



Christ shows himself to Thomas, mosaic at the Washington National Cathedral

The Third Sunday of Eastertide

April 19, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Words of Welcome

“It is the mission of the Community Reformed Church of Colonie to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls and with all of our minds; and to love our neighbors as ourselves.” (Matthew 22:37-40)

We are a community bound together and energized by faith, love, and commitment to Jesus Christ. And even though you may not yet share that faith, love, and commitment, you are most welcome to be with us, to belong here, to experience what we’re about. Then, if you are attracted and persuaded by what you see and hear, we hope you’ll want to set down roots here long-term. And even if you don’t, you’ll always be a friend. We welcome and thank you for worshiping with us today!

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading aloud what is in ***bold italics.***

* - Please rise in body or in spirit

For Contemplation: *Scars of Life* by Emily Long

Scars of life cover us, invisible to one's eye
gathering over a course of years continuing until we die
each one a reminder of hard times in our life
pain and heartache piercing souls like a surgical knife

these scars aren't taken lightly some even come with pride
for battle wounds are common along life's bumpy ride
each beginning a blank canvas waiting to be art
each stroke a tiny footprint setting us apart

never be ashamed nor attempt to hide the past
buckle up, enjoy the ride, the wheels of life roll fast
no one goes through life unscathed, no one escapes time
life is not a flat road. many mountains we must climb

from our beginning to our end we embrace each precious mile
never hide from challenges, try to always smile
all the little things we do will gather in the end
so be unique, be yourself and let life be your friend

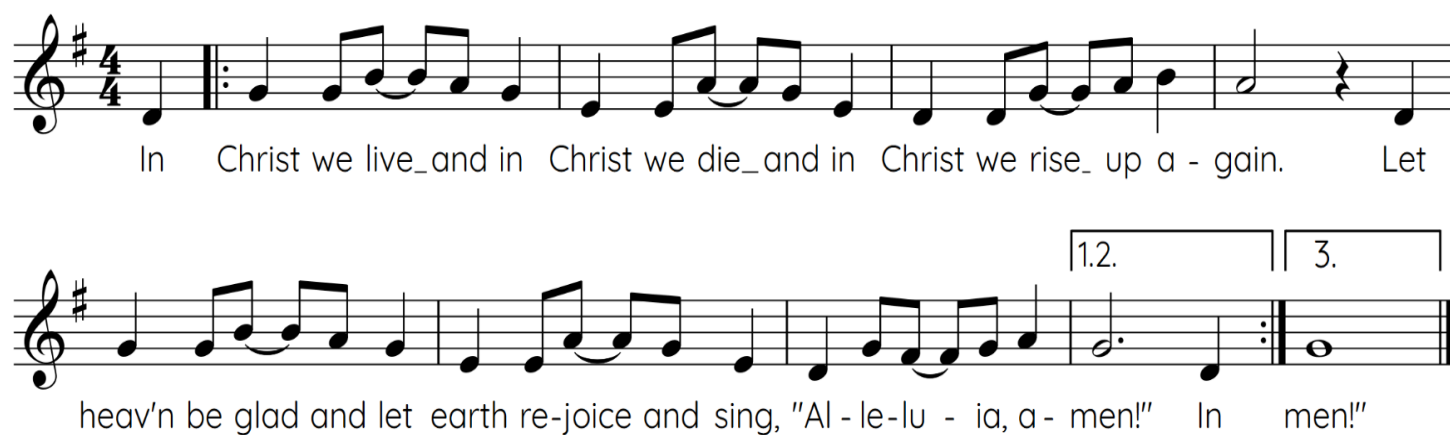
PRELUDE "He Leadeth Me"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER - Karl

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

EASTERTIDE INTROIT "In Christ We Live"



The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G, then a repeat sign. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some beamed eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The first line of lyrics is "In Christ we live_and in Christ we die_and in Christ we rise_ up a - gain. Let". The second line of lyrics is "heav'n be glad and let earth re-joice and sing, 'Al - le-lu - ia, a - men!' In men!". The music ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. There are two first endings: the first ending is marked "1.2." and the second ending is marked "3.". The first ending leads to the second ending, which then leads to the final cadence.

