

The Eliot Church of Newton

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Order of Worship Easter Sunday April 4, 2010

Welcome guest! Here is a sample of a Sunday Worship Bulletin at Eliot Church, to give you a sense of the order of service and the music of our prayer life. We hope you can join us soon in person for our 10:00 Sunday service.

Pastors Tony Kill & Karla Miller

Thought for Reflection

I was born in the morning of the world
so I know how morning looks....
Morning looks like any strong beautiful wanting.
There is your morning, my morning, everybody's morning.

Carl Sandburg, 20th century

Be thou comforted, little dog, Thou too in Resurrection shall have a little golden tail.

Martin Luther, 16th century

The resurrection is the one and only event in Jesus' life that was entirely between him and God. .. For the rest of us, Easter began the moment the gardener said, "Mary!" and she knew who he was. That is where the miracle happened and goes on happening -- not in the tomb but in the encounter with the living Lord.

In the end, that is the only evidence we have to offer those who ask us how we can possibly believe. Because we live, that is why. Because we have found, to our surprise, that we are not alone. Because we never know where he will turn up next. Here is one thing that helps: never get so focused on the empty tomb that you forget to speak to the gardener.

Barbara Brown Taylor, 21st Century



Welcome! We are delighted that you are part of the Eliot Church community as we gather to celebrate the great festival of Easter together. Children are invited to remain in the sanctuary with their families throughout the worship service. There are no Sunday School classes today, but childcare is provided for infants through

(We come to that time in the service where we take the financial offering. For those of you who are visiting, please feel no obligation to participate. This service is our gift to you. For those of you who consider Eliot your church home, we want to thank you for your financial support of our ministry.)

Invitation

Offering

Offertory Anthem

Sanctus from Requiem

J. Rutter

Doxology

Red Chalice 50

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Dedication of Offering

Sacrament of Holy Communion

(All who seek to follow in the Way of Jesus are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper; we all receive together. So also with the cup.)

R: Christ is risen!

C: *Stones of fear are rolled away*

R: Christ is risen!

C: *Walls of prejudice are broken down.*

R: Christ is risen!

C: *Doubts are affirmed; questions are allowed.*

R: Christ is risen!

C: *Life will never be the same again.*

R: Christ is risen: Alleluia!

C: *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The Great Thanksgiving

Consecration

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Distribution

Communion Hymn

Now The Green Blade Rises

Communion Prayer

* **Hymn** **Thine Is The Glory**

* **Benediction**

* **Final Anthem**

The Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah

Handel

Jim Jordan, Conductor

Those who wish to sing with the choir are welcomed to go into the chancel at this time and join the appropriate vocal section. We provide copies of the music.

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,

And of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.
Hallelujah!