

**EASTER SUNDAY**

Resurrection means the worst thing is never the last thing. The worst thing is the next to the last thing. The last thing is the best. It's the power from on high that comes down into the world, that wells up from the rock-bottom worst of the world like a hidden spring. Can you believe it? The last, best thing is the laughing deep in the hearts of the saints, sometimes our hearts even. Yes. You are terribly loved and forgiven. Yes. You are healed. All is well. -Frederick Buechner

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Thank you for joining our live stream this morning. We are made to worship together, but we find ourselves living in a particular and unprecedented moment that has not touched American lives in generations. The good news is that while we are made to worship God together, we do not need to be in a particular place to meet with God. So I hope you have gathered together with your housemates, family, and maybe a couple others. God is present with us at all times, and He delights to meet with you today regardless of where you are or how many people you are with. We seek to offer this service as an encouragement to you amid these difficult times. We look forward to worshipping together again, breaking bread and giving hugs to one another. You are missed.*

*As an encouragement to others, please take a picture of your home gathering, post it to social media with the hashtag #abbottchurchathome and tag us on Instagram @abbottchurchbaltimore*

*Please prayer requests to the pastor by text message 410.299.6929*

## QUOTES for REFLECTION

*Either Jesus never was or he still is. -Malcolm Muggeridge, Jesus, The Man Who Lives*

*How a Christian proves the tomb is STILL empty the day after Easter: dares to love a difficult neighbor; repents for wrongs a little more quickly and a little less defensively; returns to work with a fresh sense of purpose and mission; recommits to praying for that "impossible" situation; quietly perseveres in long-term battle with depression; approaches spouse, children, and roommates with fresh wonder and affection; risks serving where no one else wants to go. - Duke Kwon*

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You can access children's bulletins at the following address:  
[www.childrensbulletins.com/Covid19-childrens-activites-for-churches](http://www.childrensbulletins.com/Covid19-childrens-activites-for-churches)

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ORDER OF WORSHIP  
EASTER SUNDAY  
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Why do you look for the living among the dead?

He is not here; the Lord has risen!

**He has risen indeed!**

The Lord has risen!

**He has risen indeed!**

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

Death has been swallowed up in victory!

**Christ has risen indeed!**

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.

He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies;

And whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

**Thanks be to God!**

**He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Lord has risen!

**He has risen indeed! Alleluia!**

WELCOME TO ABBOTT CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP IN SONG

*TH#205 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 hath 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!** *(continued)*

Soar we now where Christ hath 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 heaven, Alleluia!  
Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail the Resurrection, Thou, Alleluia!

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (read responsively)

*Isaiah 25 (selected verses)*

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you!

**I will praise your name, my God!**

You have done wonderful things,  
**plans formed of old, faithful and sure.**

You have been a refuge to the poor,  
**a refuge to the needy in their distress.**

On this mountain the Lord will make a feast for all:  
**a feast of rich food, of well-aged wines.**

And he will destroy a shroud on this mountain,  
**the shroud that is cast over all peoples,**  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
**he will swallow up death forever!**

Then the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,  
**he will take away the disgrace of his people from the earth.**

It will be said on that day, "Lo, this is our God!"

**"We have waited for him, so that he might save us."**

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
**let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!**

**SILENT PREPARATION**

**OPENING SONG OF PRAISE**

*Come, People of the Risen King*

**Come, people of the Risen King,  
Who delight to bring Him praise;  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in.**

**Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

**Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
And those weeping through the night;  
Come, those who tell of battles won,  
And those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change,  
And His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace.**

**Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

**Come, young and old from every land -  
Men and women of the faith;  
Come, those with full or empty hands -  
Find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world, His people sing -  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age:  
"Our God is all in all!"**

**Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

*Words and Music by Keith and Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend, 2008*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, you were dead but now you are alive:  
transform the torments of this world's sin  
that we may see your radiant glory.  
You were raised from death to life:  
may the power of your resurrection live in us,  
that we may be channels of your true life beyond measure.  
To you, Jesus, who has broken free from the bonds of death,  
be honor and glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever. Amen. *(Please silently confess your sins to the Lord)*

## WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from your hearts  
and minds, forgive you your sins, grant you the joy of his kingdom, and  
raise you to new and everlasting life.

