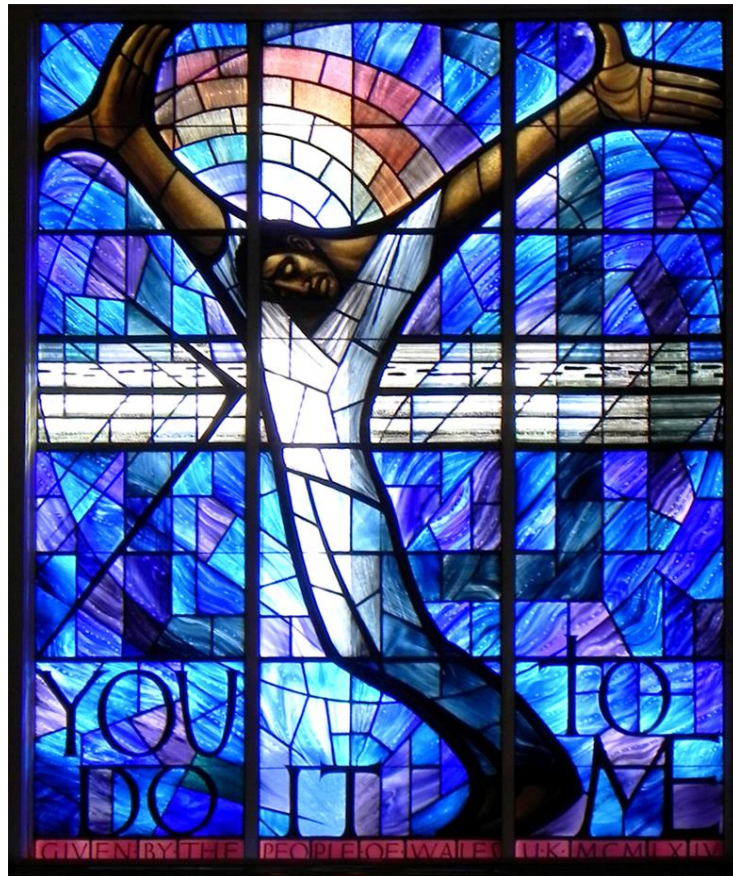


From Good Friday  
to Easter:  
from Death  
to Life...



*Christ Crucified*

*African-American Jesus with arms outstretched,  
his right hand symbolizing oppression, his left asking for forgiveness.  
Gift to the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church from the people of Wales, U.K,  
1964, John Petts, 1914-1991, **stained glass**, 16th Street Baptist Church,  
Birmingham, Alabama.*

[Order for House Worship on Good Friday](#)

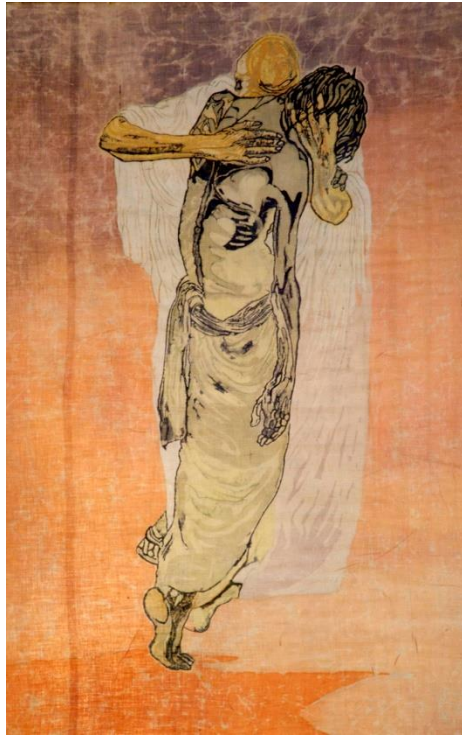
[The Passion of Jesus Christ according to St. John](#)  
from the Film: [The Gospel of John \(entire film here\)](#)



*Please listen and sing:*  
[O Sacred Head, Now Wounded](#)



[Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?](#)



*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*



*Ave Verum Corpus (Mozart)*





***Mary Magdalene in the Garden with Jesus.***  
*Rowan LeCompte and Irene LeCompte, Washington Cathedral.*

[Jesus's Resurrection Appearances in the Gospel of John](#)  
from the Film: [The Gospel of John \(entire film here\)](#)  
[Acts 10:34-43](#); [Psalm 118](#); [Colossians 3:1-4](#)

*Please Listen and Sing!*  
*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*



***Risen Christ***

*by Chinese-born artist James He Qi  
who blends Chinese folk customs and modern western art.*

**Death, Be Not Proud**

*by John Donne (1572-1631), poet, priest and writer; Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, London.*

Death, be not proud, though some have called thee  
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so;  
For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow  
Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me.  
From rest and sleep, which but thy pictures be,  
Much pleasure; then from thee much more must flow,  
And soonest our best men with thee do go,  
Rest of their bones, and soul's delivery.  
Thou art slave to fate, chance, kings, and desperate men,  
And dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell,  
And poppy or charms can make us sleep as well  
And better than thy stroke; why swell'st thou then?  
One short sleep past, we wake eternally  
And death shall be no more; Death, thou shalt die.

