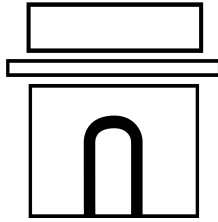


NEIGHBORHOOD  CHURCH
of Greenwich Village



Meeting at 46 Barrow Street & online @ 10:30am

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter —
Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise
Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With him mayst rise:
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more, just.
Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
With all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound his name,
Who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.
Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song
Pleasant and long:
Or, since all music is but three parts vied

And multiplied,
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.
I got me flowers to straw thy way;
I got me boughs off many a tree:
But thou wast up by break of day,
And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.
The Sun arising in the East,
Though he give light, and th' East perfume;
If they should offer to contest
With thy arising, they presume.
Can there be any day but this,
Though many suns to shine endeavor?
We count three hundred, but we miss:
There is but one, and that one ever.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

04.17.22

On behalf of the congregation of Neighborhood Church of Greenwich Village, we welcome you to our worship service. Our prayer is that your contact with us today encourages you to seek the living and true God.

In the words of the prophet Isaiah:
“Seek the LORD while he may be found,
Call upon Him while he is near.” (Isaiah 55:6)

This is our hope for
“. . . the LORD is the true God; he is the living God and the everlasting King.” (Jeremiah 10:10)

In His grace,

Kirk van der Swaagh & Nick Nowalk, Pastors

A word about our worship:
We have sought to pattern our service after biblical accounts of people confronted by God. Such encounters often involve God making himself known in his righteousness and holiness, which, in turn, causes people to be very aware of their innate sinfulness. In humility, they confess their sinfulness and God graciously lifts them up and instructs them as to what he expects of them. They then respond by committing to serve him. Such incidents as found in Isaiah 6, Exodus 3, Luke 5, and Acts 9, are good examples. May the Lord be pleased to grant such an encounter to us this day.

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GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you

Congregation: *And also with you*

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM | Lord's Day 16

Question #40:

Why did Christ have to suffer "death"?

Because the righteousness and truth of God are such that nothing else could make reparation for our sins except the death of the Son of God.

Question #41:

Why was he "buried"?

To confirm the fact that he was really dead.

Question #42:

Since, then, Christ died for us, why must we also die?

Our death is not a reparation for our sins, but only a dying to sin and an entering into eternal life.

Question #43:

What further benefit do we receive from the sacrifice and death of Christ on the cross?

That by his power our old self is crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil passions of our mortal bodies may reign in us no more, but that we may offer ourselves to him as a sacrifice of thanksgiving.

Question #44:

Why is there added: "He descended into hell"?

That in my severest tribulations I may be assured that Christ my Lord has redeemed me from hellish anxieties and torment by the unspeakable anguish, pains, and terrors which he suffered in his soul both on the cross and before.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:1-5

1 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD'S hand

double for all her sins.

3 A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,

and the rough places a plain.

5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

and all flesh shall see it together,

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken

Opening Prayer

Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise: Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Confession of Faith | 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 Spirit, born of the virgin, Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended to the dead; the third day He rose again; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought his Israel
Into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them with unmoistened foot
Through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ hath burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun hath risen;
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give
Laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright
With the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts,
Comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem,
Who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death,
Nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal
Hold thee as a mortal:
But today amidst the twelve
Thou didst stand, bestowing
That thy peace, which evermore
Passeth human knowing.

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Grace

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. (1 John 1:8-10)

Corporate Confession

Almighty and everlasting God, who sent to Your people Your Son, Jesus Christ, humble and lowly: we admit before You our own blindness and sin. We have not received our King as we ought, or welcomed His coming reign in our hearts. In our pride, we have sought to put ourselves first, and we have strayed from You. Forgive us, O God, and restore us in Your sight. Accept us in Christ, whose passion and death obtained mercy for us. Grant that we might walk in humility and obedience, in the way of suffering, that we might share in the resurrection of our Lord, Amen.

Silent Personal Confession

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Assurance of Grace

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. (Psalm 32:1-2)

Response

I Know That My Redeemer Lives
I know that my Redeemer lives—
glory, hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives—
glory, hallelujah!

[Refrain]

Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground—
glory, hallelujah!
The dead's alive and the lost is found—
glory, hallelujah!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead—
glory, hallelujah!
He lives, my everlasting Head—
glory, hallelujah! [Refrain]

He lives to bless me with his love—
glory, hallelujah!
He lives to plead for me above—
glory, hallelujah! [Refrain]

He lives, all glory to his name!-
glory, hallelujah!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same-
glory, hallelujah! [Refrain]

The Word of God & Sacrament

Scripture Readings

Psalm 16
Luke 24:1-12
Romans 1:1-7

Message

“This Day’s Potency”

The Table of the Lord

Let a person examine himself . . . and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.” (1 Corinthians 11:28)

Words of Institution

Distribution

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

Our Response to God's Grace

Prayers of Intercession

Announcements

Closing Hymn

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground, His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I stand

