

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showing the way leading on.

You are a light on my path.

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SONG LEADER: Teach us Your Way, Give us Your Life, Smile at the praise we bring.

ALL: Teach us Your Way, Give us Your Life, Smile at the praise we bring.

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SONG LEADER: I am resolved to follow You. You are my heart's delight.

ALL: I am resolved to follow You. You are my heart's delight.

You are the light on my path shining for the world, showing the way leading on.

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Announcements

Aimee Broadhurst

Call to Worship

Aimee Broadhurst

LEADER: In the blessed hope of rising to new life, we praise God saying, “By your grace, O God, raise us from death to life.”

ALL: We celebrate the light of Jesus’ life and love, as we walk the path of sacred explorations and proclaim the good news of hearts majestically unfolding to the wonder of a new day. Together we pray, “By your grace, O God, raise us from death to life.”

***Hymn**

Congregation

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

Aimee Broadhurst

ALL: Holy One, how good it is for us to come together as kindred spirits on this Easter morning. HALLELUJAH! We thank you, for you meet our longings with love and we feel the presence of Jesus. We hear the Living One calling to us, "bring your heavy burdens and I will give you rest and peace." HALLELUJAH!

Our doubts and fears die and we rise to the new life of deliverance, transformation, and resurgence. HALLELUJAH! Our praise and prayers we offer and share with great joy on this

**day shining bright in our hearts and in this
blessed gathering. HALLELUJAH! Amen.**

1st Biblical Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

Psalm 40:1-3

I waited patiently for God;
God inclined to me and heard my cry.
The Holy One drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
God put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise.
and put their trust in the Lord.

2nd 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

Aimee Broadhurst

"Seeing with New Eyes"

Living Deeply: the Art & Science of Transformation in Everyday Life, edited by Schlitz, Vieten, and Amorok

I was in a Gestalt session at the Esalen Institute, sitting in a circle with other seekers, when I suddenly felt an urge to leave the group and walk onto the adjoining balcony of Fritz Perls's house, a circular dwelling that overlooks the dramatic Big Sur coastline. As I left the group and stepped onto this balcony, I walked into a world of unbelievable beauty. It was a brilliant day, the sun reflecting off the surf that broke on the rocks below. It was a breathtaking vista. I felt like the whole scene was smiling at me, awaiting my arrival, and I was flooded with contentment and the joy of feeling whole, of being blessed. It was though I had walked through a sci-fi energy screen into a new world. Today some forty years later, I am open to thoughts and moments of beauty and love in ways that I wasn't in my early life. I joyfully participate in the world of service. I speculate on spiritual questions and the mysteries of God and the universe. I am amazed by the majesty of the heavens at night and

wonder at the magic of existence. Now I am often awed by the marvel of being alive.

Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión

“Their Eyes Were Opened”

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

Offertory Music

Plymouth Choir

“I Hope”

Sunday morning I heard the preacher say, “Thou shall not kill.” I don’t wana hear nothin’ else about killin’ and that it’s God’s will. ‘Cause our children are watching us, they put their trust in us, they’re gonna be like us. So let’s learn from our history and do it differently.

I hope for more love, more joy and laughter. I hope we’ll have more than you’ll ever need. I hope we’ll have more happy ever afters. I hope we can all live more fearlessly. And we can lose all the pain and misery, I hope, I hope.

Oh our Jesus, he taught us everyday to love each other, to care for the less fortunate, I was just brought up that way. But our children are watching us, they put their trust in us, they're gonna be like us. It's okay for us to disagree, we can work it out lovingly.

I hope for more love, more joy and laughter. I hope you'll have more than you'll ever need. I hope you'll have more happy ever afters. I hope you can all live more fearlessly. And you can lose all your pain and misery. I hope. I hope.

There must be away to change what's goin' on. No, I don't have all the answers. But I hope for more love, more joy and laughter. I hope you'll have more than you'll ever need. I hope you'll have more happy ever afters. I hope we can all live more fearlessly. And we can lose all the pain and misery.

I hope. I hope. And we can lose all the pain and misery.

I hope. I hope. I hope. I

***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 inspire the praises
and prayers of your people, and may they be
used in service of the healing of our world.**

Amen.

Jesus' Prayer

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.

Service of Communion

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 Jesus and the power of new life in the sharing of this life-giving bread and cup.

Communion Prayer

Pastor Felix Carrión

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Felix Carrión

ALL: Eternal God, we thank you for the bread and cup of life. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. May we be at all times and in all places the faithful church of divine love and light. Amen.

***Hymn**

Congregation

Sing! #192 "Carry The Light"

We have all witnessed Your presence.

We have all received Your grace.

We give You honor and glory.

For moving in this place.

Now we go out to share the Good News.

Now we go out to share Your love.

Now we go out to share the Good News.

Now we go out to share Your love.

Carry the Light!

Carry the Light!

Carry the Light to all the earth!

Carry the Light!

Carry the Light!

Carry, O carry Jesus' Light!

Carry the Light! (x2)

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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