All: Amen.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Power to Redeem*

You take what is and you make it beautiful  
When love floods in we're restored forever more

*With breath it brings the dead to life  
With words that pierce the dark with light  
Only by the blood are we set free  
With mercy strong to carry shame  
And nail it to a tree You alone  
Hold the power to redeem*

No guilt competes with innocence crucified  
No grave can hold what your grace has justified.

Rejoice, oh child of God, lift your eyes to see.  
With every morning light again we are redeemed.

*Power to Redeem words & music Justin Ebach, Lauren Daigle, and Paul Mabury  
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## **EXTENDING GOD'S WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and GREETING**

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

### **SONG OF PRAISE**

*Jesus Lives and So Shall I*

**Jesus lives, and so shall I. Death! thy sting is gone forever!  
He who deigned for me to die, Lives, the bands of death to sever.  
He shall raise me from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust.  
He alone my joy, my prize! Jesus lives and so shall I!**

**Jesus lives, and reigns supreme, And, his kingdom still remaining,  
I shall also be with him, Ever living, ever reigning.  
Jesus lives, and by his grace, Vict'ry o'er my passions giving.  
I will cleanse my heart and ways, Ever to his glory living.**

**Jesus lives, I know full well Nought from him my heart can sever,  
Life nor death nor powers of hell, Joy nor grief, hence forth forever.  
Jesus lives, and death is now But my entrance into glory.  
Courage, then, my soul, for thou Hast a crown of life before thee;**

**He shall raise me from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust.  
He alone my joy, my prize! Jesus lives and so shall I!  
Jesus lives and so shall I!**

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR EASTER

O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice.  
Alleluia! By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell,  
and destroyed sin and death.

**Keep us victorious over sin.**

By your resurrection you raised the dead, and brought us from death  
to life.

**Give us joy in the way of eternal life.**

By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners,  
and filled your disciples with joy.

**Give us joy in your service.**

By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and  
apostles, and brought salvation to the world.

**Direct our lives as your new creation.**

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is  
alive and has become the Lord of life.

**Christ is risen!**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed!**

**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 for ever and  
ever. Amen. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**



10 For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. 11 For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, 12 saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

13 And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. 16 For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. 17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## OFFERING

*Abbott Church depends on your generosity. It is important to realize that people's needs are only going to increase in the coming months. So will you help us come alongside others as we seek to minister with the good news of Jesus and meet people's needs? You can give online at [www.abbottchurch.org/giving](http://www.abbottchurch.org/giving) or by mailing a check to the church office at 3426 Bank St., Baltimore, MD 21224.*

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- Let's take a moment to mourn the fact that our church body is not able to assemble together this Sunday.
- Pray that the Lord would work to enable us to return to a fuller communion with one another soon.
- Give thanks that though we do not celebrate the sacrament of communion together today we have true communion with Jesus and one another through the power of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in every believer giving us union with Christ and all his people.
- Ask God to grow into a deeper hunger and desire to commune with him and his people in this time of waiting and separation.

## CLOSING HYMN

*TH #216 Crown Him with Many Crowns*

**Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the Lord of Love: behold His hands and side;  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.**

*(continued)*

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time.  
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for Thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

POSTLUDE

*God be with You Till We Meet Again*

God be with you till we meet again,  
By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you,  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again,  
'Neath His wings securely hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you,  
God be with you till we meet again.

*Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.*

God be with you till we meet again,  
When life's perils thick confound you,  
Put His loving arms around you,  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again,  
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
Smite death's threatening wave before you,  
God be with you till we meet again.

