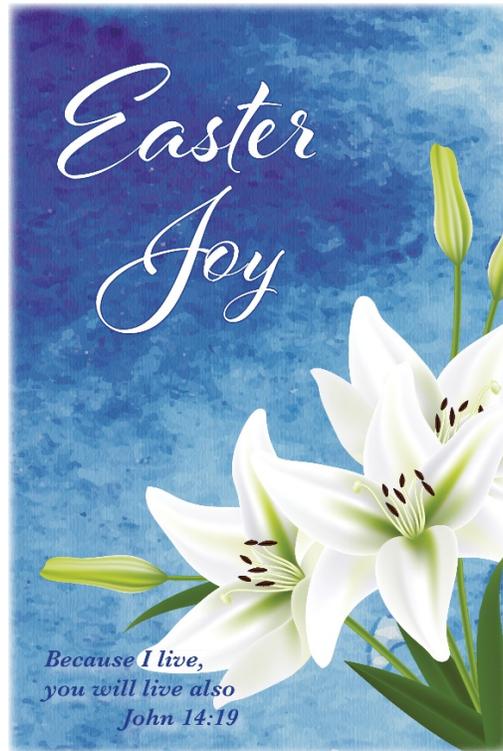


First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

Online Traditional Easter Service

April 12, 2020



WE GATHER

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

PRELUDE

"Paen" from Six Pieces

Herbert Howells

"Rondeau" from Fanfares et Simphonies

Jean-Joseph Mouret

Donald Hughes, trumpet

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

GATHERING HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

#123

EASTER HYMN

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, You so loved this world that you gave your only Son so that we might not perish, but have eternal life. Yet even in the brightness of Easter morning, we fall into the shadows of fear, suspicion, and scarcity. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to rise to new life in Christ, that our lives and ministry may share your good news in the world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

SPECIAL MUSIC "Easter" from Five Mystical Songs
Evan Nelson, baritone

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Text: George Herbert

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise
Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With him may'st rise;
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more, Just.
Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part

With all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound his name
Who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song
Pleasant and long:
Or since all music is but three parts vied,
And multiplied;
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 28:1-10

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

“He is Not Here”

WE RESPOND

HYMN

#118

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From this world unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over
With hymns of victory.

2 Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light;
And listening to His accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,

His own "All hail!" and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heavens be joyful,
Let earth the song begin,
Let the round world keep triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen,
Our joy that hath no end.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offeratory "Aria", from Sonata for Trumpet, Op. 51
Donald Hughes, Trumpet

Flor Peeters

*Response - #592

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING HYMN

#144

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

HYFRODOL

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone!
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion

Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
Hath redeemed us by His blood.

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him,
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

3 Alleluia! Bread of angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to Thee from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth Thy footstool, heaven Thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both priest and victim
In the Eucharistic feast.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Hallelujah Chorus" from Messiah
Donald Hughes, Trumpet

George F. Handel