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The Community Church of Vero Beach



Amy Sands

PALM SUNDAY SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT 4.5.2020

C² SERVICE (COMMUNITY HALL) 8:30 A.M. SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:00 A.M.

WELCOME

Recognizing the wide welcome offered to all through Jesus Christ, Community Church opens its arms to all. We strive to offer Christ's wide welcome to all people, regardless of creed, age, race, or sexual identity.

We invite you to join our congregation in worship and in membership,

as we allow our lives to be shaped by the loving outreach of Christ.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Please rise in body or spirit. **Bold** text indicates congregational participation.

Please refrain from applause during worship until invited.

Families are asked to check-in children Pre-K through 5th grade in Commotion prior to the start of worship to participate in Sunday school. Commotion will open 15 minutes prior to the start of worship. Children can be checked out in Commotion after worship. Families are always welcome to worship together in the service.

Nursery care available during our C^e and Sanctuary worship services.

 $Our\ services\ are\ live-streamed\ via\ internet,\ capturing\ the\ chancel\ \&\ the\ congregation\ and\ may\ appear\ on\ social\ media.$

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Sonatina in C Major, Op. 55 No. 6 Friedrich Kuhlau Jill A. Truax, piano

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

COMMUNITY WORDS Rev. David W. Johnson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

Elaine A. Metthes

*OPENING HYMN



*LENTEN LITANY John Langfitt

One: Lift up your heads like the mighty gates of the psalms of old.

All: We lift up our heads!

One: Lift up your hearts with courage and compassion!

All: We lift up our hearts!

One: Lift up your voices with the song the children sang! All: We lift up our voices – Hosanna, O, Hosanna!

One: This is, indeed, the day that God has made.

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Hosanna, save us, you who stand on the threshold of this week and our lives. We fling our palms of praise before you. Hosanna, save us, in spite of the fact that we misunderstand you so often. We confess that we want you to meet our expectations rather than changing our lives to meet yours. We confess that we prefer the festivity of Palm Sunday to the quiet sadness and repentance of Holy Week. Forgive us all our sins and help us take up our own crosses to follow you. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

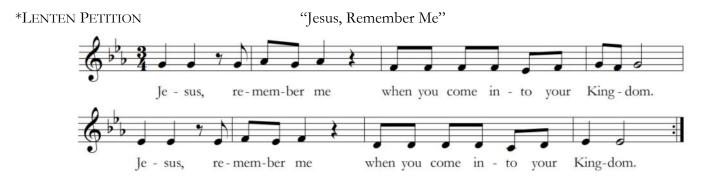
Whenever we cry "Hosanna," which means "God save us," God enters our lives immediately with forgiveness and the courage to live! Amen

*LIGHTING OF TWELVE DISCIPLES' CANDLES

Each week during Lent we light two more candles in remembrance of the disciples who enthusiastically followed Jesus.

On Maundy Thursday the same twelve candles will be extinguished to represent their desertion and betrayal.

Today we especially remember the disciples Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot.



*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

ANTIPHONAL READING FROM THE PSALTER

Clergy, Cantor, and Congregation

Antiphon: Congregation may join the cantor in singing the antiphon.

Psalm 108:1-4 JACQUES BERTHIER



Cantor

and Congregation

One: My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make melody. Awake, my soul!

Cantor and Congregation

One: Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn.

Cantor and Congregation

One: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples, and I will sing praises to you among the nations.

Cantor and Congregation

RESPONSE

One: For your steadfast love is higher than the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

All: Amen.

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Rev. David W. Johnson

One: God speaks fresh words from our holy history.

All: We listen with our ears, minds and spirits.