*Sing to the Lord: Lillenas Publishing Co., Kansas City, MO, 1993*

BENEDICTION

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

**PRAYER for the SICK** - if you would like the elders to pray with you or a family member for healing, please contact the pastor at 410.299.6929.

**Directions for accessing Periscope:** Once the service begins, please visit [twitter.com/abbottchurch](https://twitter.com/abbottchurch) from any computer or smartphone. Click on the link that says "abbottchurch is LIVE"

**NEED PRAYER?** We have a daily noon prayer hour at the church each weekday. From 12:00 PM until 1:00 PM, Monday through Friday, someone will be available here at the church to pray with, and for, anyone in need of prayer. The time will also be focused on praying for the ministry of our church and for God's Spirit to be at work in our midst. If you would like to be part of this prayer ministry, please let the pastor know. Please text prayer requests to the pastor, Julius and/or George.

## HE HEARS

*“This is the assurance we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.” — 1 JOHN 5:14*

**Prayer tip:** *The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. Psalm 145:18*

### **Please pray for:**

- Your church staff, officers and leaders
- Men and women of the military, police and fire departments
- Family members and friends who are not walking with Christ
- Ongoing health concerns for the following members and friends:  
*Larry Halterman, Milly Flynn, Gene and Diane Shaw, Phyllis Brown, Dawn Brewer, Brent Schepleng, Clint Neuder, Brenda Neuder, Robin and Toni (Billie Mitchell’s granddaughters), Narouz family (especially Vicky), Don Sapp, Jackie Lubin*
- *Raj Mohan’s wife, dementia, and granddaughter, mental health issues*
- *Lydia Frasca, chemotherapy and radiation treatment*
- *David Files, pain management*
- *Nancy Steigler - cancer surgery, recovery and salvation*

### **MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES WHICH WE SUPPORT:**

- Andy and Bev Warren with MTW in Ethiopia
- Jason and Liz Polk with MTW in Ethiopia
- Jessica Ringsmuth with MTW in Kenya
- Bert and Nancy Williams with MTW in Uganda
- Bruce and Pat with MTW in France
- Chris Garriott with RUF at the University of Maryland
- Jacob Jasin with RUF-I at Johns Hopkins University
- Mountain View Bible Camp — Abbott Center for the Arts
- Abbott Tutoring Center. — We Care Ministry

*Prayer requests will be removed from list after 4 weeks unless updated*

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT ABBOTT

Today, 4/12	10:45 AM Morning Worship
Monday-Friday, 4/13-4/17	12:00 PM Prayer - Please send requests to the pastor or to <a href="mailto:abbottchurchoffice@gmail.com">abbottchurchoffice@gmail.com</a>

## COMMUNITY GROUPS & ONGOING EVENTS: ALL ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Tuesdays at 5:45 PM (summer break)	<b>Abbott Tutoring Center</b> Please think about helping in the fall!
1st Wednesdays 7:00 PM	<b>Session Meeting @ Room 7</b>
Thursdays at 11:00 AM	<b>Senior Community Group @ Room 8</b>
Thursdays at 6:30 PM	<b>Highlandtown Community Group @ Warren Home (Manse)</b>
4th Fridays at 6:30 PM (5th Fridays on conflict nights)	<b>Abbott Fellowship Night (FAA)</b> Next Meeting: 10/25
1st & 2nd Saturday mornings 10 AM-12 PM	<b>We Care Center @ Room 7+8</b>
3rd Sundays after worship service	<b>Prayer Group @ Room 8</b>



## Welcome to Abbott.

We're glad we worshiped with you today!

April 12, 2020

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## How may we serve you?

(please check the appropriate box)

- I am a visitor
- I would like to find out about how to become a Christian
- I am interested in membership  
(Abbott schedules classes regularly)
- I would like a call from the pastor
- I would like prayer
- I would like to join a community group
- My contact information has changed

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