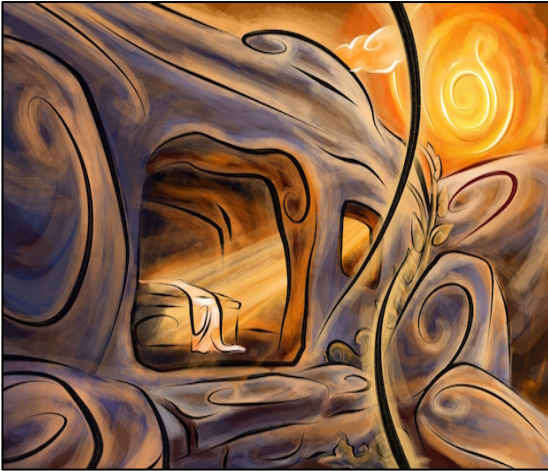


# Calvary Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*"For fear of the messenger,  
the guards shook and  
were as though dead."*

*- Matthew 28:4*

**April 9, 2023**

*Easter Sunday*

# **CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

*Celebration of Liberation & New Life  
Arab American Heritage Month / Earth Month*

## **GATHERING**

**Prelude:** "Rise Up" (*Andra Day*)

***You're invited to be in silence during the Prelude,  
as we transition together into this sacred time and space.***

**Greeting / Welcome**

## **CENTERING & CONNECTING**

**Breathing Our Way In / Breath Prayer**

**Singing Our Way In:** "We Rise" (*Batya Levine*)

We rise, humbly hearted  
Rise, won't be divided  
Rise, with spirit to guide us  
Rise!

***In hope, in prayer, we find ourselves here  
In hope, in prayer, we're right here*** (*repeat*)

We rise, all of the children  
Rise, elders with wisdom  
Rise, ancestors surround us  
Rise! (*refrain*)

We rise, up from the wreckage  
Rise, with tears and with courage  
Rise, fighting for life, we  
Rise! (*refrain*)

**Releasing our Alleluias**

**Call to Worship** (*Thom Shuman – adapted*)

One: This is the day:

**ALL: hope tiptoes us awake; light guides us in love  
through the shadows.**

One: This is the day that God:

**ALL: plants joy in our winter hearts; drowns out despair's cries with laughter.**

One: This is the day that God has made:

**ALL: the day grace does cartwheels in graveyards; resurrection wonder outshines the brightest sun; an empty tomb fills us with the good news of liberation and new life. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Opening Song:** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (*tune: UMH #302 / lyrics: Linda Noonan*)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heav'n and mortals say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, creation! We reply, Alleluia!

Pain has brought us to our knees, Alleluia!  
Children, elders, creatures, seas, Alleluia!  
Hear our rage, our grief, our cries, Alleluia!  
Open hearts and open eyes, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work goes on, Alleluia!  
Justice, presence, prayer, and song, Alleluia!  
Strong in Spirit, fight we will, Alleluia!  
Not alone, connected still, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Rooted, loving, feeding, fed, Alleluia!  
Each beloved in God's eyes, Alleluia!  
Holy made and holy rise, Alleluia!

**Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace**

One: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

## **GROUNDING**

**Community Prayer** *(Steve Garnaas-Holmes, Elizabeth Dilley – adapted)*

Holy Mystery, Sunrise of Love, Daybreak of Justice, Miracle of Life, into the grave of fear and death you shine your light and transform our shadows. All that defeats and diminishes life you lay in the tomb, and empty that tomb by your grace.

Good-News God, your angels appeared to the faithful women of Jesus' company, bringing them news more wonderful and awe-inspiring than they could imagine. Come to us this Easter morning, we pray. Break into our struggles and sorrows with the promise of new life. Fill us with the joy of those first witnesses, that our lives might also be renewed in hope and determination. Let us roll back the stone of the tomb and join with you in the the chorus of Alleluia once again!

In the name and spirit of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

## **Silent Prayer**

## **Special Music**

**Scripture Lesson:** Matthew 28:1-10 *(A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney)*

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. **2** And look! There was a great earthquake, for a messenger of God, descending from heaven, came and away the stone and sat upon it. **3** Its appearance was like lightning, and its clothing white as snow. **4** For fear of the messenger, the guards shook and were as though dead. **5** But the messenger responded to the women and said, "Fear not; I know that you all are looking for Jesus who was crucified. **6** He is not here; for he has been raised, just as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. **7** Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He



has been raised from the dead, and see, he is on to Galilee ahead of you; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."

**8** So the women left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples the news. **9** Then all of a sudden Jesus met them and said, "Shalom!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and bowed down worshipping him. **10** Then Jesus said to them, "Fear not; go and tell my sisters and brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

## Choral Alleluia

**Scripture Lesson:** John 20:1-18 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney*)

Now it was the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came, early on while it was still dark, to the tomb and saw the stone removed from the tomb. **2** So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Messiah out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." **3** Then Peter and the other disciple came and went to the tomb. **4** The two were running together, but the other disciple ran ahead of Peter and reached the tomb first. **5** And bending down to see, saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not enter. **6** Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb, and he saw the linen wrappings lying there **7** and the facecloth that had been on Jesus' head not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up separately in another place. **8** Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, went in and saw and believed. **9** Indeed they did not understand the scripture, that it was necessary for Jesus to rise from the dead. **10** Then the disciples returned once more to their homes.

