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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

EASTER - RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MARCH 31, 2024

PRELUDE

Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 4

J. S. Bach

with musicians of Tempesta di Mare

Min-Young Kim and Karen Dekker, violins

Margaret Humphrey and Edmond Chan violas

Eve Miller, cello

Heather Miller Lardin, bass

Gwyn Roberts, recorder

1. Sinfonia

2. Versus 1/Chorale

Christ lag in Todesbanden

Für unsre Sünd gegeben,

Er ist wieder erstanden

Und hat uns bracht das Leben;

Des wir sollen fröhlich sein,

Gott loben und ihm dankbar sein

Und singen halleluja,

Halleluja!

Christ lay in death's bonds

given over for our sins,

he has risen again

and brought us life;

therefore we should be joyful,

praise God and be thankful to him

and sing Hallelujah,

Hallelujah!

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

***OPENING SENTENCES**

The Reverend Laura Colee

O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "God's steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-24

***HYMN 123**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**



WELCOME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the empty tomb, God of Christ's resurrection and the hope of our own, God of endless justice and mercy, our alleluias abound as we give thanks that Christ is risen, indeed. And yet, too soon, the moment will pass, and our words of praise will reduce, not to whispers, but to silence. Too soon we will rush on with the everyday, forgetting that in Jesus Christ, you have swept aside any division between the mundane and sacred. We will live our lives as though they are not gifts of profound grace. We will lapse into pettiness and jealousy; our generosity will be stymied by self-interest. It will be as though today never happened. Forgive us, we pray. But even then, our words, Christ is risen, will still be true. They will still whisper of an unending hope realized in our savior, Christ Jesus, in whose name we make all our prayers...

KYRIE 574 (*Choir and Congregation*)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Believe the promise of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

ANTHEM**Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 4**

J. S. Bach

Versus 2 - Duet: *Den Tod, niemand zwingen kunnt**Den Tod niemand zwingen kunnt**Bei allen Menschenkindern,**Das macht' alles unsre Sünd,**Kein Unschuld war zu finden.**Davon kam der Tod so bald**Und nahm über uns Gewalt,**Hielt uns in seinem Reich gefangen.**Halleluja!*

No one could defeat death

among all humanity,

this was all because of our sins,

no innocence was to be found.

Therefore death came so soon

and took power over us,

held us captive in his kingdom.

Hallelujah!

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

(p. 172)

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 16:1-8

(p. 53)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.***GLORIA PATRI**

LAUDA ANIMA

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit, ever three and ever one; as it was in the beginning, now and ever more shall be.

SERMON**A Whispered Alleluia**

Dr. Mullis

So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

*Mark 16:8****HYMN 119****The Strife Is O'er**

VICTORY

***THE NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made human, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall

come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

*You may bring your offering forward during the offertory, or place it in the plates after the service.
You may also give online; information is available on the card in the pew rack.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Himmelskönig, sie willkommen, BWV 182*

J. S. Bach

7. Chorale: *Jesu, deine Passion*

*Jesu, deine Passion
Ist mir lauter Freude,
Deine Wunden, Kron und Hohn
Meines Herzens Weide;
Meine Seel auf Rosen geht,
Wenn ich dran gedenke,
In dem Himmel eine Stätt
Uns deswegen schenke.*

Jesus, Your Passion
Is pure joy to me;
Your wounds, crown, and scorn
Are my heart's pasture;
My soul, in roses blooms,
When I think of it:
In heaven a place
To us is therefore given.
—Paul Stockmann (1603-1636)

8. Chorus: *So lasset uns gehen in Salem der Freuden*

*So lasset uns gehen in Salem der Freuden,
Begleitet den König in Lieben und Leiden.
Er gehet voran
Und öffnet die Bahn.*

So, let's go into the Salem of Joys
Attend the King in love of suffering!
He leads the way
And opens the path!

