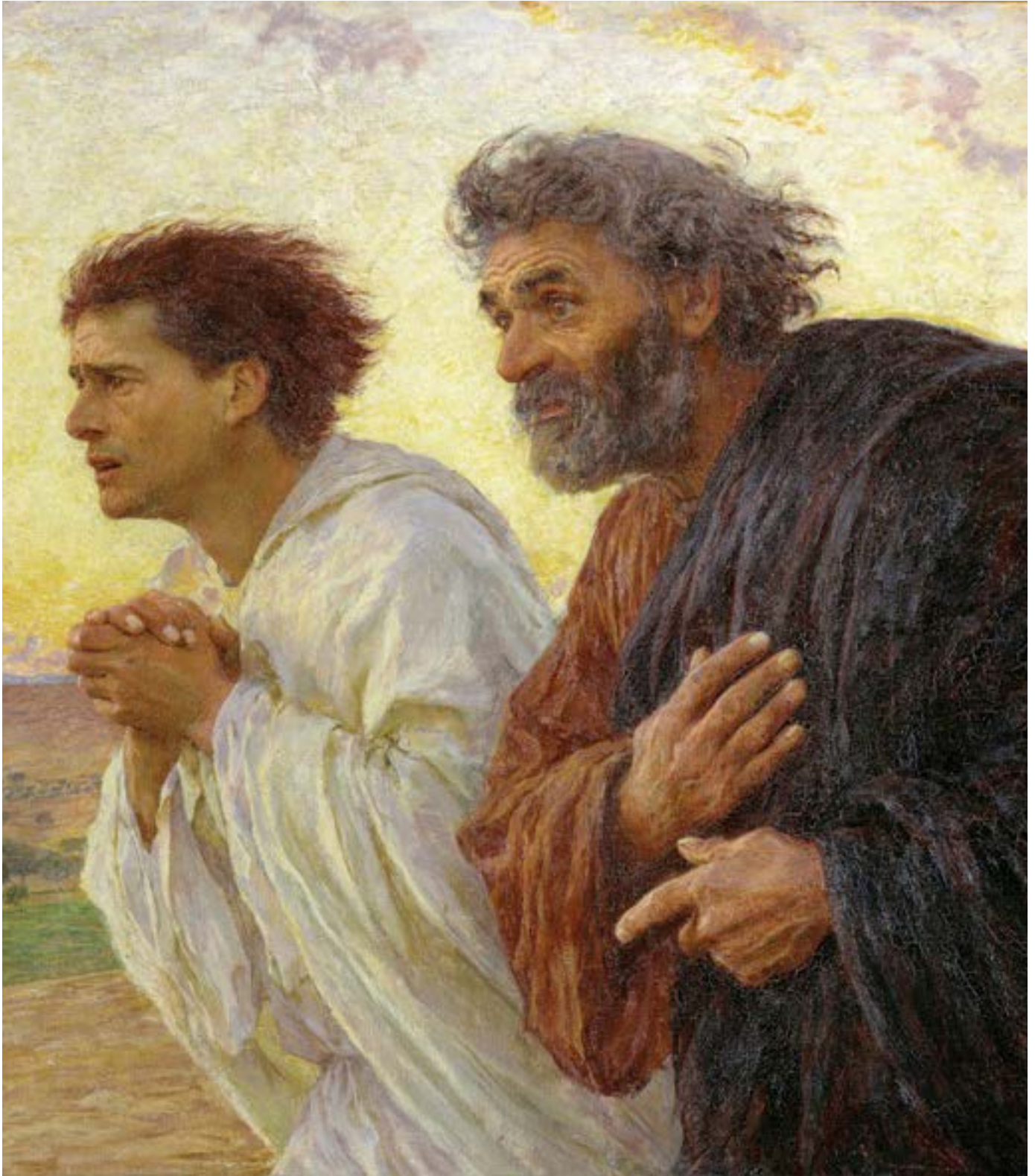




Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5, 2026

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary



Gathering of God's People

Please note that online worshipers join the livestream at 8:45 a.m.

We invite you to prepare for worship in quiet reflection.

PRELUDE

9:00 a.m. Choral No. 1 in E major

César Franck

James Kealey, organist

11:00 a.m. Pièce d'Orgue (BWV 572)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Daniel Carroll, organist

Please stand, if able.

