



Christ Appears on the Shore of Lake Tiberias (1894) by James J. Tissot

The Second Sunday of Eastertide
April 12, 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.

The Community Reformed Church of Colonie welcomes you and thanks you for worshiping with us.

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

* - Please rise in body or in spirit

Today We Are Celebrating Communion

All those who seek fellowship with Jesus Christ are welcome to his table.

All bread is gluten-free, and all cups contain grape juice.

Please hold the elements; we will partake of them together.

For Contemplation: *Heavy* by Mary Oliver

That time
I thought I could not
go any closer to grief
without dying

I went closer,
and I did not die.
Surely God
had his hand in this,

as well as friends.
Still, I was bent,
and my laughter,
as the poet said,

was nowhere to be found.
Then said my friend Daniel,
(brave even among lions),
“It’s not the weight you carry

but how you carry it—
books, bricks, grief—
it’s all in the way
you embrace it, balance it, carry it

when you cannot, and would not,
put it down.”

So I went practicing.

Have you noticed?

Have you heard
the laughter
that comes, now and again,
out of my startled mouth?

How I linger
to admire, admire, admire
the things of this world
that are kind, and maybe

also troubled –
roses in the wind,
the sea geese on the steep waves,
a love
to which there is no reply?

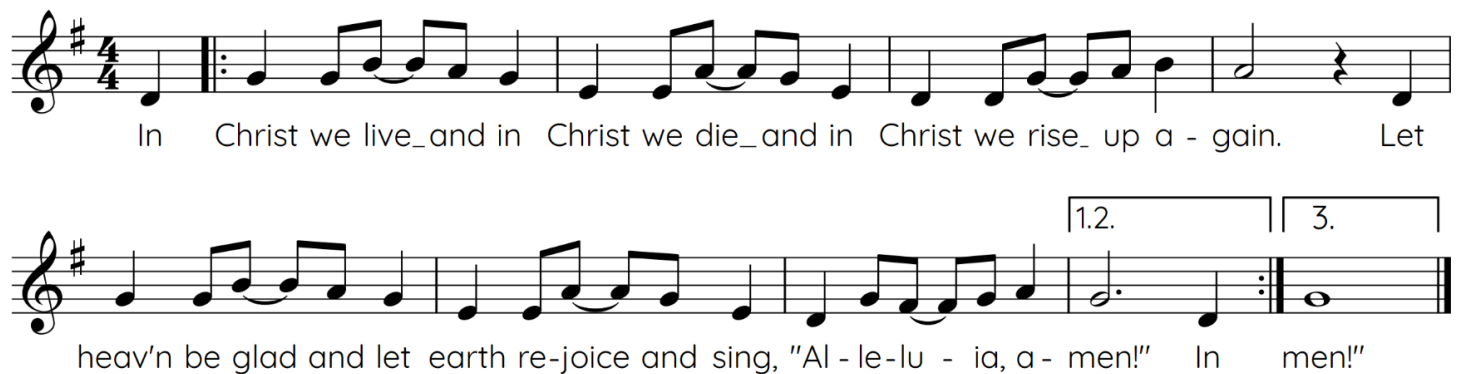
PRELUDE "Christ Arose!"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER - Melody

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

EASTERTIDE INTROIT "In Christ We Live"



The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line with lyrics underneath: "In Christ we live_and in Christ we die_and in Christ we rise_up a - gain. Let". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "heav'n be glad and let earth re-joice and sing, 'Al - le - lu - ia, a - men!' In men!". The second staff includes first and second endings, marked "1.2." and "3." respectively, leading to a double bar line.

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on John 21

Friends, come in from the long night in the wilderness.

We come, carrying our hunger and our hope.

The risen Christ waits for us.

He waits on the shore, a fire burning, a meal prepared.

Christ welcomes us with grace, not judgment.

Here, we are fed not only with food, but with love and belonging.

Here, we are made new together.

Let us worship the risen One!

* **OPENING SONG** "Christ Is Alive!"

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

PROFESSION OF FAITH *Our World Belongs to God! §1-2 (CRCNA)*

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—which some seek to control, and others view with despair—we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God!

From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until the kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever: Our world belongs to God!

***God is King: Let the earth be glad!
Christ is victor: his rule has begun!
The Spirit is at work: creation is renewed!***

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Bless the Lord” (3 times)

***Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.***

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess how often we retreat into “our own lives,” avoiding the vulnerability that the community of Jesus requires. We’ve resisted connection, even when we’ve longed for it. Forgive us for giving into fear or holding too tightly to our pride. Send your Holy Spirit to empower us to love again and seek fellowship so we might more readily receive and give your grace. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “The Kingdom of God” (3 times)

***The Kingdom of God is
justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.***

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.

When the music starts to play, the children are invited to come forward for the children's message.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Lisa

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin

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.

