

APRIL 15, 2018 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Psalm 4
Anneke Kaai

Once in a tight place, you gave me room;
Now I am in trouble again: grace me! Hear me!
adapted from Psalm 4:1

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE*

TIMOTHY ALBRECHT

(As the opening voluntary begins, please use the time to center yourself for worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

RINGING OF THE BELL

✦ OPENING SENTENCES

FROM 1 JOHN 3:1-7

*See what love the father has given us,
that we should be called children of God;
Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we will be has not yet been revealed.*

✦ HYMN No. 248

CHRIST IS RISEN! SHOUT HOSANNA!

HYMN TO JOY

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

✦ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

Lectionary Texts for today:

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

For the younger ones among us:

Peter and John were two of Jesus' 12 disciples. One day, not long after Easter, they healed a man who, from his birth, had never been able to walk. The people who saw this became very excited. But Peter said to them, "We didn't do this through our own power. It was the power of Jesus working through us!" Then the people felt very badly that they had crucified Jesus, and many of them came to believe in him.

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

FROM PSALM 4 AND 1 JOHN 3:1 -7

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, the psalmist says we "love vain words and seek after lies;" we confess that it is true. The epistle writer tells us it is because we do not know you and do not abide in you; again we acknowledge that it is so. Yet we read that what we are to become has not yet been revealed. So help us Lord, in our becoming! With the psalmist we pray, "Be gracious to me and hear my prayer. Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord!" . . .

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦KYRIE

WAYFARING STRANGER

You are the Lord, _____ giv-er of mer-cy! _____ You are the Christ, _____
_____ giv-er of mer-cy! _____ You are the Lord, _____ giv-er of mer-cy! _____

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦PASSING THE PEACE

✦RESPONSE HYMN NO. 582 GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

PAUL VASILE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

PSALM 4

PAGE 494, OT, PEW BIBLE

SECOND READING

ACTS 3:12-19

PAGE 113, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

IGNORANCE IS BLISS?

DAVID COZAD

SILENCE AND STILLNESS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN NO. 314

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

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✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,

forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

(Please sign the Friendship Pad found at one end of your pew, and pass it along.)

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

STAY WITH US
CHANCEL CHOIR

EGIL HOVLAND

Stay with us, Lord Jesus. Stay with us, it soon is evening and night is falling.
Jesus Christ, the world's true light!
Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it!
Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its glory.

✦ AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN No. 450

BE THOU MY VISION

SLANE

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN No. 536, STANZA 4

SURGE ECCLESIA

Service be our sure vacation; courage be our daily breath;
Mercy be our destination from this day and unto death.
Alleluia, alleluia. Rise, O Church, a living faith.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY LOOK UP, MY SOUL, TO CHRIST, THY JOY

ARR. ROBERT ELMORE

LORD'S PRAYER

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

During the offering, take a minute to sign the friendship pads found in each pew. If you are visiting with us, please leave your contact information so that we can reach out to you! Newcomers and regulars alike can see who is sitting around them and greet each other by name. By signing in, you help us build stronger community connections at Central.

To make an offering with your phone, scan the QR code below or text "cpcatlanta" to 73256.



WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgists today are Michelle Hwang and Letitia Campbell.

Our lector today is Carys Barr.

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WELCOME VISITORS

Welcome to Central! We are glad you are here! All are invited to worship God in this place. Wherever you are on the journey of faith, may Central be a community in which you can be nurtured and supported along the way and a place where you may serve and be served in the spirit of Christ. Contact Debbie Miller at debbietimmiller@gmail.com to learn more about life at Central. We hope to see you again soon!

THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Becky Battle, captain
Karen Gravel ▪ Philip Covin
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Greeters

Katie Leware ▪ Nancy Wilkes
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The Heidbreder Family:
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Anne, Lewis, and Elizabeth

Katie Leware

Bell Ringer

Chris Sciarrone

Choir Guild

Lynne Rea

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, April 15

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
3:00 p.m. Cheers for Change
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Monday, April 16

2:00 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Admin. Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Central Men Dinner

Tuesday, April 17

6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee
7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee

Wednesday, April 18

5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 19

7:00 p.m. Central Women

Friday, April 20

No events scheduled

Saturday, April 21

9:00 a.m. Presbytery Event with
Brian McLaren
Shallowford Presbyterian Ch.

Sunday, April 22

9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs
9:00 a.m. Youth Handbell Choir
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day
Michelle Hwang preaching
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

JOIN US FOR OUR 5TH ANNUAL

Cheers for Change

Central Outreach & Advocacy Center

APRIL 15, 2018 | 3:00 - 6:00 PM
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CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

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