



EASTER SUNDAY
April 12, 2020

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude In B Major
(From Prelude and Fugue in B Major, Op. 7, No. 1)

M. DUPRE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Pastor Frank Espegren

CALL TO WORSHIP

Entrata Festiva
Choirs Of St. John's

F. PEETERS

Latin Text
Christus vincit.
Christus regnat.
Christus imperat.

English Translation
Christ o'er pow'reth.
Christ now reigneth.
Christ doth command.

EASTER PROCLAMATION & NICENE CREED

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

We no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for Jesus is alive and has become the Lord of life. United in the body of Christ, we proclaim our faith.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Arise, shine; for our light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

ENTRANCE HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Choirs of St. John's

*ALL - 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!*

*CHOIR - 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!*

*ALL - Sing we to God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him all ye heavenly hosts, Alleluia! Father, son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!*

APOSTOLIC GREETING (2 Corinthians 13:13)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

LESSON

Jeremiah 31:1-6

*God's final word is always "Yes." Because God's love is everlasting, God always remains faithful.
Ancient Israel is assured that it will be rebuilt and have plentiful crops.
The people of God too will ultimately be reunited.*

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

W. A. MOZART

Choirs of St. John's

Refrain sung first by choir, then by all. Verse sung by choir.

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

*Verse: This is the day the Lord has made,
let us rejoice and be glad.*

Let us feast with joy in the Lord!

Refrain

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

John's gospel describes the confusion and excitement of the first Easter: the stone is moved, disciples race back and forth, and angels speak to a weeping woman. Then, Jesus himself appears.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ACCLAMATION REPRISE

Alleluia

See previous; refrain only

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Zylstra Family

SERMON

Pastor Jon Haug

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition: Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you and your household.
And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

In this time of national emergency and global concern, we trust in our God's loving care to provide for all we need. Let us respond generously to God's lavish love with our tithes and offerings. You may now pause this worship service for a few minutes, return to the email that transmitted this worship service, where you will find the "Giving Link" that takes you to the St. John's website and the secure giving app or simply click the OFFERING title above. You can give directly to the St. John's General Fund, ensuring the church's ministries stay strong in this time of expanding need. You can also make your offering by check and mail it to St. John's at 1701 L Street, Sacramento, CA, 95811.

*If you are new to St John's, the greatest gift you could give us would be to fill out our
Worship With St John's Card here.*

After making your offering, please return to the Worship Service.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Exuberant Joy
St. John's Handbell Choir

C. DOBRINKSKI

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Please dip your finger in bowl of water and make the sign of the cross on your forehead.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

We have gathered here in communion with you, O Christ, through this virtual portal of time and space. While we are not able to partake of the body and blood of Jesus in the sacrament, we join in prayer to express our longing in this time of fasting from communion:

O Christ, I believe that you are present in the sacrament of holy communion. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the full sacrament, I invite you to come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Help me to remember that nothing in heaven or on earth can separate me from the love of God through you. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING FORTH HYMN

Thine Is The Glory

JUDAS MACCABAEUS



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



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



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



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

COMMISSION

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Share this Good News
and live God's love in the world!

POSTLUDE

Chorale-Improvisation - "Victimae Paschali Laudes" C. TOURNEMIRE
(From "Cinq Improvisations Transcit") TRANS. M. DURUFLE

SERVING IN VIRTUAL WORSHIP

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