Psalm 118:1-2, 18-29

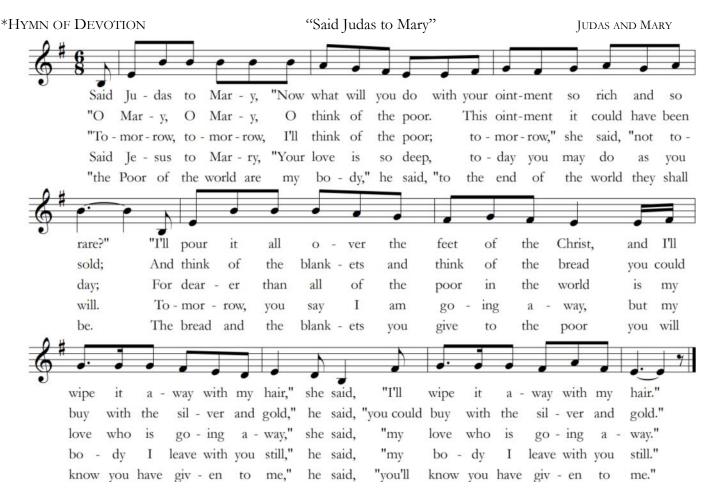
O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, 'God's steadfast love endures forever.'

The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and God has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Response

One: We give thanks for all who have shaped our scripture.

All: May our lives witness to the heritage of faith.



CALL TO THE GOSPEL Elaine A. Matthes

One: We read from a story we call the Good News. All: **We open our hearts to its message of love.**

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David, [save us, save us]! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

RESPONSE

One: May these words gather us home on our Lenten journey.

All: May all our wandering find the path of hope.

SERMON "Where Jesus Walks" Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland

The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, Hosanna to the Son of David,...Matthew 21:9a

Ride on, King Jesus No man can a-hinder me Ride on, King Jesus, ride on No man, can a-hinder me

Ride on, King Jesus No man can a-hinder me Ride on, King Jesus, ride on No man. can hinder me

For He is King of kings He is Lord and lords Jesus Christ, the first and last No man works like Him

For He is King of kings He is Lord and lords Jesus Christ, the first and last No man works like Him

King Jesus rides on a milky-white horse No man works like Him The river of Jordan He did frost No man works like Him

For He is King of kings He is Lord and lords Jesus Christ, the first and last, oh King Jesus rides in the middle of the air, oh He calls His saints from everywhere, oh

> Ride on, King Jesus No man can a-hinder me Ride on, King Jesus, ride on No man, can a-hinder me

He is the King He is the Lord, oh yes He is the King He is the Lord, oh Jesus Christ, the first and last No man works like Him

Ride on, ride on, ride on Jesus

RECEPTION OF THIS MONTH'S NEW MEMBER

NAME OF NEW MEMBER

Zac Wyckoff

SHARING OF THE COVENANT

Congregation

Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland

In the presence of God and these witnesses, we give ourselves unreservedly to God's service, and take this to be our church. Ever mindful of the welfare of our fellow members, we promise to walk with them in Christian faithfulness and love. We further promise that so far as we are able: we will attend the services of the church regularly, observe its rites and sacraments, and share in its work; accept positions of leadership, service, and duty within the range of our talents and the needs of the church; support the church's expenses and benevolences regularly as stewards of God's blessings; teach and cherish, in accordance with the precepts of this church, any children whose nurture and training may come within our responsibility; and endeavor in every way, to make this fellowship a fruitful body of Christ, a genuine church family.

PRAYER OF BLESSING Rev. David W. Johnson

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER John Langfitt

This morning we wave our palms in the imagination of our hearts. We send our offerings, and we present our lives – dedicating all that we are and all that we have to God's good purposes of care and kindness for a world shadowed by coronavirus and other concerns.

We share our gifts in these times when we worship together though apart, by mailing our offerings and pledges to the church, or by giving on-line through our website at CCOVB.org, or through Text to Give, until that day when we worship together face to face once again. May God to bless today our Palm Sunday Celebration as we walk through this Holy Week to Easter dawn.

Last night I lay asleeping
There came a dream so fair
I stood in old Jerusalem
Beside the temple there
I heard the children singing
And ever as they sang
Me thought the voice of Angels
From Heaven in answer rang
"Jerusalem, Jerusalem!
Lift up your gates and sing,
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna to your King!"

And then me thought my dream was chang'd
The streets no longer rang
Hushed were the glad Hosannas
The little children sang
The sun grew dark with mystery
The morn was cold and chill

As the shadow of a cross arose Upon a lonely hill "Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Hark! How the Angels sing, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King!"

