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SEASON

APRIL 11, 2021

Liturgy for the Celebration of Worship

April 11, 2021 – Second Sunday of Easter

* If you are able to do so comfortably, please stand.

Greetings

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Plymouth Chimes

Prelude

Partita on “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

Matthew H. Corl

*Call to Worship (*Bold* text read in unison when prompted)

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen, indeed!**

Leader: Hope is alive!

People: **Hope is alive, indeed!**

Leader: God's love never ends!

All: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Come, let us worship God!**

*Hymn

“Christ Is Alive!”

The musical score consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and common time (4/4). It features a single melodic line with various note values (eighth and sixteenth notes) and rests. The bottom staff is in bass clef and common time (4/4), providing harmonic support with sustained notes and chords. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The first section of lyrics is:

1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound To dis - tant
3. Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, Un - touched, un -
4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, Where col - or,

The second section of lyrics continues on the bottom staff:

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, But sav - ing, heal - ing,
moved by hu - man pains, But dai - ly, in the
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet

5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,

Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

*Prayer of Invocation (*Join in reading*)

God of grace and power,

we come rejoicing in Christ's empty tomb.

We come trusting in the good news

that tells us he is with us.

For the Risen Christ offers us glimpses of hope.

The empty tomb is not silent but filled with proclamation.

New life, new hope, new love is ours today and always.

Thank you, gracious and almighty God. Amen.

*Song of Response

"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

(tune: HYMN TO JOY)

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding. See, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

*Children's Hymn

"Christ Rose Up from the Dead"

Christ rose up from the dead, and God's grace will bear my spirit home.

Children's Celebration

Word through Music

"On the Journey to Emmaus"

Marty Haugen

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

3 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

19 He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23 and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." 25 Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted

to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29 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. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 32 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?" 33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34 They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*Sermon Hymn

"Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks"

The musical score consists of two systems of music. The first system starts with a descant line in soprano clef, followed by a bass line in bass clef, and a middle line in alto clef. The second system continues with the bass and alto lines. The music is in common time, with a key signature of three sharps. The lyrics are: "Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give". The vocal parts are labeled "Refrain" and "B". The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords indicated by Roman numerals (C#m, F#m) and letter names (A, E, B).

1-4

Final ending

Praise to His Name.

F#m

B

E

Name.

E

praise to His Name.

Name.

E

C#m

F#m

B

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,

E

C#m

F#m

B

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.

Al-le -

Call to Offering

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Offertory

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

arr. Donald McCollough

***Doxology** (*Join in singing*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, you heavenly host;
praise God, and Christ and Holy Ghost.**

Moment for Mission

Plymouth and Head Start

Prayer of Dedication**Plymouth Covenant** (*Join in reading*)

**In the love of truth and in the spirit of Jesus,
we unite for the worship of God, and the service of all.
We seek to know the will of God and to walk in God's ways,
made known or to be made known to us;
to love one another; to proclaim the Gospel to all the world;
to work and pray for the progress of knowledge,
the promotion of justice, the reign of peace,
and the realization of our shared humanity.
And we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness
and the gift of life eternal. Amen.**

Call to Prayer (*When prompted, read bold text and join in singing.*)

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: and also with you.

Join in Singing: “Come and Fill Our Hearts”

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu - ia!

Lord's Prayer (Join in reading)

**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.**

Response to Prayer

“Come and Fill Our Hearts”

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu - ia!

*Hymn

"Thine Is the Glory"

Musical notation for the first stanza of the hymn, featuring two staves in G clef, B-flat key signature, and common time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

1. Thine is the glo - ry ris - en, con-quering Son; end-less is the
2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov-ing - ly he
3. No more we doubt thee, glo-rious Prince of life! Life is nought with -

Musical notation for the second stanza of the hymn, continuing the two-stave format with eighth and sixteenth notes.

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

Musical notation for the third stanza of the hymn, continuing the two-stave format with eighth and sixteenth notes.

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

Musical notation for the fourth stanza of the hymn, continuing the two-stave format with eighth and sixteenth notes.

Refrain

Musical notation for the refrain, featuring two staves in G clef, B-flat key signature, and common time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

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

Musical notation for the fifth stanza of the hymn, continuing the two-stave format with eighth and sixteenth notes.

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

Musical notation for the final stanza of the hymn, concluding the two-stave format with eighth and sixteenth notes.

***Benediction**

Congregational Response (people seated and singing)

God be with you till we meet again.
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again. Amen.

Plymouth Chimes

Postlude

"Paraphrase on Judas Maccabaeus"

Alexandre Guilmant

Today's Chancel Flowers

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for their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

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