



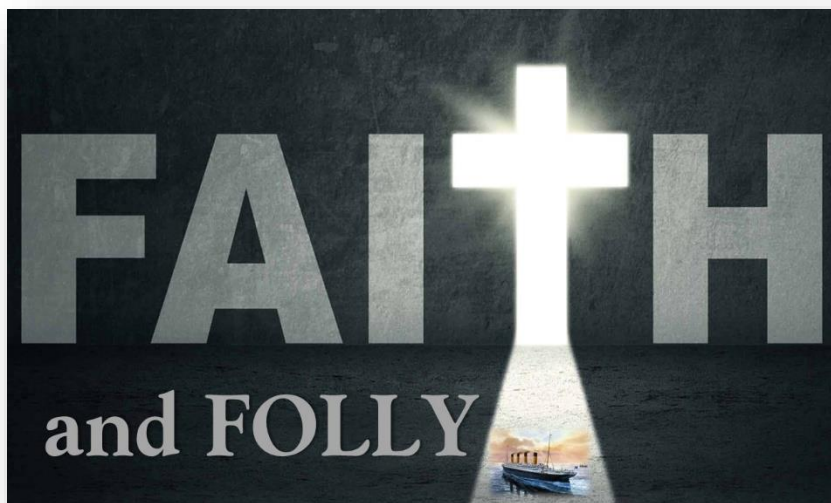
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Easter III

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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

* You are invited to stand.

WE APPROACH GOD

God of life,
Watch over all who go down to the sea in ships -
on business, for leisure, or to rescue those in peril or difficulty.
Keep them from danger, befriend them in loneliness,
and bring them safely home to those they love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Prelude	“Prelude in C Major” (J.S. Bach)	Cameron
Welcome and Announcements		Dave
Prayer and Preparation		

WE PRAISE GOD

Invitation to Worship

* Hymn of Praise	“This Joyful Eastertide”	244 - GG
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*1. This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.*

*REFRAIN: Had Christ, who once was slain,
not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain.
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen -- en.*

*2. My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.*

*3. Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river.
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.*

* Prayer of Approach		
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WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Responsive Reading Psalm 107: 1 - 3, 23 - 32

LEADER: “Give thanks for God’s goodness;
God’s love endures forever!”
Let these be the words of those God has redeemed;
those rescued from the oppressor’s clutches,
and those brought home from foreign lands,
from east and west, from north and south.

PEOPLE: **Some went down to the sea in ships,
plying their trade on the ocean’s waves.
They too saw the works of God,
the wonders that God worked on the deep!**

LEADER: God spoke and raised a storm wind,
lashing up towering waves.
Flung to the sky, they plunged to the depths,
and in their ordeal, their courage melted away.

PEOPLE: **They staggered and reeled like drunkards
with all their skill adrift.**

LEADER: Then they called to God in their trouble,
and God rescued them from their sufferings,
reducing the storm to a whisper
until the waves of the sea were hushed.

PEOPLE: **Overjoyed with the calm, they were brought safe
to the port for which they were bound.**

LEADER: Let them then thank God for this great love.
for the marvels done for all people.

PEOPLE: **Let them praise God in the Great Assembly
and give praise in the Council of Elders.**

ALL: **Amen.**

A Gift of Song “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

(W. Chalmers Smith; - arr. Gordon Young)

The BBC Singers

Sunday Morning Friends

Prayers of the People of God

Offering Invitation

* Offering Hymn “Nearer, My God, to Thee”

1. *Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!*

2. *Though, like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!*

3. *There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;
all that thou sendest me, in mercy given;
angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!*

4. *Then, with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise,
out of my stony griefs Beth - el I'll raise;
so by my woes to be nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!*

5. *Or if, on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upwards I fly,
still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Gina

Epistle Lesson: Acts 4: 32 - 36

Gospel Lesson: John 20: 19 - 29

Sermon: *“Faith and Folly”*

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* Hymn of Praise

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

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1. *Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.*

2. *O Saviour, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep
and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.*

3. *O Holy Spirit who did brood
upon the chaos wild and rude,
and bade its angry tumult cease,
and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.*

4. *O Trinity of love and power,
all travellers guard in danger's hour.
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go:
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad praise from air and land and sea.*

* Benediction

Postlude

“My Heart Will Go On”

(Theme from *Titanic* - James Horner)