**11** Now Mary stood outside, facing the tomb, weeping. As she wept, she bent down to see in the tomb. **12** Then she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying. **13** They said to her, "Woman, why do you weep?" She said to them, "Because they have taken my Savior, and I do not know where they have laid him." **14** Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. **15** Jesus said to her, "Woman, why do you weep? For whom do you look?" Thinking that he was the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." **16** Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). **17** Jesus said to her, "Do not hold me, because I have not yet ascended to my Abba. Rather, go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Abba and your Abba, to my God and your God.'" **18** Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Savior"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

One: The word of God for the people of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

## **Choral Alleluia**

**Sermon:** "As Though Dead"

**Song:** "Roll Away the Stone" (UMH #340, tune: anonymous, harm. by Charles H. Webb / lyrics: Hannah C. Brown)

Roll away the stone before us,  
hard and heavy, rough and raw.  
We are worn by griefs and labors;  
shake our weighted souls with awe.

***I will arise with pow'r and glory.  
Come follow me toward life that's new!  
Tell your people all my story.  
I will rise again with you.***

Ease the burdens that we carry:  
pain and sorrow, fear and dread.  
We are weary with our worry;  
bless our hearts with hope instead. *(refrain)*

Heal this world so full of hatred,  
greed and violence, deep and grave.  
We are craving something sacred.  
Spring up green to free and save. *(refrain)*

## **SHARING**

### **Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns**

“Thanks be to God” or “God, hear our prayer”

### **Sung Response** *(tune: UMH #145 / lyrics: John Pritchard)*

Hear us, Creator. Hear us, O Lover.  
Hear us, O Spirit moving within.  
Hear all our longing; hear all our sorrow.  
Hear every joy and praise that we bring.

## **ENGAGING**

### **Closing Song:** “This Little Light of Mine” *(African American spiritual)*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go ...

All through the night ...

This little light of mine ...

## **Benediction**

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## **Announcements** ([allmeansall.org/announcements](http://allmeansall.org/announcements))

- **Faith Climate Action Week, April 14-23**
  - [faithclimateactionweek.org](http://faithclimateactionweek.org)
- **Worship volunteers:** [tinyurl.com/worship-help](http://tinyurl.com/worship-help)

## Calendar

### **Tuesday, Apr 11**

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer
  - [allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer](http://allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer)
- **7 pm:** Trustees

### **Thursday, Apr 13, 7-8:15 pm:** Community Rhythm Circle

- [allmeansall.org/community-rhythm-circle](http://allmeansall.org/community-rhythm-circle)

### **Sunday, Apr 16**

- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship
  - celebrating Faith Climate Action Week
- **3-5 pm:** New Sanctuary Movement Accompaniment Team Orientation
  - Holy Innocents Church / 1337 E. Hunting Park Ave



- contact Lauren ([laurenbee93@gmail.com](mailto:laurenbee93@gmail.com)) or Pastor Tim to sign up or for more info
- **3-6 pm:** POWER Faith & Safety Mayoral Candidate Forum
  - First District Plaza / 3801 Market St
  - [powerinterfaith.org/event](http://powerinterfaith.org/event)

**Sunday, Apr 23, 11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship

- guest preacher: Rev. John Pritchard

**Saturday, Apr 29, 2-5 pm:** 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Sojourner Truth Walk

- join or support Calvary's team: [tinyurl.com/sojo-truth-walk](http://tinyurl.com/sojo-truth-walk)

**Sunday, Apr 30, 11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Virtual Worship

**Friday, Jun 2 – Saturday, Jun 3 (or Jun 4):** Spring Retreat

- Cranaleith Spiritual Center (NE Philly)
- [allmeansall.org/retreats](http://allmeansall.org/retreats)
- contact Pastor Tim if you're interested!

### Visiting With Us?

We're glad you're here, for whatever reason you chose to join us! We strive to make our worship space (in-person and virtual) as welcoming and accommodating of different needs as possible. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact Pastor Tim.

### Calvary Email List

If you're not on the Calvary email list and want to be, or think you are but aren't seeing emails from us, please contact the church office: [office@allmeansall.org](mailto:office@allmeansall.org). Our **weekly Calvary Connections e-newsletter** goes out every Thursday evening.

### Membership

Interested in joining our congregation? Contact Pastor Tim to learn more.

## Space Rental

If you or your group are looking to rent space at Calvary, please contact the **Calvary Center for Culture and Community**: [office@calvary-center.org](mailto:office@calvary-center.org) / 215.452.9666.

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