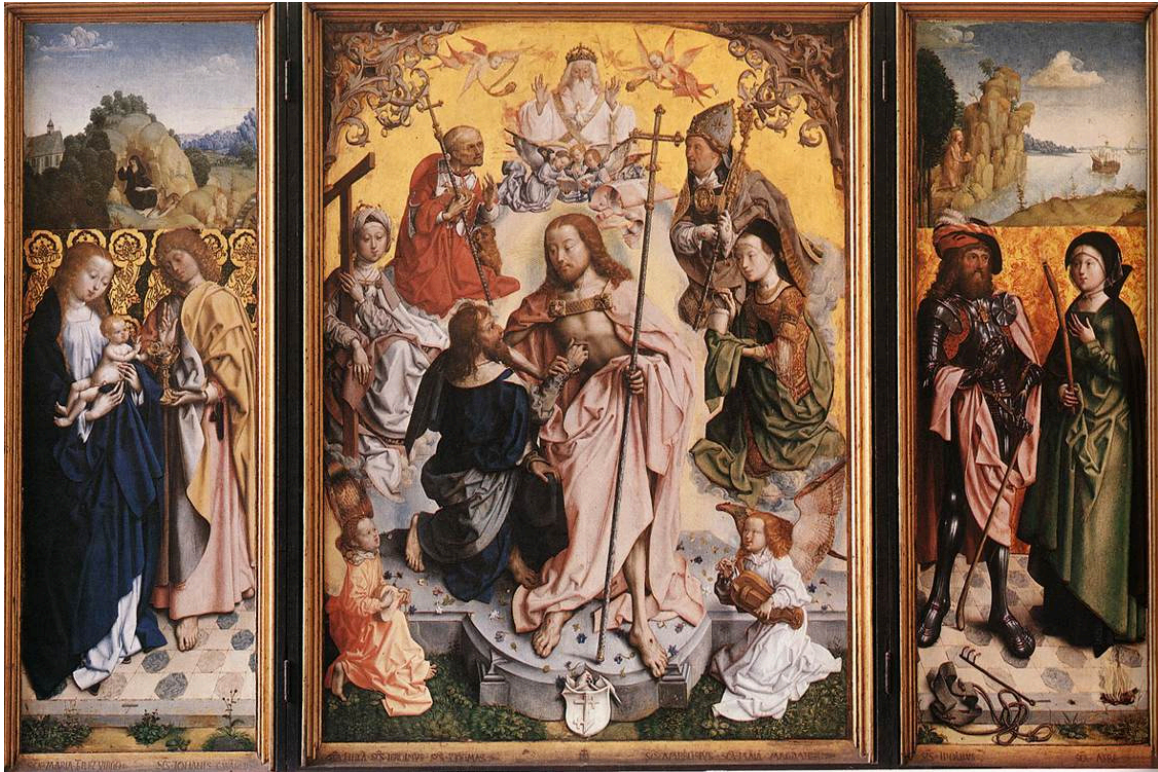


Central Presbyterian Church
Service for the Lord's Day: April 28, 2019
First Sunday After Easter



St. Thomas Altarpiece by anonymous

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY CAROL, TRIO, AND VERSET
on NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES

Richard Proulx

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

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jessica Patchett

Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed.

† OPENING SENTENCES

*Come all who look and long for more:
Look and long for the fullness of life.
Come all who seek with earnest hearts.
Seek and find the God of love.
Come all who doubt and cling to what is sure:
Breathe in the Spirit of all anew.*

† HYMN No. 246

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

TRURO

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.

Children's Note:

Sometimes we wonder about things we can't see. Have you ever wondered what the inside of your stomach looks like? Or what about the bottom of the ocean? Doctors and divers can help us see those things by sending cameras into places we can't go ourselves. When Jesus died, his friends wondered where he had gone. Later, Jesus told them that he had gone to a place they couldn't go yet, but promised them that it was a good place, a place with God.

† CALL TO CONFESSION

Micah Nutter Dowling

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, You raise the dead, but we often settle for living in mere shadows. You have turned the lights on in our world. You have shown us what is good and true and real. But we confess that we often imagine your promises of abundant life must be for someone else, somewhere else. Help us see the goodness you offer to us and to all. Make us bold to accept and reflect your love this day. In faith and hope we pray. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

† KYRIE

LAND OF REST



† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

† RESPONSE: HYMN NO. 240, REFRAIN

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 121

Page 582, OT, Pew Bible

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 20:19-29

Page 109, NT, Pew Bible

SERMON

Room for Doubters and Seekers

Jessica Patchett

SILENCE AND STILLNESS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN NO. 247

NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES

NOËL NOUVELET

In a broken and fearful world
 the Spirit gives us courage
 to pray without ceasing,
 to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
 to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
 to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
 and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
 In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
 we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
 and to live holy and joyful lives,
 even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
 praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY WANA BARAKA Arr. Shawn Kirchner
Chancel Choir and Michael Cebulski, Djembe

Wana barakra wale waombao;
 Yesu mwenyewe alisema. Alleluya!
 Wana amani.
 Wana furaha.
 Wana uzima.

*They have blessings, those who pray;
 Jesus himself said so. Alleluia!
 They have peace.
 They have joy.
 They have well-being.*

† 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. 257 THE RISEN CHRIST WOODLANDS

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, HYMN NO. 71 FIRST SONG

Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY TOCCATA Richard Proulx
on NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES

During the offering, take a moment 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.



This week at Central Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 28

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
 12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
 12:20 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Dennis Wood
 Church Sanctuary
 3:00 p.m. Cheers for Change
 5:00 p.m. Guatemala Fundraiser Prep.
 Ashe Home

Monday, April 29

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, April 30

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, May 1

5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir
 6:00 p.m. All-Church Retreat meeting
 6:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 2

No events scheduled.

Friday, May 3

No events scheduled.

Saturday, May 4

9:00 a.m. Presbytery Meeting
 North Avenue Presbyterian Church
 11:00 a.m. Deacons' BBQ
 Smalley Home

Sunday, May 5

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 - Jessica Patchett preaching
 12:20 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
 5:00 p.m. Youth End-of-the-Year Party

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Vicki Fey	Organist
Michael Morgan	Organist Emeritus
Micah Nutter Dowling	Temporary Director of Children and Youth
Lauren Scott	Youth Coordinator
Julianna Whitson	Youth Coordinator

Members in preparation for ordination as Ministers of word and sacrament:

Erin Burt
 Julia Watkins

Thanks to Those Serving During Today's Worship

Ushers: Jeff Spruell (Captain) • Royal Grooms
 Jo McMurtrie • Em McNair • Kimble McNair
 Wills Moore • Deanna Robins • Sherry Wright

Greeters: Isabelle Werber • Martha Kimes • Nancy Wilkes

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Collectors of Friendship Pads: Liz Burkhardt
 Becca Leland • Hugh and Shirley Landrum

Deacons of the Day: Jeff Figueroa • Nancy Wilkes

Choir Guild: Frances Padgett

Worship Notes and Announcements

Our liturgist today: Micah Nutter Dowling

Lector of the Day: David York

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Welcome Visitors

Central is a community in which you can learn and teach, care and be cared for, love and be loved. You have a place here among this community of faith. All visitors and newer members are invited to the Believing and Belonging class to explore what Presbyterians believe, how those beliefs inform our life at Central, and what it means to belong in today's world of competing interests. The next class is June 2 at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor. For more information, contact Anna at atraynham@cpcatlanta.org.