INTROIT Hallelujah Chorus from "Messiah"

George Frideric Handel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah! The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; And he shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

Please remain standing.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Melanie Hardison

One Through God's miracle of grace, we have come through the night and arrived at this glorious dawn.

All Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One All doors are open, all creation sings, all that was broken is made whole, and we have new life.

All He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord!

All Praise the Lord!

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Melanie Hardison

All **Resurrected Christ, there is nothing we can do to deserve the grace you give us. There is no way we can earn your love, there is no way we can be worthy of your forgiveness. And yet you shower these mercies on us. You, who have taken away the sting of death, meet us where we are, in our doubt and fear, in our regrets and shame, in our delight and awe. Meet us here in this place, and call us once again to trust in you.**

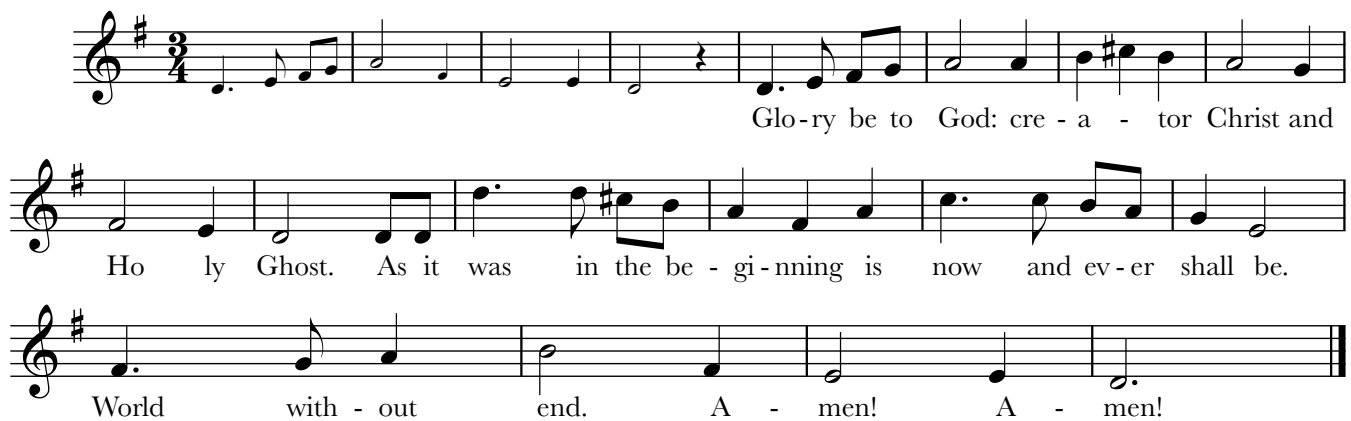
A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

During the Sung Response, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

SUNG RESPONSE Gloria

James Kealey



Glo-ry be to God: cre - a - tor Christ and
Ho ly Ghost. As it was in the be - gi - nning is now and ev - er shall be.
World with - out end. A - men! A - men!

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

9:00 a.m. - Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 3
depart for their Sunday School classes.

11:00 a.m. - Following the Children's Moment, children return to their seats.

SENDING HYMN Go Now Children with our Blessing



Go now, child-ren with our bless-ing, to love and serve the Lord. May God
Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine u - pon you, and may



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Andy Greenhow

FIRST LESSON Genesis 37:1-4

(pg. 34 in pew Bible)

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. These are the descendants of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.

Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

ANTHEM Light's Glittering Morn Bedecks the Sky

Horatio Parker

Nicholas Provenzale, bass soloist

Kara Goodrich, Carlyle Quinn, Mike Hogue, Jeff Wilber, quartet

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky; Heaven thunders forth its victor cry; The glad earth shouts her triumph high, And groaning hell makes wild reply, While he, the king, the mighty king Despoiling death of all its sting, And trampling down the powers of might, Brings forth his ransomed saints to light. That Eastertide with joy was bright, The sun shone out with fairer light, When to their longing eyes restored The apostles saw their risen Lord: He bade them see his hands, his side, Where yet the glorious wounds abide; These tokens true which made it plain Their Lord indeed was risen again. O Jesu, king of gentleness, Do thou thyself our hearts possess, That we may give thee all our days, The tribute of our grateful praise. O Lord of all with us abide, In this our joyful Eastertide, From every weapon death can wield, Thine own redeemed forever shield. The strife is o'er, the battle done, The victory of life is won, The song of triumph has begun: Alleluia. All praise be thine, O risen Lord, From death to endless life restored; All praise to God, the Father be, And Holy Ghost eternally. Alleluia. Amen.