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

You're invited to participate in the mission of The Community Reformed Church of Colonie by giving through the offering plates as they come by, placing your gift in the box at the back, or using Zeffy on our website.

*** 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!

ANTHEM “Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Risen Christ, meet us in your Word; warm our hearts, free us from fear, and draw us into joyful fellowship and grace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 21:1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way: Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

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

SERMON “Laughter is carbonated holiness”

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE CALL TO COMMUNION

We have one Lord, one God, one Savior.

***The Holy Spirit makes Christ real to us,
binding us in one, as we share him together.***

This is something we do eagerly.

Christ welcomes us here.

This is something we do seriously.

***For this is the moment of greatest intimacy when we take the
symbols of the body and blood of the risen Lord.***

This is something we do together.

***I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go into the presence of the Lord”.***

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts since as members of one body
you were called to peace.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

* THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts.

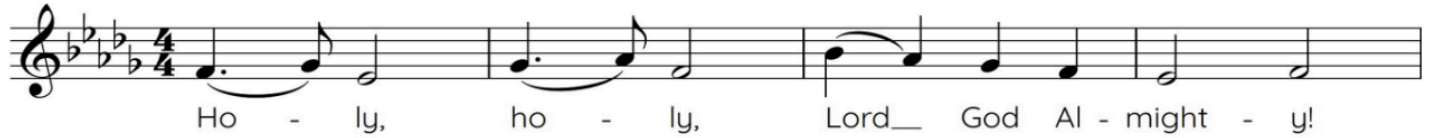
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

* THE PREFACE

* **HYMN** "Holy Lord"



Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord_ God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee. Your



glo - ry fills the earth, Lord God a - bove. Ho -



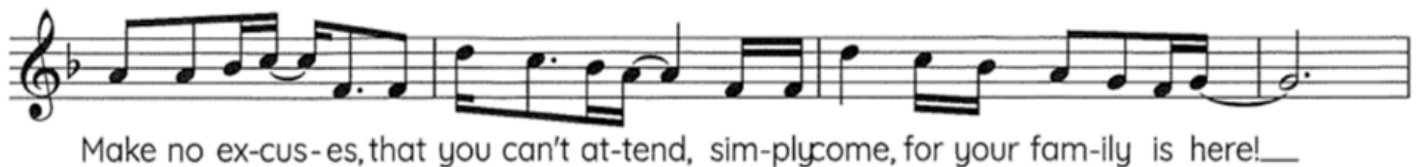
san - na in the high - - - est!

THE MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

INVITATION TO THE TABLE



Come to the feast of the reign of God; we are in-vit - ed to share!__



Make no ex-cus-es, that you can't at-tend, sim-ply come, for your fam-ily is here!__

For around this table, you will find your family.

Come not be-cause you have to, come not to prove you are saved,
come not to speak, or to hear what's ex-pect-ed, have
cour-age to fol-low wher-ev-er Christ leads!

And be open to the ways the Spirit moves among you.

Come to the feast of the reign of God;
we are in-vit-ed to share! Bring all your sor-rows and
all of your joy; the bro-ken are all wel-come here!

*For this is the feast of the reign of God, where the
broken are molded into a Beloved Community.*

Come, for the ta-ble is read-y! Come, for the ta-ble is read-y!
Come for the ta-ble is read-y to of-fer new life!

COMMUNION PRAYER



Christ has died! Christ is ris - en! Christ will come a - gain!

"GLORY TO BE ALMIGHTY GOD"



Glo - ry be to Al might-y God, and glo-ry be_ to the Son,___



Glo - ry be to the Spir - it,___ e - ter-nal three in one!___ We



praise your name, we bless your name, we glo - ri - fy your name!



Hope_ with-out end, love_ with-out end World with-out



end, oh Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - - est!

COMMUNION

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits.

God forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.

God redeems your life and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord does not always accuse, and does not hold anger forever.

The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities.

As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who revere the Lord.

As far as the East is from the West, so far does God remove our transgressions from us.

As a parent has compassion for their children, so the Lord has compassion for all who revere the Lord.

For God knows how we are made, and remembers that we are but dust.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

* HYMN "The Lord's Prayer"



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name.



Thy king - dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.



Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our debts, as we for - give our



debt - ors. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from



e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and thine is the pow - er, and thine is the glo - ry, for



ev - er, for - ev - er, for - ev - er. A -



men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

* **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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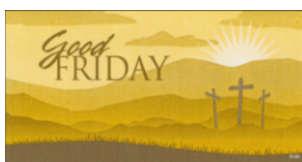
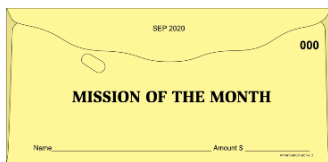
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These gifts help pay the church's debt incurred from the roof repair.

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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.



Large print bulletins are available on request.



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