



Thanks for being here this morning!

Join us downstairs between services today as we celebrate the Resurrection with coffee and donuts. If you want to join us again next week, our services are at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m, with a dedicated Sunday School for all ages at 10:00 a.m.

We would love to see you again!

PRELUDE

“MORNING HAS BROKEN” (FARJEON/LEAVITT)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the word!

Sweet the rain’s new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God’s re-creation of the new day!

Sing praise for the new day!

CALL TO WORSHIP

- › Hear the good news: the grave is empty!
- » **Hallelujah!**
- › Hear the good news: Christ is risen!
- » **Hallelujah! He is risen indeed!**
- › Where, O Death, is your victory?
Where, O Death, is your sting?
- » **Death has been swallowed up in victory!**
- › Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life.
The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.
- » **Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ!**
- › Christ is risen!
- » **He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

“CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY”

“KING OF KINGS”

PRAYERS FOR RESURRECTION TO COME

» **Sing together:**

O come to the altar; the Father's arms are open wide.

Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ!

› Risen Lord, we need your resurrection power to bring new life in us. The shadow of death persists among us. It drives us from you, from our neighbor, and from our best selves. Come revive our broken bodies and sinful hearts. Help us to hear the promptings of your Spirit, the same Spirit who raised you from the dead, who lives in us.

» *O come to the altar; the Father's arms are open wide.*

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› Risen Lord, we need your resurrection power to bring new life to our city and nation filled with violence, disease, and division. Hear the pleas of the poor, the sick, the forgotten, and the overlooked. Grant our leaders wisdom and strength to know and do your will, and fill them with the love of truth and righteousness. Bring life where there is death, faithful One who redeems all things.

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› Risen Lord, let your resurrection at last be worked through all the fabric of creation, till every fiber, every atom, every particle in play, is bathed in holy light, consecrated forever as your own. Till every sorrow we've sustained is redeemed, restored, renamed; till ones we've loved and lost and grieved are joined to us again; till all the brokenness that breaks our world is by your word made whole.

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PROCLAMATION OF OUR REDEMPTION IN CHRIST

GREETING OF PEACE

OUR OFFERINGS | FROM 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

- › Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?
- » **For all things come from you and what we now offer is already yours.**

OFFERTORY | "IN CHRIST ALONE"

"DOXOLOGY"

SCRIPTURE READING | ROMANS 8:31-39

SERMON | "NOTHING CAN SEPARATE" (COREY WIDMER)

"NOTHING"

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM HEBREWS 13:20-21

- › May the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
- » **Amen.**
- › Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- » **Thanks be to God. Christ is risen! Hallelujah!**

"HALLELUJAH" FROM MESSIAH (HANDEL)

POSTLUDE

News & Events

NEXT WEEK! SUNDAY FORUM AND LUNCH WITH KAITLYN SCHIESS

Sunday, April 7, 10:00 a.m. for forum, 12:30 p.m. for lunch

Author and speaker Kaitlyn Schiess will be with us on April 7 to share on spiritual formation, the tension of politics and the big picture of God’s kingdom to prepare us for this national election year.

EXPLORING COVENANT PARTNERSHIP

Friday and Saturday, April 12-13

Looking to invest in community at Third and considering joining as a covenant partner? Join this class! More info, full schedule, and registration online.



IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE RESOURCE FAIR

Tuesday, April 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

We’re cohosting this resource fair at Regency with the Henrico County Adult Learning Center for our immigrant and refugee neighbors. Volunteers needed for hospitality, translation, and refreshments.



MEN’S SPRING DINNER

Thursday, April 18, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Community West Pavilion

Join the men of Third for burgers, brats and some outdoor fun. Sign up online.



WE’RE HIRING!

We have positions open for the roles of Facility Manager and Associate Director of Student Ministry. Apply online at thirdrva.org/employment.



CHARITY PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Sunday, April 21, 12:30 p.m. Performance Pickleball

Play for a good cause! We’re raising money for El Sharabia (our sister church in Cairo) and their church renovation project. Sign up to play with or without a teammate.



MARRIAGE WORKSHOP WITH MIRIAM BOTT

Saturday, April 20, 9:30 a.m. - Noon, Regency

Join counselor Miriam Bott for a marriage workshop where we look at small, tangible ways to cultivate connection weekly that will make a big impact on your relationship. More info and registration online.



Notes



The lilies for today's services have been provided by members and friends of Third:

Diane and Frank Atkinson, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trifari, Mr. and Mrs. P.T. Atkinson, Jr., and Mrs. Margaret Whittle Atkinson Rosen.

Laurie Aldrich, in loving memory of her father, William Russell Peterson.

Sarah Winfield, in loving memory of her parents, Jean and Bob Winfield.

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Matt and Gina Maio, in loving memory of Mary Jay Davis and Ruby Milford.

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Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Kessel, and her brother, Don Kessel.

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Alex Dieringer, in memory of her dad, Thomas Goss.

Fran and John Robertson, in loving memory of their son Jamie.

Julie and Justin Mattingly, in honor of Margaret Mattingly.