In Christ we live_and in Christ we die_and in Christ we rise_ up a - gain. Let
heav'n be glad and let earth re-joice and sing, "Al - le-lu - ia, a - men!" In men!"

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on "Thomas (who was called the Twin)"

Come, you who are marked by the scars of life.

We come, holding our open wounds.

The risen Christ still bears the scars from his wounds.

Proof of his suffering, but proof also of his victory.

Though they scarred him, they did not defeat him.

Though we get scarred, in Christ we will not be defeated.

So come, and worship the God who knows the scars of life!

We come to worship the risen Christ, who wears his scars like a crown of honor!

* OPENING SONG "Crown Him with Many Crowns!"

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down-ward bends his burn-ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

PROFESSION OF FAITH Selections from §21 of *The Belgic Confession*.

We believe that Jesus Christ is [our] high priest forever...For it is written that “the punishment that made us whole” was placed on the Son of God, and that “by his bruises we are healed.”

***He was “like a lamb that is led to the slaughter”;
he was “numbered with the transgressors”,
and condemned as a criminal by Pontius Pilate...***

Therefore, we rightly say with Paul:

we know nothing “except Jesus Christ, and him crucified”;

we “regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus our Lord”;

we find all comforts in his wounds and have no need to seek or invent any other means to reconcile ourselves with God than this one and only sacrifice, once made, which renders believers perfect forever.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “I Belong to You, O God” (3 times)

***I belong to you, O God, I belong to you.
I belong to you, O God, I belong to you.***

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we are shaped by what has hurt us. Yet we confess we often hide those wounds from you, and that only prolongs our suffering. Remind us that you show us your scars as a way to tell us you understand our pain. So, as we show you our wounds, send your Holy Spirit to heal and transform them into scars that can testify to your grace and living hope. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Lord Jesus Christ” (3 times)

***Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let not my doubts and my darkness speak to me.
Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let my heart always welcome your love.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUMMARY OF GOD’S LAW

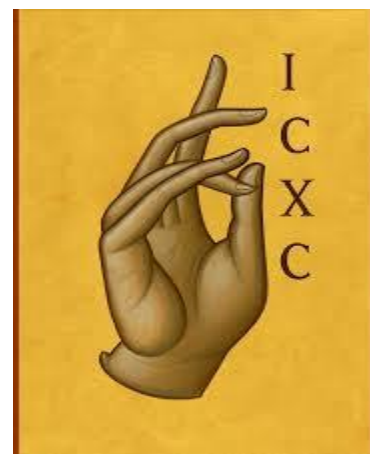
PASSING CHRIST’S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Please greet one another with Christ’s peace.

You’re encouraged to shake hands or give the Orthodox sign of Christ’s peace, greeting both those in-person and online. To make the sign, touch your thumb to the tip of your ring finger.



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Sarah

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Marv

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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* DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Risen Christ, through your scars, open our eyes to your Word so we might believe the good news. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of The Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ!***

SERMON "Thomas (who was called the Twin)"

* **SENDING SONG** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"



Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth_ come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life_ re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

*** CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

*** THE IRISH BLESSING**

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, and until we meet again,
May the God who loves us all
Hold you in the palm of His hand.
Amen.*

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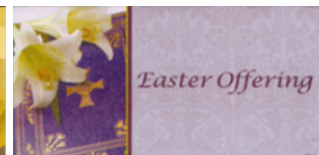
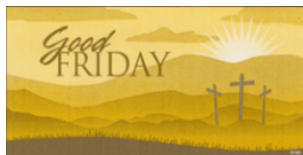
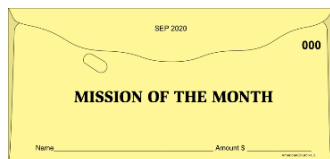
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A wheelchair is located in the entranceway of the church.



A sign-up sheet for CD copies of this morning's service is located on the back table.



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