



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

PRELUDES: Canzona
Canzona per sonare, No. 4
The Gainsborough Brass Ensemble

Henry VIII
Giovanni Gabrieli

WELCOME AND GREETING FOR EASTER

Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

CALL TO WORSHIP

**This is a great and joyous festival day,
for God has raised Jesus from death to life!
Come to celebrate amazing news.
Open your hearts and minds to the risen Christ.
The tomb is empty, and new life begins!**

HYMN: Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (Verses 1, 3, & 4)
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #204

St. Kevin

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,
We confess to you our slowness to embrace the new life you offer.
We continue in despair and self-doubt, rather than rejoicing in your love for us.
We are afraid to let go of the things that burnish our egos or mask our pain.
We resist change to systems that work to our benefit even as they work against your will.
Awaken us from our ignorance and fear,
and redeem us by the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

HYMN: Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! (Verses 1, 3, & 5)
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal, front supplement), #H-9

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN: Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #209

Victory

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 15: 42-43, 51-58

SERMON: Love at the Center: Love Endures

Matt Wooster

ANTHEM: Alleluia! Heart and Voice to Heaven Raise
Chancel Choir

Joel Martinson

*Alleluia, alleluia! Heart and voice to heaven raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross a ransom, for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.*

*Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born,
Glorious life, and life immortal on this holy Easter morn.
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by his mighty enterprise:
We with him to life eternal by his resurrection rise.*

*Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance at his glorious advent yield,
Then the golden ears of harvest will before his presence wave,
Rising in his sunshine joyous, from the furrow of the grave.
Christ is risen, we are risen! Shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain and dew and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face;
That we, with our hearts in heaven, here on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel hands be gathered and be ever, Lord, with thee.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God above!
Alleluia to the Savior, Fount of life and source of love;
Alleluia to the Spirit let our high ascriptions be;
Alleluia, now and ever, to the blessed Trinity. Alleluia!*

Text by Christopher Wordsworth

SHARING OF CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR 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.**

HYMN: Hail Thee, Festival Day
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal, front supplement), #H-9

Salve Festa Dies

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INTERLUDE: Easter Hymn
Hills Bells Quartet; Martha Stowell, Director

arr. Sandra Eithun

HYMN: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (Verses 1, 2, & 5)
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #205

Easter Hymn

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDES: My Spirit, Be Joyful!
The Gainsborough Brass Ensemble
Toccata (from Symphony No. 5)
John Finney, organ

J. S. Bach

Charles-Marie Widor

Preacher: Rev. Matt Wooster

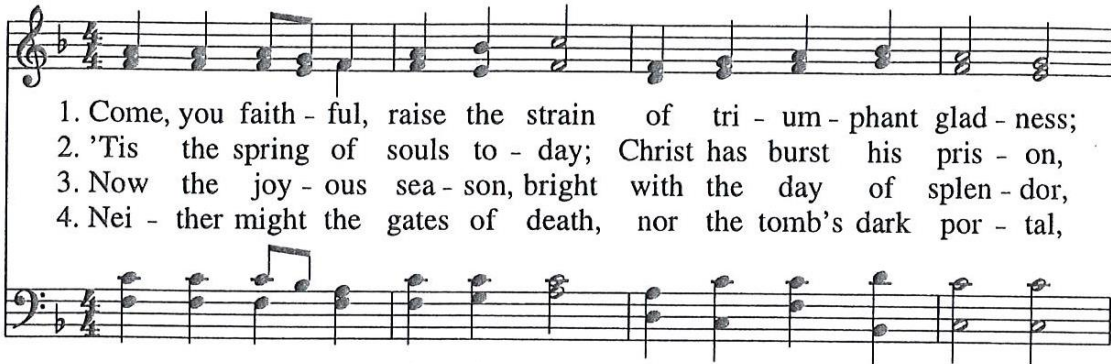
Liturgists: Rev. Anne Marie Holloway; Rev. Judy Swahnberg

Soloists: Laurie Stewart Otten; Shannon Lebrón; Christian Figueroa; Garrett Murphy

