



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Third Sunday of Easter
April 18, 2021

PRELUDE: La Tranquillité
John Mahoney, trumpet; John Finney, organ

Georg Philipp Telemann

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Come, people of God, to sing a new song.
The risen Christ is our good news, our joy, and our salvation.
In steadfast love and faithfulness, God has done wonderful things.**

HYMN: Thine Is the Glory
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #214

Judas Maccabeus

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God of our ancestors, God of today,
We come to you in the name of Jesus, who lived among us,
confessing that we have not been faithful to your purposes.
We are trapped in sin by habit and ignorance,
by selfish aims and short-sighted convenience.
Heal our brokenness, O God, and bring together the fragments
of our scattered existence to make us whole. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

GLORIA

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM: Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.*

MISSION MOMENT: Wellesley A Better Chance

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 3:1-7

SERMON: “Thinking Past Tomorrow”

Matt Wooster

HYMN: Now the Green Blade Riseth

Noël Nouvelet

Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #208

SHARING of CELEBRATIONS and 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: Forward Through the Ages

St. Gertrude

Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #482

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Chorale Prelude on “Salvation Now to Us Has Come”

J. S. Bach

Preaching

Rev. Matt Wooster

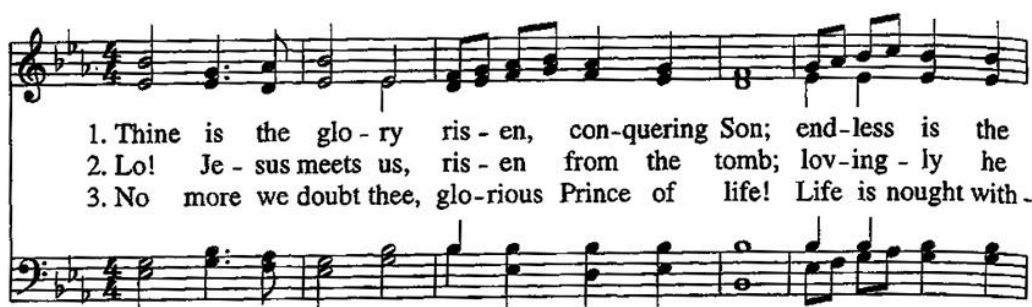
Liturgists

Rev. Anne Marie Holloway, Rev. Judy Swahnberg

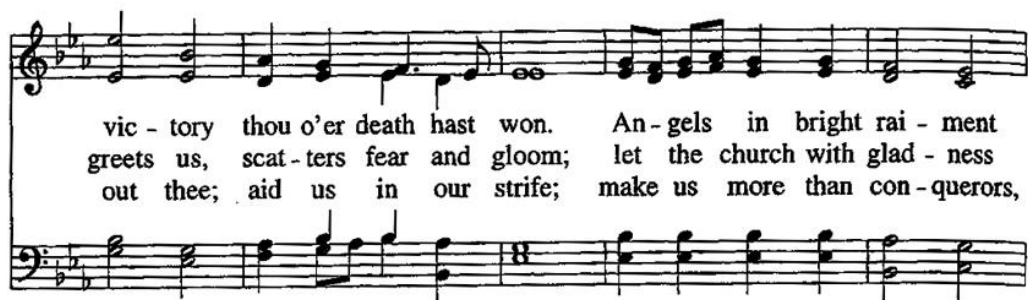
Soloists

Laurie Stewart Otten, Shannon Lebrón, Christian Figueroa, Garrett Murphy

Thine Is the Glory



1. Thine is the glo - ry ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end-less is the
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov-ing - ly he
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo-rious Prince of life! Life is nought with -