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Benediction

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:20-21)

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PRAYER

- For peace and the cessation of violence and war in the nation of Ukraine in light of Russia's unprovoked invasion
- For our city to hear the good news of an empty tomb
- For Kingsway Chapel, the Korean-speaking church that meets in our building on Sunday evenings. A number of their members and attenders either moved back to Korea or left the church during the year and a half they were on Zoom due to COVID-19, and they are now looking to reach out and build relationships with new potential members
- For Mattie and Heidi van der Swaagh as they prepare for the birth of twins
- Continue for Steven Romeo, for healing of his chronic sciatic nerve injury
- For the recovery of Carlos Suarez, who had emergency heart surgery at Lenox Hill Hospital
- For Katelyn Bryant's grandfather, who is recovering from a major heart attack
- For Austin Chen, Lindsey Quintana and Joshua Jiang as they finish medical school and prepare to transition into their new residency programs this summer
- For four couples in our fellowship that have recently become engaged: Nate Harp and Jennifer Yu; Trevor Agatsuma and Grace Choi; Pat Quiroga Yupanguí and Katelyn Bryant; Max Martin and Jessica Samuel
- For Kirk and Barbara van der Swaagh as they prepare to move to Scotland
- COVID-19 has not gone away, so pray . . .
 - For wisdom in navigating the protocols after inevitable infections that will affect not just those who have tested positive, but those who have had contact with them
 - For those serving on the frontline as EMTs, doctors, nurses, technicians, orderlies
 - For those who have lost loved ones, and for those who are gravely ill
 - Pray for the economic recovery of our city
- For the work of the Lord to prosper through ministries supported by our church: Andrew and Esther Schaeffer in Burkina Faso; Avi and Ruth Snyder in Hungary; the ministry of Hope Academy; Do for One; Bowery Mission; Avail Pregnancy Help Center; Expect Hope; The Father's Heart, and Open Doors.

THE SUFFERING CHURCH

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thessalonians 5:17

FOR APRIL:

Uganda

- Pastor Musana has a heart for sharing Jesus with Muslims. When two converted to Christianity, an enraged mob killed Musana and threw his body into the river. Please pray for his loved ones and for those who continue to steadfastly and faithfully bear witness to the gospel.

Nigeria

- A teenager named Leah was kidnapped. She is still alive and has a young child. Please pray for her and for all the young people who have been taken and abused because they are Christians. May they experience God's wonderful peace and healing. Often in Nigeria there are raids on Christians and churches resulting in death or captivity simply because of their loyalty to the gospel. Please pray.

Laos

- A young child in Laos was raped and contracted HIV. She came to know Jesus at a Christian medical clinic where her parents had left her. Upon returning home to her family she has been ostracized because of her new faith. She dreams of becoming a doctor, and someone is helping her with the support she needs for this path. Please pray for her health and for God to continue to open doors and provide encouragement and support for her.

North Korea

- An urgent request: security guards broke into a location where several dozen Christians gathered for a secret worship meeting. They were arrested and executed in the room. Their families were also arrested and have been imprisoned. The total number of people exceeds 100. Political prisons in North Korea are without human dignity. Inmates are treated like animals, tortured, and forced to do harsh labor without enough food or warm clothing. Please pray earnestly for God's intervening grace and justice in this desperate situation.

Uzbekistan

- Police invaded a classroom and searched students' phones looking for illegal religious materials. Pray for the traumatized students and for their freedom to listen to digital Bibles, sermons and music without fear.

Unknown Country

- A young man accepted Christ and was baptized. His father was so incensed that he withheld food from his son and berated him constantly. Unable to cope with the ceaseless cruelty, he took his own life rather than renounce Christ. Please pray for his family and father, that they would come to see the value of Jesus through their son's life and be saved.

Please stand with these dear brothers and sisters in prayer, and in this way contribute to building up the kingdom of God

Ephesians 6:18; Deuteronomy 33:27; Hebrews 13:5-6; 1 Corinthians 5:14-15

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For activities on zoom:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/7756249830?pwd=N3dUU2s4Sjg3bkU5R2F3aklTZkxzZz09>

Today

- Worship, 10:30am, online using the above link
- Easter dinner @269 Bleecker, 4pm

Prayer Meetings on Zoom

Monday 9-9:30pm

Tuesday 7:30-8:00am

Wednesday 12:30-1:00pm

Thursday 9-9:30pm

This Week

- Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30pm on Zoom, The Parables of Jesus

Upcoming

- April 24, Members Monthly Meeting, 1-2pm
- April 30, Volunteer Day, Father's Heart, Contact Kristen: ncgvvolunteer@gmail.com
- May 6, First Fridays Jazz, 8 & 9:30pm
- May 7&8, Celebration Weekend for Kirk & Barbara, First Fridays Jazz, sets @ 8 & 9:30pm
- May 13, New All Things Project installation, "Fish and Banana," opening reception, 7pm

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