And once again the scene was changed New earth there seemed to be I saw the Holy City Beside the tideless sea The light of God was on its streets The gates were open wide And all who would might enter And no one was denied No need of moon or stars by night Or sun to shine by day It was the new Jerusalem That would not pass away "Jerusalem! Jerusalem Sing for the night is o'er Hosanna in the highest Hosanna for evermore!"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland and Rev. David W. Johnson

CALL TO PRAYER

One: God be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us thank God.

All: It is good to give God thanks and praise.

One: God, there is one bread, one body, one Lord of all and one cup of blessing which we bless. We, though many, throughout the earth are one body in you. May the Spirit rest upon our table as on the table long ago so that this loaf may be broken love and this cup a well of blessing. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

MEDITATION MUSIC

"He Is Our Peace"

Kandela Groves

Jill A. Truax, piano

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us pray in thanksgiving for this meal of grace, rejoicing that, by the very method of our worship, we have embodied the truth that Christ's love is not limited by buildings made with human hands, nor contained in human ceremonies, but blows as free as the Spirit in all places.

All: Spirit of Christ, you have blessed our tables and our lives. May the eating of this Bread give us courage to speak faith and act love, not only in church sanctuaries, but in your precious world, and may the drinking of this Cup renew our hope even in the midst of pandemic. Wrap your hopeful presence around all whose bodies, spirits and hearts need healing, and let us become your compassion and safe refuge...We pray in the name of Jesus whose prayer we now join in singing.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

Our Father which 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

THE SENDING FORTH



BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland

POSTLUDE

Pièce Héroïque César Franck Andrew R. Galuska, organ

DEACON: John Langfitt

TODAY WE REMEMBER...

Harlley E. (Mac) McKean who died on March 22nd. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Sandra S. Northfield who died on March 31st. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

THE FLOWERS TODAY ARE DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND GIVEN...

by Kathy Coleman and family in loving memory of Jason King.
by Norman Hensick and family in loving memory of Bette Jean Hensick.
in honor of AOB and EFB in congratulations as you start your 61st, from Us.
by the Kells and Burdick families in loving memory of Raymond Kells.
by the Newman family in loving memory of Reg Newman.
by the Rodgers family in loving memory of Jack Rodgers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

How You Can Help: As we strive to STAY CONNECTED, we have created Circles of Care. We are reaching out by telephone to ALL those in our Church community in order to stay connected. Our Clergy along with Church staff, many of our Board members and a wide variety of volunteer Church members are currently engaged in regular telephone calls to those within our Circle of Care Church community. If you would be willing to participate in making calls please email Dr. Anna V. Copeland at annavcopeland@ccovb.org or Suzanne Rice at suzanne.rice@ccovb.org and they will send you the names and contact information for members and friends of the Church so that you can call them on behalf of the Church. You will then receive by email a short, sample conversation starter for your calls. Thank you so much.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

<u>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</u>: The Church Office will remain closed at this time. The post office is continuing to deliver mail which is being received and processed. If there is an issue that requires delivery or pick up of an item other than mail, or some other interaction with the Office, please email Charlene Applegate at charlene.applegate@ccovb.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: If you would like to see our daily devotional videos and other great content posted regularly visit us on Facebook. You don't even need a Facebook account to see it! (But you can comment if you have one!)

LIVE-STREAMING: To watch the our service on livestream, please do one of the following:

• Log into our web page at ccovb.org. On the home page, scroll down to the box titled 'Livestream Our Service here' and click on livestream in the image, or go to the top right, click on the small camera icon. This will take you to the livestream web site for The Community Church of Vero Beach.

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Thank You!



"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord" -Jeremiah 17:7

Our deepest gratitude to all of you helping to celebrate our roots, cultivate our ministries, share our faith, and shape the future of our church since 1924.

Your gifts enable our church to offer worship services, provide for over 20 different outreach programs, mission trips and faith formation activities for our adults and youth. They also allow us to give congregational care, offer educational programs, concerts, and fine arts to our church family and community at large.

We can not move forward without you!

