



THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP AT WORSHIP

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 19, 2020

Voluntary

Herzlich tut mich erfreuen Op. 122/4
("My Heart Exults with Gladness")

Johann Brahms
(1833-1897)

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed!** Alleluia!

Hymn 254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone
2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the
3 From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, your own re -

out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
glo - rious wounds a - bide, the to - kens true which
deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
made it plain their Lord in - deed was risen a - gain.
us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

These Eastertide stanzas are derived from a longer Latin text that was one of the earliest hymns written especially for a season of the church year. They are set here to a tune with Christmas associations, a means of linking the two great festivals of the Christian year.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy.
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.

silent prayer

Holy One, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the Good News. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Response



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Words of Peace

In Christ, God is reconciling the whole world,
and God is entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
We are ambassadors for Jesus Christ. God's appeal is being made through us.
Peace be with you. Peace be with all.

Vocal Solo

Risen Lord

Barry Rose
(b. 1934)

Risen Lord, Risen Lord: Give us a heart for simple things—
love, laughter, bread, wine, and dreams. Fill us with green growing hope!
Risen Lord, Risen Lord: Make us a people whose song is Alleluia,
whose sign is peace, and whose name is love!
Risen Lord, Risen Lord: Give us a heart for simple things and to sing Alleluia.

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Sermon

Missing Peace

John W. Wurster

Vocal Solo

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK
Samuel McFarland, c. 1814

We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."

We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.

And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
May we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

— words by Henry Alford, 1844

Affirmation of Faith

1 Corinthians 15:1-6, Mark 16:9, Matthew 16:16, Revelation 22:13, John 20:28

**This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter,
and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

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 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.**

1. **Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.**

REFRAIN: *Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

2. **Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.**
(repeat refrain)
3. **No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.**
(repeat refrain)

— words by Edmond Louis Budry, 1884, translated by R. Birch Hoyle, 1923
— music by George Frideric Handel, 1748

Charge and Blessing

Closing Voluntary

Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn BWV 630
("Today God's Son Triumphs")

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

SERVING TODAY

Liturgists

Keatan King, Omar Rouchon, and Randall Swanson

Musicians

Cecilia Duarte, vocal soloist; Matthew Dirst, organist.

MUSIC NOTES

Organ music — Johannes Brahms' Op. 122, his final collection of pieces, comprises 11 organ chorale preludes, which are among the only works he wrote for the instrument. His setting of the German chorale tune *Herzlich tut mich erfreuen* ("My Heart Exults with Gladness"), today's **opening voluntary**, conveys a kind of gentle joy at the message of Easter through accompanying figuration that surges quietly throughout the texture of this little gem. • Bach's *Orgelbüchlein* (*Little Organ Book*) contains settings of a number of Easter chorale melodies, including the exuberant setting of *Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn* ("Today God's Son Triumphs") offered as today's **closing voluntary**. Like many *Orgelbüchlein* chorale preludes, this particular example features its sturdy chorale tune in long notes in the top voice, while busy figuration beneath suggests the excitement of the Easter season.

Vocal music — Today's **first solo** *Risen Lord* was composed by English choir trainer and organist Barry Rose in 1997, during his final year as Master of the Music at the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Alban in Hertfordshire. Rose had previously served in cathedral music posts at Canterbury and St. Paul's London. *Risen Lord* is an anthem for young treble voices, with a text exhibiting the simple joys and innocence of a youthful celebration of the Easter season. • This morning's **second solo** references the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas in today's gospel reading. The melody DUNLAP'S CREEK is an American shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

— Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

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