



IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

What is liberating about
Good Friday and Easter
is that our thoughts are pulled
far beyond our own personal fate
to the ultimate meaning of all life,
all suffering, all that happens,
and we are seized by a great hope.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer
(February 4, 1906 - April 9, 1945)

EASTER SUNDAY
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 12, 2020

Ten O' Clock

PRELUDE Toccata and Fugue in d minor J.S. Bach

INTROIT Alleluia! Ferdinand Hummel

Earnestly I seek Thee. My soul thirsts for Thee in this dry place. It searches for Thee in this dreary space. O Thou didst lead me by the hand Who languished in a barren land! Thy mercy, I sing and praise Thee now. Alleluia!

*Thou, dear Lord, Thou art my shepherd Thy mercy doth my soul restore;
Thy rod and staff they are my comfort, My cup of joy, behold it runneth o'er!
Beside still waters thou art leading, In pastures green Thou had me live,
My soul exalts Thee, my voice shall rise, Thy mercy praising to the sky: Alleluia!*

Poetic paraphrase of Psalms 63 and 23 by Frederick Martens

Nathan Wesselowski, tenor

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: In the pain of human birth,
Mary's womb brought forth Life;*

*People: In the night of human suffering,
we close our eyes, we turn away; perhaps, we weep.*

*Leader: In the power of God's rebirth,
Joseph's tomb could not hold death.*

*People: In the light of God's new day,
we see the Way, we hear the call; indeed, we sing*

All: Alleluia!

HYMN 232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Psalm 118:1, 21-24

*Leader: Give thanks to the Lord,
whose steadfast love endures forever.*

*People: I thank You that You have answered me
and have become my salvation.*

*Leader: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.*

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

*Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

All: Eternal God, Giver of life and new life:
We bring to You our old selves, with our
inclinations toward betrayal and penchants for denial,
our cowardice in the face of evil and our impulses
toward fear and flight.
We confess our sin and our need for mercy.
Forgive us in Your grace,
recreate us by Your transforming power,
and infuse us with courage and love,
so that we live as bold and faithful disciples of
our Crucified and Risen Lord; Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE

*Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
let us forgive one another.*

People: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONSE *(worshippers sing)*

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!

All that breathes, our God adore! Alleluia!

Singing praise for evermore, Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURES Isaiah 43:1-10a

"Do not fear, for I am with you ..."

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO Do not fear, for I have redeemed you (Isaiah 43) *Wesselowski*

Do not fear for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you... I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior... You are precious in my sight, and honored,
and I love you. Do not fear, do not fear, do not fear for I am with you.*

(Composed by Nathan Wesselowski for the occasion of the Rev. Jean Dow's retirement in 2019)

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN 239 Good Christians, All Rejoice and Sing

Gelobt Sei Gott

GREETINGS AND INVITATIONS

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OFFERINGS

*As we listen to the Offertory, we offer our thanks
for the gifts we receive from the heart and hand of God,
and contemplate how we may offer our gifts to meet the needs of others.
Tithes and offerings may be sent to the church office
or you may make your gift electronically. Please see the options below.*

OFFERTORY Fugue in G Major *Bach*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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 OF DOXOLOGY (*worshippers sing*) *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures high and low. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known;
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE EASTER GOSPEL Matthew 28:1-10

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON "Essential Easter" Dr. Block

HYMN 624 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art *Toulon*

BENEDICTION

Leader: Christ is risen!
People: Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Finale from Organ Symphony V *Widor*

“God be will you till we meet again.”

*The floral sprays on the front gates are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Jim Brindley by Marge Brindley.
The memorial lilies are on the front steps this morning,
offering an Easter greeting to neighbors and passers-by.*

If you are “visiting” Immanuel Church today, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its **183rd anniversary** this weekend! Today's congregation of over 500 members comes from next door, neighborhoods throughout the city, and as far north as Port Washington, as far south as Kenosha, and as far west as Summit. Committed to “keeping faith in the city,” Immanuel supports the Interchange Food Pantry and is active with Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity and Southeastern Wisconsin Common Ground. Global mission projects reach to Zambia and Cuba. Worship is our first priority and education is emphasized for all ages. **Contact Associate Pastor Rob Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org) for more information about Immanuel or church membership.**

We are grateful to Steven Jensen and Nathan Wesselowski for providing music for the Holy Week and Easter services, and to Jason Katcha and Amy Penington for technical production.

MAKING YOUR OFFERING

While we are not worshiping in-person, members and friends of Immanuel Church may continue their giving by:

1. **Mailing a check** to the church office:
1105 N. Waverly Place, Milwaukee, WI 53202
Note in the memo line how you'd like the amount recorded (to your pledge or another offering, like “One Great Hour of Sharing.”)
2. **Going to our web site** at: <https://www.immanuelwi.org/contribute>
3. **Scanning this QR** (“Quick Response”) code with your smart phone camera. You will immediately be connected to giving options on the Immanuel web site.
4. **Texting 833-712-0259** (number for Immanuel giving only). Enter amount in message bubble and you will receive a registration link for payment information. You will receive a verification by text and email. The next time you wish to make a gift, simply text that number, enter the amount, and it will be automatically processed.



IN REMEMBRANCE

*The Easter lilies on the front steps of the church
are given by members of the congregation in testimony of faith in everlasting life
and in memory of the following loved ones:*

Christine Adams

Bill and Sue Baer

Alfred and Carol Block

James F. Block

Jim Brindley

Kate and Bob Burwell

Baby Girl Carlton

Ken and Eilnor Carr

David K. Carr

Dolly Cooper

Mavis Marie Davis

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Richard Eisenbrown

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Janice Langlie Greenberg

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Nancy Salisbury Johnson

Charles B. and

Martha Leswing Keil

Melinda Scott Krei

Herbert and Martha Kuehn

Frederick P. and

Shirley Davis Leswing

Kurt Langlie Leswing

James McCabe

Allison W., Sr. and

Edith Merriam

Allison W. Merriam, Jr.

Bernice Nelsen

Eugene Nelson

Thomas E. and

Janet Neubauer

Merle and Hazel Rose

Linda Joyce Salisbury

Margaret Salisbury

Kay Silet

George R. Slater

Nancy (Sullivan) and

William Swartz

Benjamin Sullivan

Porter Turner

Thelma Turner

Christian Visser

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