Submit your annual pledge to the operating budget by emailing your pledge intention to Shawna Carawan at shawna.carawan@ccovb.org, or by returning the pledge card to the church office either in person or by mail.

For more information on how to contribute to The Community Church, please contact Shawna Carawan at 772. 469. 2330 or email shawna.carawan@ccovb.org.

- Go to our Facebook Page https:// www.facebook.com/CCOVB.org. Scroll down to where the service appears as a livestream
- Go to https://livestream.com/watch. In search box key in The Community Church of Vero Beach. Click on the drop down box for The Community Church of Vero Beach, the livestream page will come up.

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH, EASTER

SUNDAY: The sermon "Awestruck in the Morning" will be given by Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland by live-stream at 8:30 a.m. in C² and 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Please join us for our live-steamed services.

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Honoring or celebrating the memory of special people in our lives is a way to exprss our ongoing love during this Easter season. Easter Lilies are available again this year. The Lilies are also a lovely gift for the beautification of the Church at this special time of year. Contributing \$22 or more for each pot of Easter lilies in honor of or in memory of loved ones will purchase flowers in their name to be placed around the Church. Please submit your check or cash along with this form. Return it to the Church Office or email to suzanne.rice@ccovb.org. **Deadline is TODAY.**

I want to give \$ for	(quantity) Easter flowers for the church:
Name:	Phone No
☐ In memory of or ☐ In honor of_	

GIVING: On behalf of your Community Church of Vero Beach, thank you for your generosity which makes ministry possible through a challenging time. We appreciate your pledge and your regular and faithful gifts. Our personal circumstances differ markedly in such a time as this. If you are in a position to pre-pay your pledge for the year or share your contribution at this time, it would greatly benefit our ability to continue to provide worship, ministry, and pastoral care to all. Thank you again for your faithfulness, now, and in every season.

ON-LINE OR TEXT GIVING: We appreciate your generosity as we seek to continue the work of God in Vero Beach. For your convenience, you can give either by texting or going online to our website. Your information is held securely by a SSL encrypted connection, will remain private, and is never given away to third parties, other than to process your scheduled contributions.

Text to Give: You can text a dollar amount to 772.222.3393. You will be asked to set up an account. From then on, you will be able to text a designated amount any

time you'd like, just by sending the dollar amount to the number.

Online Giving: Visit our website at www.ccovb.org. Click on the "GIVE" tab and follow the instructions. You can give one time or set up recurring gifts.

If you have any questions, please contact Shawna Carawan at shawna.carawan@ccovb.org or call 772.469.2330.

MISSION MINISTRY

VOLUNTEER MISSION OPPORTUNITIES: The Source is looking for volunteers to drop off meals to homes of people who need them. They deliver 7 days a week at 9:00 a.m., noon, and 5:00 p.m. You simple leave a meal on the doorstep without interacting with the resident. If you are willing to help, please call Danell at The Source (772.564.0202) and she will get you started.

The Indian River Food Pantry is looking for people to pack boxes of food for distribution. Come as a family, a couple, an individual, and pack up boxes at their warehouse. Contact Rev. David Johnson at the Church or at david.johnson@ccovb.org if you are interested in helping.



CABIN FEVER?

suggestions for ccovb families

Organize

Here are 5 tricks to get kids to clean up! https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=yWSFdGPp-ms

Family Exercise

Here's a 10 minute family workout https://www.youtube.com/wat ch?v=5if4cjO5nxo

Cook Together

Here are 12 family friendly meals to cook together https://www.culinarynutriti on.com/family-friendlyrecipes-to-cook-together/

Volunteer Together

Scott Turner (772.633.7164) needs help packing food boxes for the Indian River Food Pantry

The Source needs volunteers to deliver meals to specific addresses. Place at door and leave. No contact with anyone. Call Danell at the Source @ 772-564-0202

Be well, Elizabeth The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

ADULT EDUCATION

BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK: We may not be able to gather together, but we can still connect and immerse ourselves in the scriptures. Men's and Women's Bible Studies will be streamed via Zoom in the coming weeks. To participate live, you can log into Zoom on your laptop, ipad, or phone. This will allow you to see the instructor and to ask questions. You can also participate without video by calling in on your phone.