## **Easter Effect: "Death, Be Not Proud"**

*A sermon for Easter Day, 2020, by Pastor Dennis J. Lauritsen  
Sts. Peter and Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Riverside, Illinois.*

[Part 1](#)

[Part 2](#)

*Please Listen and Sing:  
[This Easter Celebration](#)*

### **This Easter Celebration**

AURELIA 7.6.7.6 D ("The Church's One Foundation")

*This Easter celebration is not like ones we've known.  
We pray in isolation, we sing the hymns alone.  
We're distant from our neighbors — from worship leaders, too.  
No flowers grace the chancel to set a festive mood.*

*No gathered choirs are singing; no banners lead the way.  
O God of love and promise, where's joy this Easter Day?  
With sanctuaries empty, may homes become the place  
we ponder resurrection and celebrate your grace.*

*Our joy won't come from worship that's in a crowded room  
but from the news of women who saw the empty tomb.  
Our joy comes from disciples who ran with haste to see —  
who heard that Christ is risen, and then, by grace, believed.*

*In all the grief and suffering, may we remember well:  
Christ suffered crucifixion and faced the powers of hell.  
Each Easter bears the promise: Christ rose that glorious day!  
Now nothing in creation can keep your love away.*

*We thank you that on Easter, your church is blessed to be  
a scattered, faithful body that's doing ministry.  
In homes and in the places of help and healing, too,  
we live the Easter message by gladly serving you.*

Tune: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864 ("The Church's One Foundation") (MIDI)

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WOW! WHAT EXCITING ACTION!  
AN EARTHQUAKE & THEN  
AN ANGEL WHO LETS  
JESUS OUT OF THE TOMB  
RIGHT THERE, IN FRONT  
OF THE TWO MARYS!



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UHH- LOOK AGAIN TED.  
THE STONE IS ROLLED  
BACK TO LET THE  
WOMEN IN. JESUS  
IS ALREADY GONE!  
THE TOMB HAS NO  
POWER OVER HIM.



OH, RIGHT. I GUESS  
JESUS ISN'T GOING  
TO WAIT INSIDE,  
LOOKING AT HIS  
WATCH AND THINKING  
"WHERE IS THAT ANGEL?  
HE WAS SUPPOSED TO  
BE HERE HOURS AGO."



MATTHEW 28:1-10

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*Musical Meditation on the Easter Alleluia!*  
*[Alleluia by Eric Whitacre](#)*



***Peace, Be Still***

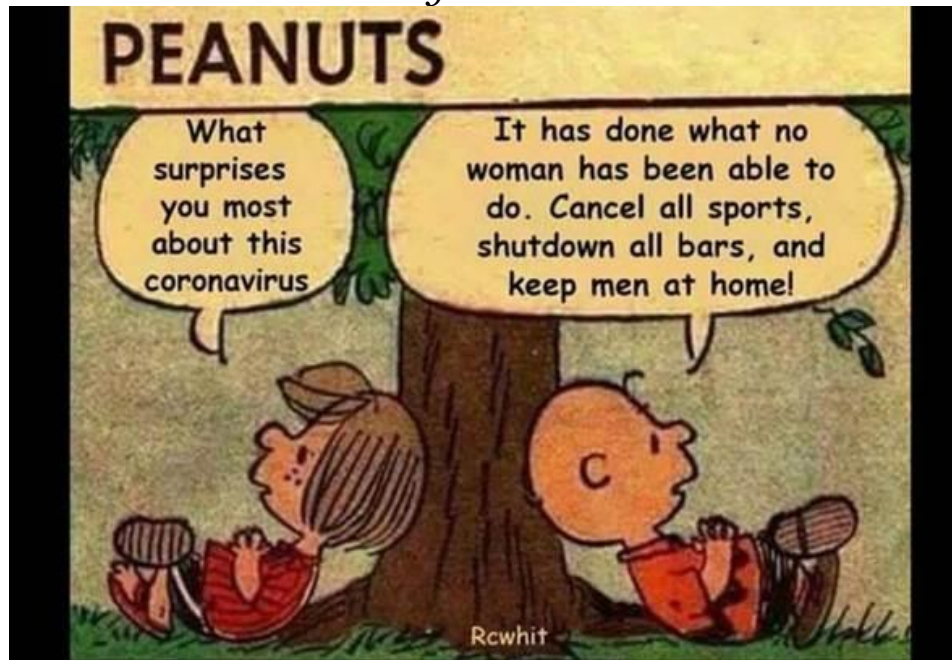
*by Chinese-born artist James He Qi*

*depicts Christ stilling the waters in bold colors that recall stained-glass window.  
He blends Chinese folk customs and modern western art (1998).*

***[How the Virus Stole Easter](#)***

*by Kristi Bothur with a nod to Dr. Seuss.*

*Submitted by Charles Matthies.*



### What Good Does Prayer Do?

*by Roger Ross, previously a church planter and senior pastor, now serves as the Director of Congregational Excellence in the Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church.*



*I am the good shepherd.  
The good shepherd lays  
down his life for the sheep.  
John 10:11*

*We wish you  
a blessed Easter!*

*Evanjelická diakonia  
ELAV na Slovensku*

*Jan Gasper*

*Jan Gasper  
and colleagues*





*A Ray of Light in Our Darkness:*

**[Sts. Peter and Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Riverside](#)**

*...for sermons, worship folders, recent news, newsletters, videos and more.*

**“Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. O Christ, hear us. In mercy hear us. God, the Father in heaven, have mercy on us. God, the Son, redeemer of the world, have mercy on us. God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us. Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us. Be gracious to us. Spare us, good Lord...”**  
**(from the opening verses of The Litany, *Lutheran Book of Worship*, pages 168ff).**

*Please consider praying (and singing) [The Litany](#) in your homes during the evening hours.*