

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem
Digital Traditional Easter Service
April 4, 2021



WE GATHER

PRELUDE "Abblasen Trumpet Fanfare" attributed to Gottfried Reiche
Toccata in D Giambattista Martini
Donald Hughes, trumpet

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

GATHERING HYMN #123
Jesus Christ is Risen Today 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, because of your love for us, Christ died and was raised to new life so that the power of death itself would die, and that we might live a new and eternal life in you. Yet we often remain captive to fear, cynicism, apathy, and other ways that do not bring life. We question your love for us and this world, and we withhold our love from you and our neighbors. In your mercy, forgive us of our sin, and grant us grace to rise to new life in Christ, embodying your love in everything we do. Through Christ we pray.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

ANTHEM "If ye then be risen with Christ"

Charles V. Stanford

Virtual Choir Anthem

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 16:1-8

Elena Helmuth

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

"Going Ahead"

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

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offeratory "Alleluia", from *Exultate, Jubilate*, K 165
Rebecca Erhardt, Soprano

Wolfgang A. Mozart

*Response - #592

OLD HUNDRETH

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

*Prayer of Dedication

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Refrain:

Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of love. [Glory to God, #507]

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is indeed right and good and joyful now and always to give thanks and praise to you, O God, as we *sing* together:

Refrain:

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of grace. [Glory to God, #507]

Breaking of the Bread

Refrain:

Come to the table of peace. Come to the table of peace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of peace. [Glory to God, #507]

Pouring of the Cup

Refrain:

Come to the table of hope. Come to the table of hope.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of hope. [Glory to God, #507]

Blessing & 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.

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 Rondo-Fanfare

Jean-Joseph Mouret/ arr. Thomas Murray

Fanfare

Kenneth Leighton