



**Worship Service for April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday**

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Cii-jayy Jones
Welcome	Pastor Felix Carrión
Centering Moment	Mary Davis
*Praise & Worship Song <i>"Traveling Friend"</i>	Congregation

There's a friend who's 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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Announcements

Cii-jayy Jones

Call to Worship

Cii-jayy Jones

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 on this day of great celebration and joy.

ALL: Everything is bursting with life.

LEADER: Christ is risen!

ALL: He is risen, indeed!

*Hymn

Congregation

*TNCH #233 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"
vs 1, 2 & 4*

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!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Al-le-lu-ia!
Following our exalted Head, Al-le-lu-ia!
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al-le-lu-ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al-le-lu-ia!

Gathering Prayer

Cii-jayy Jones

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 are transformed into belief and courage, 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

Cii-jayy Jones

*Plymouth United General Fund
UNDUE Medical Debt*

***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

Cii-jayy Jones

ALL: O Holy One, we give you thanks for all of the blessings you pour on us. May these gifts we share today be used in the service of bringing

**peace and healing to our world. May we be
vessels of love and unity for all people.**

Amen.

Biblical Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

John 20:11 - 18

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other 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.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” 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 Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me,

because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and sisters and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' ” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Contemporary Witness

Cii-jayy Jones

Alive Together: New and Selected Poems
by *Lisel Mueller*

Speaking of marvels, I am alive
together with you, when I might have been
alive with anyone under the sun.

This poem is endless, the odds against us are endless,
our chances of being alive together
statistically nonexistent;
still we have made it, alive in a time
when rationalists in square hats

agree it is almost over.

Alive together with marvels and follies

and longings and wishes

and error and humor and mercy

and journeys and voices and faces

and colors and summers and mornings.

Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión

“Rise”

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!

Invitation to Communion

Congregation

PASTOR: Welcome, friends, to this "Feast of Feasts."

ALL: Welcome to offer love and joy.

PASTOR: Welcome to this time set apart for all of us.

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

PASTOR: Welcome to this table of remembrance and peace,

ALL: where we are fed the feast of life in the bread and cup, as we partake of our union with Jesus and each other.

Breaking of the Bread, Pouring of the Cup, & Communion Prayer Pastor Felix Carrión

Communion Music Plymouth Choir
Sing! #180 "Rise Up, Rise Up"

Rise up, rise up, rise up, O my soul.

Rise up and sing this blessing to God's name.

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Sharing the Elements Pastor Felix Carrión
**All elements are gluten and alcohol free*

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 #237 "I Come to the Garden Alone"

I come to the garden alone,
while the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,

the Son of God discloses.

And he walks with me,
and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of his voice
is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that he gave to me
within my heart is ringing.

And he walks with me,
and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.

I'd stay in the garden with him,
though the night all around me be falling;

But he bids me go; through the voice of woe
his voice to me is calling.

And he walks with me,
and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.

Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

Song of Parting

Congregation

Sing! #156 "New Life"

New life, new hope,
Christ has risen, God is alive.
New Life, new hope,
all of creation is singing.
(x2)

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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