To participate on your laptop (or any computer that has a camera and microphone), you must first download Zoom. When you click the link on your invitation, it will take you to the Zoom site and begin the download automatically. You will need to give permission for Zoom to be installed. This youtube video shows you how. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hIkCmbvAHQQ.

To participate on your phone or tablet, you

should download the Zoom app before clicking the link on the invitation. The invitation will also have a phone number if you simply want to call in and listen. Note: Zoom is free for participants and you do not need to create a Zoom account in order to participate in Church functions.

Email invitations will be sent to all who are currently in our Bible Study list. We will also post the invitation on our website. Men's Bible Study will be held this week at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Additionally, there will be a Bible Study at 1:00 p.m. and at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday to which all are invited. Women's Bible Study will be at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday. Please call the Church Office if you have difficulty joining the meeting. Both Bible Studies will be recorded and posted on our Church website so that they can be viewed later.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

<u>Post Scholarship</u>: Each year, the John J. and Robert D. Post Scholarship Fund awards members of Community Church's youth program who excel in Christian and community leadership. Throughout the years, several dozen CCOVB alumni have had the opportunity to receive recognition for their hard work with financial assistance towards their college education. Any high school senior who is interested in applying is encouraged to download the application from our website at www.ccovb.org, or they can contact Rev. Elizabeth Johnson at 772.469.2305 or Charlene Applegate at 772.469.2322. **The deadline for submissions is Sunday, April 12th. Interviews will be**

Sunday, April 26th. Attendance is required at Graduation Sunday, May 17th to accept the award.

MUSIC AND FINE ARTS

LENTEN ORGAN AND POETRY SERIES: In preparation for the Easter Season, join Andrew Galuska and poets by live - stream to hear the spoken word in poetry and organ repertoire. Our Lenten organ and poetry series will be on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. on April 9th. Our own Sean Sexton will be the presenting poet on April 9th.



Organ and Poetry with Andrew Galuska and Sean Sexton

Thursday, April 9 @11:00 a.m.

Spring and All: Classic Poetry of the Lenten Season"

To view the livestream, visit https://livestream.com/accounts/14662093/events/4259898 or find us on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ccovb

LENT & HOLY WEEK

There are Lenten Devotionals available on - line on our Church website.

Please join us for the following activities...

LENTEN ORGAN & POETRY SERIES

Thursday, April 9th at 11:00 a.m.

In preparation for the Easter Season, join Andrew Galuska and our poet of the week to hear the spoken word in poetry and organ repertoire.

Live - Streamed

Drive Through Palms on Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 5th $\sim 8:30 - 9:30$ a.m.

On Palm Sunday, we will offer the opportunity to receive drive-through palms from the safety of your car, returning home in time to enjoy our live-stream worship.

If you can safely do so, please join us by driving to the Church between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 5th, from the 23rd Street entrance to the Church.

You can come as you are as you will remain in your car.

As you drive up to the Church entrance, a minister will greet you with a sign of peace, and place a prayer and a palm cross under your windshield wiper, which you can retrieve and enjoy when you return home.

Our Palm Sunday and Easter worship services, as well as Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services, according to the schedule below, will be available through our website, at www.ccovb.org.

Please join us as we celebrate the Good News of God with us through Christ, and especially, for such a time as this.

PALM SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday, April 5th ~ Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland preaching

8:30 a.m. Community Hall, C² Service with Praise Band 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary, a traditional celebration Both Live - Streamed only

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday, April 9th at 7:00 p.m. ~ Rev. David W. Johnson preaching

A service of Communion and Tenebrae Live - Streamed only

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

Good Friday Requiem Friday, April 10th at Noon

Verdi's Requiem was written for four soloists, choir, and orchestra. Conducted by Andrew Galuska and sung by the Chancel Choir with readings from our Clergy.

Good Friday Service Friday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. Both Live - Streamed only

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

April 12th ~ Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland preaching

8:30 a.m. in Community Hall

C² service will celebrate in an upbeat and joyful service featuring the Praise Band. 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Join us online as we celebrate a glorious Easter morning. Both Live - Streamed only