



THE INTERNATIONAL PROTESTANT CHURCH OF BRUSSELS

Easter Day

April 4, 2021

"He is not here. He is risen!"

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Christ The Lord is Risen Today (Trad. / arr. Rodriguez)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Partita 4, Prelude (J. S. Bach)

CHORAL INTROIT "Shout Aloud This Easter Day!" (Carol McClure)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed!!

Let us worship God!

*HYMN (EASTER HYMN)

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"



1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!



Earth and heaven in cho - rus say, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where's thy vic - tory, boasting grave? Al - le - lu - ia!

***CALL TO CONFESSION and PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Almighty God, who shattered the power of sin and death in raising Jesus from the grave, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling, and anxious. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***RESPONSE (sung three times)**

Glo - ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

ANTHEM:

“In the Bulb There is a Flower” (Natalie Sleeth)

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

*This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!*

SERMON

* HYMN (ODE TO JOY)

"Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna!"



1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho - san-na! Cel - e-brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir-its from the cav - erns of de-spair.
 3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev - er-more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des-ert all-sur-round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res-ur - rec-tion, not a ser-vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de-mon-ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.
 Je - sus is our strong compan-ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

INVITATION TO THE LORDS SUPPER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN (SCHUMANN)

"A Parting Hymn We Sing"

1. A part - ing hymn we sing a - round your ta - ble, Lord;
2. Here have we seen your face, and felt your pres - ence here;
3. In self - for - get - ting love be our com - mun - ion shown,

A - gain our grate - ful trib - ute bring, our sol - emn vows re - cord.
So may the sav - or of your grace, in word and life ap - pear.
Un - til we join the church a - bove, and know as we are known.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

"The Risen Christ" (Getty-Madeira / arr. Tornquist)

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AT IPC

Wednesday, 7 April

Adult Education class meets by Zoom 20:30

Sunday, 11 April

No Children's Sunday School.

Second Sunday of Easter worship 11:30.

Online Zoom Fellowship Time 13:00.

Those Serving Today

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| Pastor: | The Rev. Dr. David B. McCarthy |
| Worship Leader: | Nancy Evans |
| Pianist/Organist: | Philippe Jonckheere |
| Camera operator: | Étienne De Vries |

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Teacher training in Madagascar's church schools

A widely recognized key to a nation's or region's development is access to quality education. Equipped with education, people become better parents, reducing infant mortality and disease, encouraging better school attendance, and being more able to provide a nurturing environment for their children.

Research shows that educated people often have fewer children to care for, find more employment, and make more money. They are better able to diversify their wealth, use personal wealth in ways that benefit their children and family, and participate more effectively in civic engagement. In short, educated people enjoy an improved quality of life. Other things can and do contribute to these outcomes, but education is believed to work towards these ends almost anywhere where it occurs or where its quality is improved.



Elementary school children in Madagascar practice math using skills learned from Evidence Based Methods of Instruction (EBMI).

In a pilot program in one of Madagascar's church-run schools, test scores improved from an average of 60% correct to more than 90% after the introduction of Evidence-Based Methods of Instruction, or EBMI, was begun at the request of the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (FJKM). The EBMI program has expanded beyond the pilot program, and the FJKM needs funds to extend it to the church's more than 700 primary and secondary schools. The program needs about 1,000 euros a month to pay for teacher educator coaches and staff. Our gifts can help educate future generations and lift them out of poverty. Please be generous!