

BETHESDA EPISCOPAL CHURCH
26 Washington Street
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A Service of Lessons and Music for Easter

11 April 2021

Music before the service

Elizabeth Huntley, Harp

All stand to sing

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - jice: death is con - quered,
Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
that he bore sin and pain can vex no more.
pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

The People still standing, the Officiant says the Bidding Prayer.

Beloved in Christ, we are met together to celebrate the glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to hear again from the Holy Scriptures how he overcame death, and rose victorious from the grave. But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace upon the earth Our Lord came to save; for love and unity within the Church he came to build; and for goodwill among all people.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us remember in his name, the poor and helpless, the unemployed, the hungry, the lonely and the unloved, the exploited and the oppressed, and for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit; that they may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, that he will grant them eternal rest, in a place of quiet and consolation.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words that Christ himself has taught us, saying:

Officiant and People

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The people will now be seated.

The First Lesson

Luke 24:1-10

Mary Magdalene and other women visit the holy sepulcher, and find it empty.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the

Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. Thanks be to God.

The people remain seated

Music

Prelude on Rhosymedre

arr. Barnwell
Elizabeth Huntley

The Second Lesson

John 20:11-18

Christ appears to Mary Magdalene and talks with her, and she supposes him to be the gardener.

Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her. Thanks be to God.

Music

Deep River

American Spiritual, arr. Burton
Elizabeth Huntley

The Third Lesson

Luke 24:13-16, 28-35

Christ appears to two of his disciples and walks and talks with them as they journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly

over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Thanks be to God.

Music Let Us Break Bread Together American Spiritual, arr. McDonald and Wood
Elizabeth Huntley

The Fourth Lesson John 20:19; Luke 24:37-40; John 20:20-23

Christ talks with his disciples in hiding, and shows them his risen body.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” Thanks be to God.

Music All Through the Night Welsh Melody, arr. Robertson
Elizabeth Huntley

The Fifth Lesson John 20:24-29

The Apostle Thomas is doubtful of the Resurrection of Christ, and is given convincing proof.

Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Thanks be to God.

Music

Simple Gifts

Shaker Hymn, arr. Burton
Elizabeth Huntley

The Sixth Lesson

Matthew 28:16-20; John 20:30, 31

Christ appears to his eleven disciples and gives them his final charge.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. Thanks be to God.

The Collect for Easter

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Officiant Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same thy Son Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Greetings

Music at The Offertory

Laudate Dominum

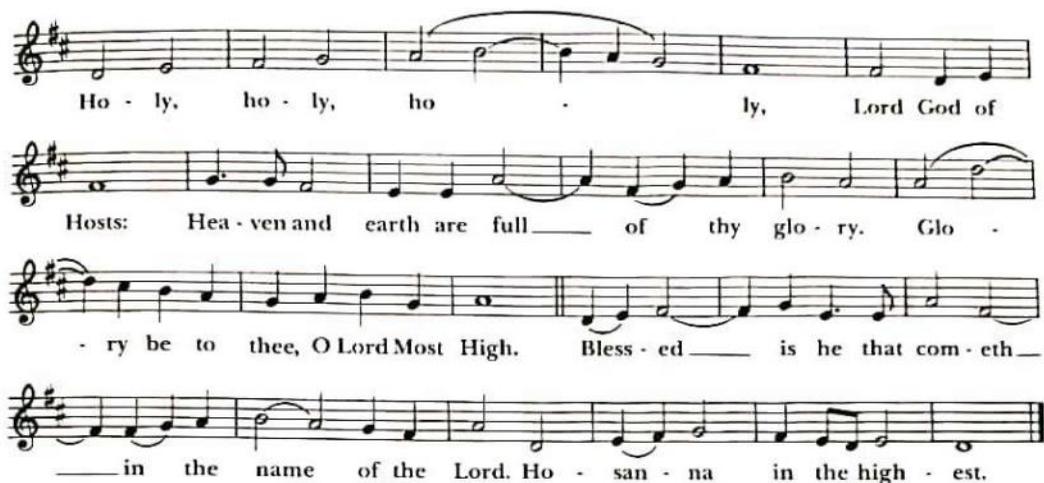
W.A. Mozart (1756/1791)
Sung by Kate Bullock

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes	<i>Praise the Lord, all nations;</i>
Laudate eum, omnes populi	<i>Praise Him, all people.</i>
Quoniam confirmata est	<i>For He has bestowed</i>
Super nos misericordia eius,	<i>His mercy upon us,</i>
Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum	<i>And the truth of the Lord endures forever.</i>
Amen	<i>Amen</i>

The Great Thanksgiving *Please stand, if you are able.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

Sanctus and Benedictus Qui Venit *Sung by all*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth -
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Eucharistic Prayer *Please kneel, if you are able.*

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of The Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

At The Communion

Ave Maria

Franz Schubert (1797-7828)
Sung by Kate Bullock

Ave Maria gratia plena, dominus Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus. Et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Ave Maria Mater Dei Ora pro nobis peccatoribus et in hora mortis nostrae.

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed, is the fruit of thy womb, Thy womb, Jesus. Hail Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death.

All kneel

Prayer after Communion

O God, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same thy Son Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Blessing and Dismissal

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. *Amen*

Celebrant Alleluia. Go forth in the Name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Voluntary

O Filii et Filiae

Clément Loret (1823-1909)

Please stand as the Ministers depart.

Notices

In our Intercessions for the Church and Parish this week, we pray for

Anglican Communion	The Church of Ireland
Albany Diocese	Good Shepherd, Elizabethtown – The Rev'd David Sullivan
Our Parish	Our growth in Christian love and service

We remember with thanksgiving those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week. We also pray for those who have died recently and those whose year's mind falls at this time.

We are especially grateful to parishioners, Elizabeth Huntley and Kate Bullock for sharing their musical gifts with us at the 10am service this morning.

Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won.
Death in vain forbids Him rise;
Christ has opened paradise

Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save,
Where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head;
Made like Him, like Him we rise,
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Words by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)