(pg. 114 in pew Bible)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SERMON *An Easter Start*

John Willingham

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Refrain E C#m F#m B

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

Fine

al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 Now we shall live for - ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

to Refrain

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

All

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **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, forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Easter Light

Cecilia McDowall

In Easter light, the risen Christ is moving among us. How brightly the meadowlark sings its song of the season. Alleluia. How gently the Easter light lifts the face of the lily. Christ is risen. With illumed heart and radiant faces, we too sing in that light. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Let Christ be rising now in our lives and in our prayers, as we open our hands to both friend and stranger. Let Christ be rising now in our words and in our work as we strive to repair the earth and free all its creatures from danger.

Risen Christ of limitless love, Risen Christ of compassion and peace, Risen Christ of gracious surprising—You move among us in Easter light. Be now in us, rising.

Please fill in the Friendship Pad at the end of your pew; pass it down your row and back again.

Please stand, if able.

DOXOLOGY 606 Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Andy Greenhow

HYMN 238 Thine Is The Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

verse 2 is sung by the choir only

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Thine Is The Glory'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. Below the staves, there are three verses of lyrics. Verse 1 is '1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is'. Verse 2 is '2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly'. Verse 3 is '3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught'. The lyrics are aligned with the notes of the melody.

the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai-ment
 he greets us, scat-ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad-ness
 with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors

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

Refrain

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

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

Worship & Music Notes

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Today's prayer of confession is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*, volume 59.1

TODAY'S MUSIC

Today's music accompanies the uplifting and celebratory message of the Resurrection. Preludes by César Franck (9:00 a.m.) and Johann Sebastian Bach (11:00 a.m.) offer themes of bright, cheerful joy and triumph over evil. Choral anthems from both sides of the Atlantic Ocean offer differing perspectives; Horatio Parker's "Light's Glittering Morn" opens with fanfares from brass, organ, and choir, before a serene Bass solo gives way to the hymn "The Strife is O'er," ending with endless Alleluias. Cecilia McDowall's "Easter Light" is a newer work, setting text from the Virginia-based poet, Angier Brock. Known for pairing text from the sacred-sphere with themes of nature, this work is no different. The voice of the Eastern Meadowlark is presented in the organ part throughout, alongside choral writing emblematic of plainchant. The work is a call to action in many ways, reminding us of our duties as Christians; welcoming friend and stranger, and our care for the earth.

James Kealey, Director of Music and Fine Arts

BRYN MAWR FESTIVAL BRASS

Andrew Connors, *trumpet*

Joseph Anderson, *trumpet*

Jarred Antonacci, *trombone*

Ehren Valmé, *bass trombone*

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Nancy Lawrence Hill and Brian Middleton

BULLETIN COVER

Peter and John Running to the Tomb, 1898. Eugène Burnand.

WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in this joyful season of Eastertide! As we celebrate the good news of Christ's resurrection, we are reminded that hope, renewal, and new life are at the heart of spring and our faith. Whether you're a longtime member or a first-time visitor, we're glad you're here. Through worship, fellowship, and service, we seek to live as resurrection people—grounded in love, growing in faith, and reaching out to the world. May this season draw us closer to God and to one another as we rejoice in the promise of Easter and the women's discovery of an empty tomb.



John M. Willingham
Interim Senior Pastor

NEW HERE?

We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to introduce yourself to one of our pastors following the worship service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Learn more at bmpc.org

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BMPC's Sanctuary and Congregational Hall are equipped with a T-Coil hearing loop system to enhance sound clarity for those with hearing aids or cochlear implants with a telecoil ("T" setting). Portable receiver units are also available in the Sanctuary upon request. We hope this technology enriches your worship experience!

CHILDCARE ON SUNDAY

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages six months and older. Please contact the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

Our Sunday 10:00 a.m. service is livestreamed and can be viewed at www.bmpc.org/live or on our YouTube channel. A recording of the service will also be available on our Past Services website page and Vimeo channel starting Monday. If you are attending in person and prefer not to be on camera, please speak with an usher who will seat you in an area off camera.

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