—Unknown authorship

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS/BENEDICTUS from *Mass of the Quiet Hour*

George Oldroyd

ACCLAMATION

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Let us keep the feast.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Communion will be served by intinction. Communion kits are available to anyone who prefers not to commune by intinction; kindly signal to an usher and a kit will be provided to you.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Air and Menuets

G. F. Handel

from *Water Music Suite III in G*, HWV 350

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN 118

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 4*

J. S. Bach

Versus 7 - Chorale: *Wir essen und leben wohl*

Wir essen und leben wohl

In rechten Osterfladen,

Der alte Sauerteig nicht soll

Sein bei dem Wort der Gnaden,

Christus will die Koste sein

Und speisen die Seel allein,

Der Glaub will keins andern leben.

Halleluja!

We eat and live well

on the true Easter bread,

the old leaven shall not

exist next to the word of grace,

Christ will be our food

and nourish the soul alone,

faith will live in no other way.

Hallelujah!

—Martin Luther

POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur Dialogué

Eugène Gigout

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It is a pleasure to welcome musicians of Tempesta di Mare, Philadelphia's esteemed Baroque Orchestra, to our community this morning to join us on music of the season by J. S. Bach. The service opens with Cantata 4, *Christ lag in Todesbanden* (Christ lay in death's bonds), Bach's early, and great Easter cantata based on Luther's hymn. More from that cantata, with its magnificent Hallelujahs, is heard throughout the service, as well as the closing movements of Cantata 182, *Himmelskönig, sei willkommen* (King of Heaven, welcome), with its invitation to enter "the Salem of Joy, accompanying the King in love and sorrow."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2024

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, April 2

Missions Committee

6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 4

Facilities Committee

12:00 p.m.

Deacons Meeting

6:30 p.m.

EASTER DONATION DRIVE

The Missions Committee is sponsoring a donation drive to support Philly House, a shelter for men that provides temporary housing and comprehensive services to support transitions to long-term housing. The drive runs through April 7. Visit our website or scan the QR code for a list of needed items and Amazon Wishlist options.



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Easter Dedications 2024



The flowers in the columbarium are given in memory of Gardner Evans by Janet Evans.

In memory of Susanne & Arthur Lang, Lucille Edwards and Rev. Fergus A. Smith by Susy & Gary Christensen

In memory of Kenneth & Shirley Spivey and George & Elinor Rogers by Diane and Jon Rogers

In memory of Carol Reisner Sime by Peter Sime

In memory of Junior Skipper by Alicia McDonald

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Paul B. Douglass, Mr. & Mrs. Charles P. Van Royen, and Ms. Jaye Fagan by Maryellen Van Royen

In memory of our parents by Carl & Joann Bailey

In memory of my McLaughlin relatives by Joan Detz

In memory of Reid B. Reames by Allan Schimmel

In honor of David, Elizabeth, Paul, Eva, and Luci by William Lake Leonard

In memory of her beloved mother, Elizabeth Guaracao by Gabriela Guaracao Salcedo

In memory of Patricia & Benjamin Quigg by Samuel Whyte

In honor of the members of the choir of First Presbyterian Church and Paul Fleckenstein by Donald Nally & Steven Hyder

In memory of Mary Jane Donlon Trout by the Rev. Dr. C. Raymond Trout

Easter Dedications 2024



In memory of my wife of 43 years, Beverly A. Rohan-Williams, and my mother, Anna L. Williams by Al Williams. God Bless their transition home to be with the Lord.

In loving memory of George T. Walker and departed loved ones by Irene Walker

In memory of Gail Morris, my mother, by Lester Morris & Baron Mullis

In memory of Louis & Violet Rothbauer by Elaine Rothbauer

In memory of Ming Tsai, Ruth McCarthy, and Tom McCarthy and in honor of Alison Tsai by Stella Tsai

In memory of Beatrice & Charles Gilbo, Marge & Bip Boehner, and Margaret Jaskulek by Jeannie Boehner

In memory of John B. Winkler; in honor of the Winkler family, Donna West, Suzanne Riemann, and members of the Armed Services by Carol M. Winkler

In memory of my partner, Randy Orner, and my late brother, Robert, who passed away October 27 by Jim Schreyer

In honor of all the saints, past and present, of Trinity, Morningside, and the First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia by Baron Mullis & Lester Morris

In memory of Robert Cole by Evelyn Schwartz

In memory of Sarah Dopp; in memory of Christine Kasper Pandolfi by Carol Cook

In memory of Rev. Dr. L. Gilbert McLaurin by Sean McLaurin