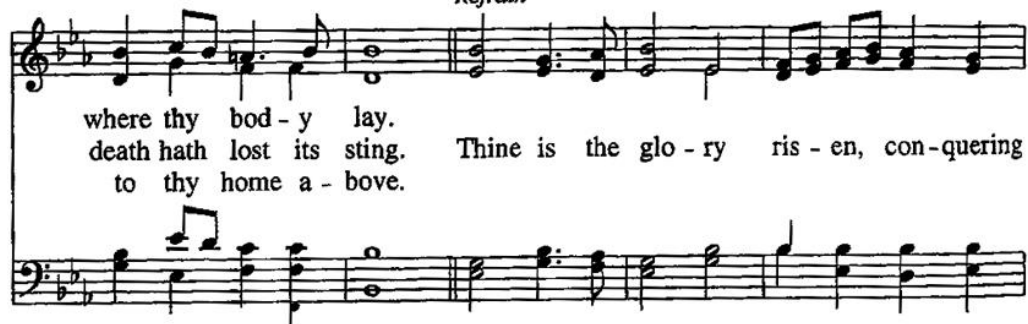


vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom; let the church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-querors,

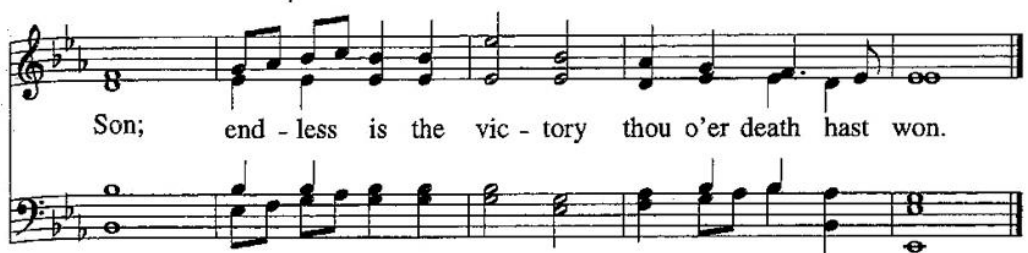


rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for our Christ now liv - eth;
 through thy death-less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry ris - en, con-quer-ing
 to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

WORDS: Edmond L. Budry, 1904; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923, alt.
 MUSIC: Georg Frederick Handel, 1751

Written for a Y.M.C.A. hymnbook in Lausanne, Switzerland, this
 hymn owes its widespread success to its use at the First Assembly
 of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam in 1948.

JUDAS MACCABEUS
 55.65.65.65 w. refrain

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Now the Green Blade Riseth



1. Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
 2. In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
 3. Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
 4. When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain,
 thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Refrain



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

WORDS: John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872 - 1958), *The Oxford Book of Carols*, 1928, alt. NOËL NOUVELET
 MUSIC: Medieval French carol; harm. FCC, 1997 11 10.10 11

John Crum was an English Anglican who became Canon of Canterbury. The freshness of the message is enhanced by the ancient modality of the French carol tune.

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1. For-ward through the a - ges, in un - bro - ken line,
 2. Wid - er grows the ho - ly realm, reign of love and light;
 3. Not a - lone we con - quer, not a - lone we fall;

move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine.
 for it we must la - bor, till our faith is sight.
 in each loss or tri - umph, lose or tri - umph all.

Gifts in dif - fer - ing mea - sure, hearts of one ac - cord,
 Proph - ets have pro - claimed it, mar - tyrs tes - ti - fied,
 Bound by God's far pur - pose in one liv - ing whole,

man - i - fold the ser - vice, one the sure re - ward.
 po - ets sung its glo - ry, he - roes for it died.
 move we on to - geth - er to the shin - ing goal.

Refrain

For - ward through the a - ges, in un - bro - ken line,

move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine.

WORDS: Frederick Lucian Hosmer, 1908, alt.
 MUSIC: Arthur S. Sullivan, 1871

ST. GERTRUDE
 65.65D w. refrain

Hosmer served both Congregational and Unitarian churches from Massachusetts to California. Sullivan (of Gilbert and Sullivan renown) composed fifty-six hymn tunes, but ST. GERTRUDE is the only one that we retain.