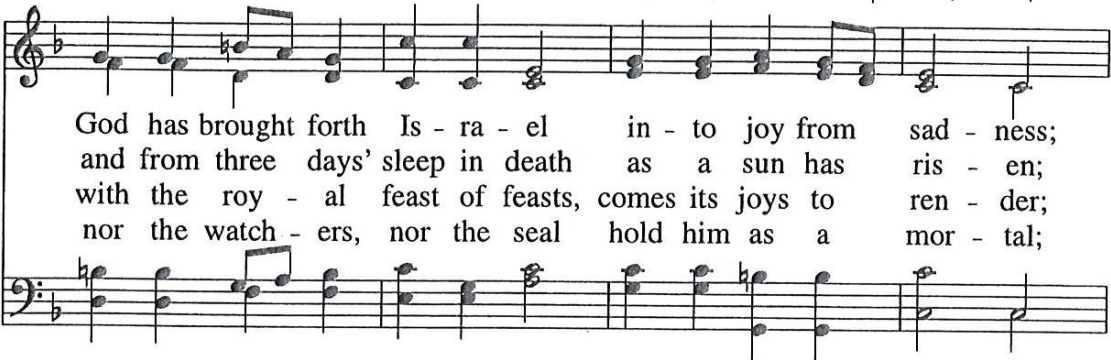
Hills Bells Quartet: Lucy O'Mara; Chris Stowell; Martha Stowell (Director); Elaine Vildzius

The Gainsborough Brass Ensemble: John Mahoney, trumpet; Greg Whitaker, trumpet
Robert Marlatt, French horn; Walt Bostian, trombone; Ken Amis, tuba; Gary DiPerna, timpani

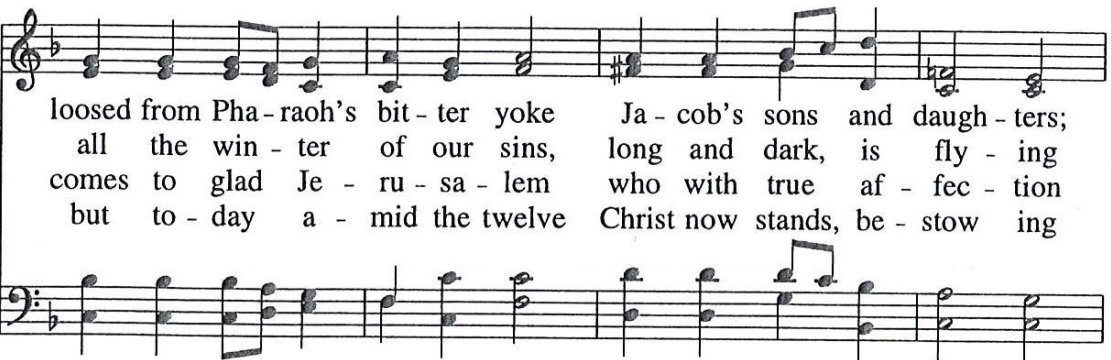
Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



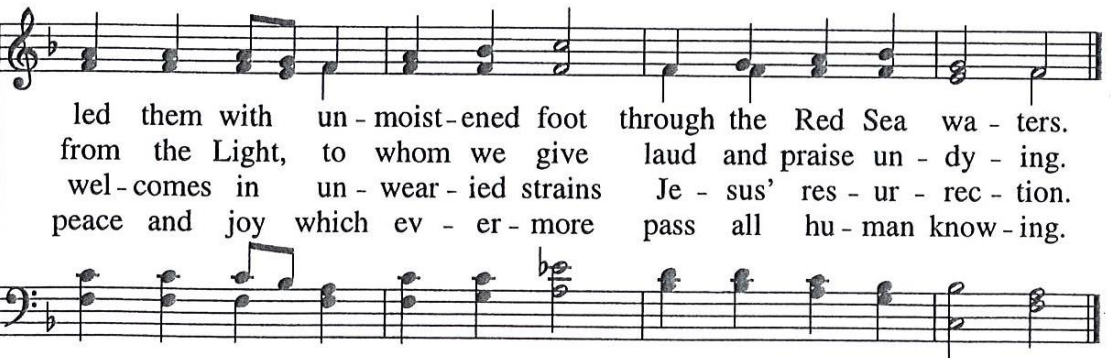
1. Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness;
 2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ has burst his pris - on,
 3. Now the joy - ous sea - son, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4. Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness;
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joys to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold him as a mor - tal;



loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - mid the twelve Christ now stands, be - stow ing



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.
 peace and joy which ev - er - more pass all hu - man know - ing.

