



**Old Brick Reformed Church
Easter Sunday Order of Service**

April 4, 2021

9:30 AM

Easter Sunday

PRELUDE *The Strife is O'er, The Battle Done* Arr. by C. Berry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

OUR HOPE

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. **AMEN.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

HE HAS GIVEN US NEW LIFE AND HOPE. HE HAS RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD.

God has claimed us as his own.

HE HAS BROUGHT US OUT OF DARKNESS. HE HAS MADE US LIGHT TO THE WORLD.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!

THE GREETING OF THE LORD

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them up to the Lord.

Grace, mercy and peace be yours from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

INVOCATION

***HYMN:** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Unison)

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of Christ and living in resurrection power and victory through Jesus Christ our Lord who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSIVE READING

The Lord is my strength and my song;

HE HAS BECOME MY SALVATION.

Hark, glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

“THE RIGHT HAND OF THE LORD DOES VALIANTLY,

The right hand of the Lord is exalted,

THE RIGHT HAND OF THE LORD DOES VALIANTLY!”

I shall not die, but I shall live,

AND RECOUNT THE DEEDS OF THE LORD.

The Lord is God and has given us light.

BIND THE FESTAL PROCESSION WITH BRANCHES.

Thou art my God, and I will give thanks to thee;

THOU ART MY GOD, I WILL EXTOL THEE.

(Taken from Psalm 118)

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE** - Pastor will give instructions.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OBRC Mission of the Month – New Brunswick Theological Seminary

RCA Mission of the Month – Global Mission

THE PEOPLES' PRAYER 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.

***HYMN:** *Christ Arose!*

***OUR MISSION**

We are the people of God committed to doing the work of Christ in our congregation, our community, and the world.

***BENEDICTION**

****Standing, if able***

Participating in today's service: George Kaden (Pastor), Edward Krogstad (Music Director/Organist), Janet Kaden (Pianist) and John Esau and Sarah Bentivenga.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please pray for Jinny Millward, Elizabeth Hoffman, Dwight Ghans, Dorothy Van Curen, Gap Ferrito, Mark Franz, Paul Matyas, Paul Walther, Mary Mahoney, Jim Ballew and those in our congregation that needs a special prayer. Anonymous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On this joyous Easter morning we bid you welcome in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. This is a day that fills our hearts with hope as we celebrate the glorious triumph of the resurrection as God raised Jesus from the dead. We pray resurrection joy will be yours this morning as we share in this time of worship rejoicing in the assurance that has become ours through our victorious, triumphant King. Welcome! Welcome! May your heart burst forth with glorious praise.

We extend our thanks to participants in today's service: *Mr. Ed Krogstad, Mrs. Janet Kaden, Mr. John Esau, Ms. Sarah Bentivenga,* and to *Thomas Bynoe* for connecting us to the zoom link.

We thank Ken and Candee Stattel for the beautiful Easter Flowers and also, to everyone who dedicated an Easter plant in memory and honor of loved ones.

Old Brick mourns the recent loss of *Mary Brotherton*, who was an important part of our church family before she moved to Seabrook Village years ago. We will keep you posted on any arrangements from the family.

The confirmation class will not meet this coming Tuesday, but they do have an assignment, to watch the movie: "Friendly Persuasion".

The Consistory and Admin committee is reminded we will have our quarterly meeting with Dan Bavuso, this coming Thursday at 6:45 pm on Zoom. The investment meeting will be followed by our monthly consistory meeting.

We ask that you wear a mask throughout the service, and you do your best to maintain social distancing. We will exchange the Passing of the Peace from our seats. Pastor Kaden will provide instructions. The offering will not be received by ushers, the offering plates are located on either side of the chancel for your tithes and offerings.

Sermon next week: *Is There Any Hope?*



Easter Flower Dedications



**The beautiful flowers gracing our sanctuary this Easter morning
are given in praise and celebration of the Glory of God...**

In *Memory* of ***Our Parents***, given by Mary Ellen and Bill DeVries.

In *Memory* of ***Our Grandparents***, given by the Esau Family.

In *Memory* of ***Kathleen Cain*** and ***Linda Gehm***, given by Kristina Cain and Andrew Gehm.

In *Honor* of ***My Wife Beverly***, given by Ronald Herring.

In *Memory* of ***My Mother Anna S. Herring***, given by Ronald Herring.

In *Memory* of ***Parents*** and ***Grandparents***, given by Laura Hogan.

In *Memory* of ***Bill***, given by Laura Hogan.

In *Memory* of ***Anthony Ippolito*** and ***D. Safonts***, given by Lis and Tim Ippolito.

In *Honor* of ***Our Grandchildren***, given by Jack and Jill Lambert.

In *Memory* of ***Louise Lambert*** and ***Isabelle MacLean***, given by Jill and Jack Lambert.

In *Memory* of ***Eugene*** and ***Margaret Crosby***, given by Barbara and Pam Murphy and Diane Loyd.

In *Honor* of ***Carlton*** and ***Betty Borden***, given by Carol and David Schreier.

In *Memory* of Candee's Parents ***Rhea*** and ***Aileen Preston***, given by Candee and Ken Stattel.

In *Memory* of Ken's Parents ***Dot*** and ***Dan Stattel***, given by Ken, Candee and Kristin Stattel.

In *Memory* of Kristin's Mother ***Barbara Stattel***, given by Kristin and Ken Stattel.

In *Memory* of ***Our Parents***, given by Carol and Pete Van Mater.

CHURCH LIFE CALENDAR

Thursday, April 8: Consistory and Admin Mtg on Zoom at 6:45 PM

This is the quarterly meeting with Dan Bavuso.

April 11

9:30 AM

Second Sunday of Easter & Holy Communion

Worship

April 18

9:30 AM

Third Sunday of Easter

Worship

April 25

9:30 AM

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Worship

May 2

9:30 AM

Fifth Sunday of Easter & Holy Communion

Worship

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Happy Easter