

Easter Sunday

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 12, 2020

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE Easter Carillon Robert J. Powell

WELCOME Rebecca Kirkpatrick

INTROIT "Hallelujah" from Messiah G.F. Handel
Sanctuary Choir

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!

CALL TO WORSHIP Rebecca Kirkpatrick

One: Christ is risen!
All: **The Lord is risen indeed!**
One: Behold the victory of our God: Jesus our Lord has conquered the grave.
All: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**
One: Death shall reign no more.
All: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**
One: Let our church and homes resound with joy.
All: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

HYMN Jesus Christ Is Risen Today **EASTER HYMN**

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

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

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

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

**CALL TO CONFESSION
AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)*

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that in this season of spreading illness and isolation,
we remain captive to doubt and fear.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power to raise the dead to new life.
Help us believe you change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ,
the risen Lord. Amen.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Brian K. Ballard

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rachel Pedersen

FIRST LESSON Psalm 118:1-2, 15-17 Leigh DeVries

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly." I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

SECOND LESSON Matthew 28:1-10 Agnes W. Norfleet

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

SERMON *With Fear and Great Joy* Agnes W. Norfleet

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins
according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared
first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

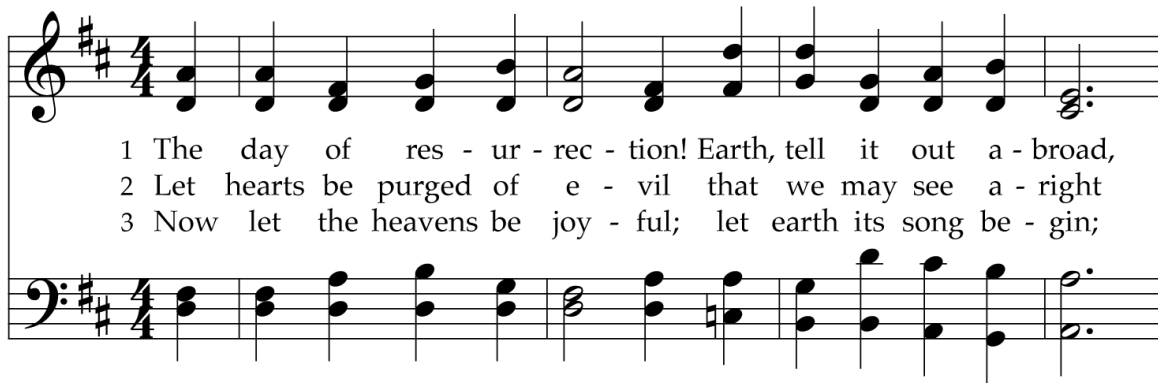
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Franklyn C. Pottorff

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 OFFERING

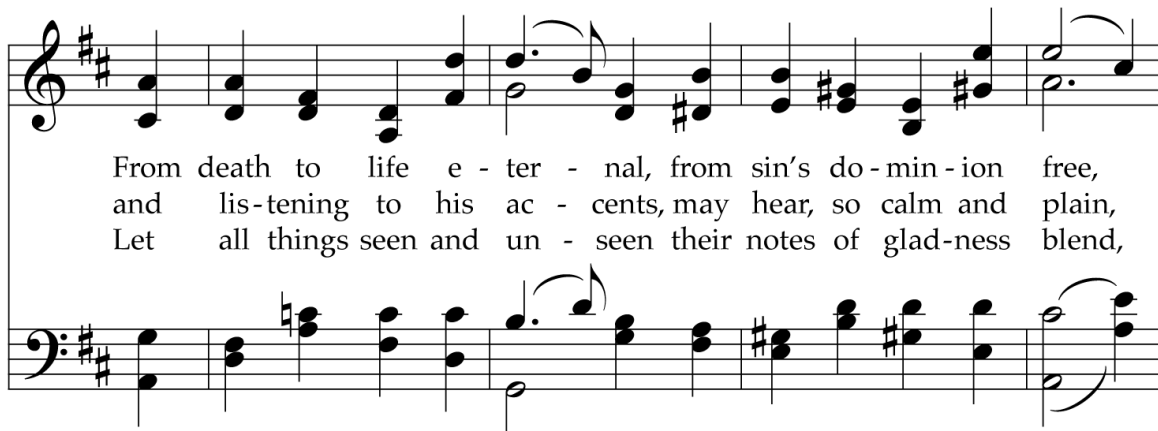
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1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;



the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

BENEDICTION

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

"Toccata" from Symphonie V

Charles-Marie Widor

Worship Notes

Affirmation of Faith

Our Affirmation of Faith this morning comes from the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship and is a paraphrase of 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 as well as the Gospel accounts of the resurrection.

Instruments

John Thysen, trumpet
Scott Marino, trumpet
Jarred Antonacci, trombone
Johnathan Schubert, trombone

Virtual Sanctuary Choir

Despite the coronavirus pandemic, the BMPC Sanctuary Choir continues to hold weekly rehearsals, meeting virtually through Zoom video conferences. In these lively meetings, the choir warms up and rehearses two to three anthems. Most importantly, members have the opportunity to connect with one another and to continue building the strong community spirit that is so unique and important for a choir.

You will see the result of this work on Easter Sunday, as the choir presents a virtual performance of Handel's venerable "Hallelujah," a BMPC tradition for many decades. Over these past three weeks, choir members have recorded their vocal lines on their smartphones and e-mailed the recordings to Jeff Brillhart. Each recording is then synchronized with a video recording made several weeks ago by four of our staff singers. As singers email their recordings and they are added to the video, the Sanctuary Choir sound you know and love slowly evolves. On Easter you will see that quartet of staff singers performing the "Hallelujah" chorus, but what you will hear is the full choir!

Welcome!

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church is a growing and vibrant congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We gather together from across the Philadelphia region to witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ. While some are lifelong Presbyterians, some come from other Christian traditions and backgrounds, or no religious background at all. We welcome all believers and seekers.

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If you are interested in joining our church,
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