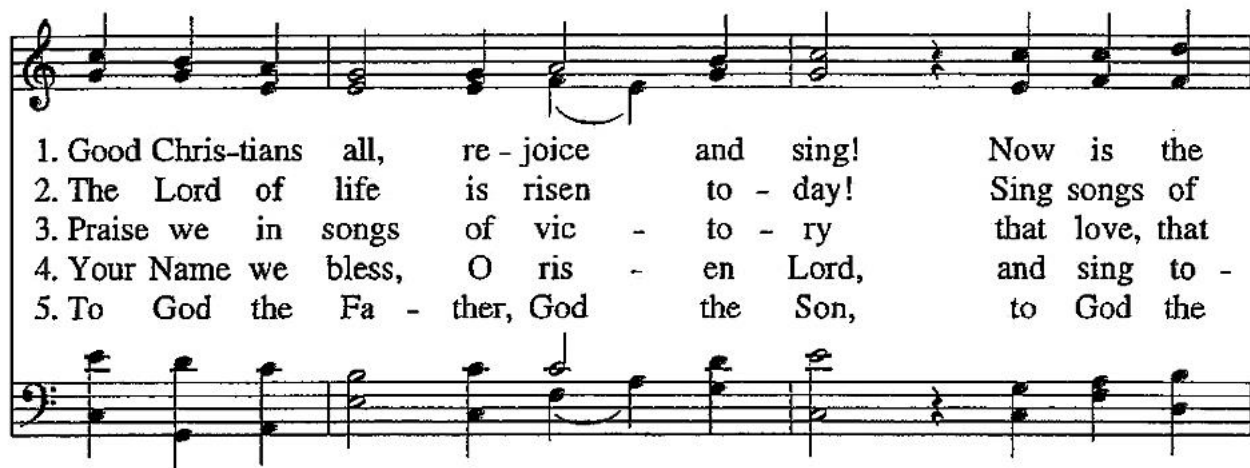
WORDS: Attr. John of Damascus (c. 696-c. 754); tr. John Mason Neale, 1872, alt.
 MUSIC: Arthur S. Sullivan, 1872

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Ordnained a priest of the church in Jerusalem, John of Damascus is considered to be the greatest poet of the Greek church. He was canonized by both the Greek and Roman churches.

RESURRECTION AND EXALTATION

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! H-8



1. Good Chris-tians all, re-joice and sing! Now is the
2. The Lord of life is risen to-day! Sing songs of
3. Praise we in songs of vic-tory that love, that
4. Your Name we bless, O ris-en Lord, and sing to-
5. To God the Fa-ther, God the Son, to God the



tri-umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
praise a-long his way; let all the earth re-joice and say:
life which can-not die, and sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:
day with one ac-cord the life laid down, the life re-stored:
Spi-rit, al-ways One, we sing for life in us be-gun:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

WORDS: Cyril A. Alington, 1872-1955, alt. st. 5, Norman Mealy, b. 1923
MUSIC: Melchior Vulpius, 1560-1616

GELOBT SEI GOTT
888 w. Alleluias

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Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er

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Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to -
 2. The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 3. The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4. Christ, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 le - gions hath dis - persed; let shouts of ho - ly
 glo - rious from the dead; all glo - ry to our
 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

has be - gun:
 joy out - burst:
 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 sing to thee:

D.S.

WORDS: Latin, c. 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1861, alt.
 MUSIC: Giovanni da Palestrina, 1591; arr. William H. Monk, 1861

VICTORY
 888 w. alleluias

H-9

Hail Thee, Festival Day

Refrain



Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day that art hal - lowed for -



ev - er, day where - on Christ a - rose, break - ing the



king - dom of death. death.



1. Lo, the fair beau - ty of earth, from the death of the



3. Spir - it of life and of power, now flow in us,



win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - 'ry good



fount of our be - ing, light that dost

Repeat Refrain



gift of the year now with its Mas - ter re - turns:



light - en all, life that in all dost a - bide:



2. He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the



4. Praise to the Giv - er of good! Thou Love who art



ru - ler of na - ture; all things cre - a - ted on



au - thor of con - cord, pour out thy balm on our

Repeat Refrain



earth sing to the glo - ry of God:



souls, or - der our ways in thy peace:

WORDS: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, 540-600; tr. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

SALVE FESTA DIES

79.77 w. refrain

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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day,
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led,
 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say:
 Where, O death, is now thy sting?
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,
 Praise to thee by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Dy - ing once, he all doth save,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise,
 Thee we greet tri - um - phant now,

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply:
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?
 Christ has o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,
 Hail, the Res - ur - rec - tion thou!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.
 MUSIC: Arr. from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

EASTER HYMN
 77.77 w. alleluias

Charles is the 'singing' Wesley. While he freely aided his brother John, Charles remained within the Church of England his entire life.

RESURRECTION AND EXALTATION