

GATHERING

Voluntary: Alleluia..... Arnold Sherman  
Prelude and Fugue in A, BWV 536 .....J. S. Bach

Welcome: ..... Erin Racine

Introit: Christ is Alive, Alleluia ..... Brian Payne

† Easter Proclamation ..... Carol Cavin-Dillon  
Liturgist: *Christ is risen!*  
**People: Christ is risen indeed!**

† Processional Hymn No. 302 ..... Easter Hymn  
Christ the Lord is Risen Today

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Love’s Redeeming Work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where’s thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!**

† Call to Worship ..... Erin Racine  
Liturgist: *We have been released from tombs of pain and doubt, fear and death.*  
**People: We are Easter people, and Alleluia is our song.**  
Liturgist: *We are emerging into the wonder of faith with hope in our hearts.*  
**People: We are Easter people, and Alleluia is our song.**  
Liturgist: *Jesus calls to us by name, inviting us into forgiveness and freedom.*  
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Liturgist: *Let us worship our risen Lord with gratitude and joy,*  
**People: for we are Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!**

† Easter Collect (*in unison*)  
**God of Glory,**  
**you have made us Easter people**  
**through the resurrection of your son, Jesus Christ.**  
**As our Alleluias rise with joy,**  
**grant that we might faithfully**  
**proclaim the good news,**  
**share in Christ’s redeeming work,**  
**and cultivate hope and peace**  
**by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

† Silent Confession

† Words of Assurance  
Liturgist: *Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!*  
**People: In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!**  
**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

† Passing of the Peace  
Liturgist: *As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love. The peace of Christ be with you.*  
**People: And also with you.**

† Gloria Patri.....No. 71  
**Glory be to the Father**  
**and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**  
**as it was in the beginning,**  
**is now, and ever shall be**  
**world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Voluntary: Toccata on *The Strife is O'er*.....Matthew Phelps

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Easter Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)  
**O risen Christ, open us to the power of your resurrection as we hear it proclaimed anew this day, that we too might rise to new life in you. Amen.**

† Lesson from the Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

† Response to the Lessons  
Liturgist: *Great is the mystery of the Gospel.*  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn No. 304: Easter People, Raise Your Voices.....Regent Square  
**Easter people, raise your voices,**  
**sounds of heaven in earth should ring.**  
**Christ has brought us heaven’s choices;**  
**heavenly music, let it ring.**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.**

**Fear of death can no more stop us**  
**from our pressing here below.**  
**For our Lord empowered us to**  
**triumph over every foe.**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.**

**Every day to us is Easter,**  
**with its resurrection song.**  
**When in trouble move the faster**  
**to our God who rights the wrong.**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.**

Sermon: From Grief to Hope ..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith (*in unison*) ..... The Apostles’ Creed  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty,**  
**maker of heaven and earth;**  
**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:**  
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**  
**born of the Virgin Mary,**  
**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**was crucified, dead, and buried;**  
**the third day he rose from the dead;**  
**he ascended into heaven,**  
**and sitteth at the right hand**  
**of God the Father Almighty;**  
**from thence he shall come to judge**  
**the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
**the holy catholic church,**  
**the communion of saints,**  
**the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body,**  
**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Joys & Concerns of the Church .....Shannon Baxter

Salutation  
Liturgist: *The Lord be with you.*  
**People: And also with you.**  
Liturgist: *Let us pray.*

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*in unison*)  
**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.**

Offertory Anthem: My Hope is Arisen .....Peter Latona  
My hope is arisen from the dead. Alleluia. Dawn’s shining light bedecks the sky and heaven thunders victor cry: the glad earth shouts her triumph high and mournful hell groans in reply. Hell’s pains are are loosed and tears are fled, captivity is captive led: the angel crowned with light has said: “The Lord is risen from the dead.” I beheld the glory bright of the rising Lord of Light. Christ my hope is risen again; now he lives and lives to reign.”  
(Aurora lucis rutilat, translated: Neale and Victimae Paschali, translated: Leeson)

† Doxology.....No. 94  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise God, all creatures here below:**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**  
**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**  
**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 303: The Day of Resurrection.....Lancashire  
The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;  
And listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!  
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah*.....G. F. Handel

Voluntary: Toccata from *Fifth Organ Symphony*.....Charles-Marie Widor

† *The congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

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Emma Jackson, soprano. Bethany DiSantis is conducting the introit. Kyle  
Mathees and Jacob Haymens, trumpets. Colleen Phelps, timpani and  
percussion.



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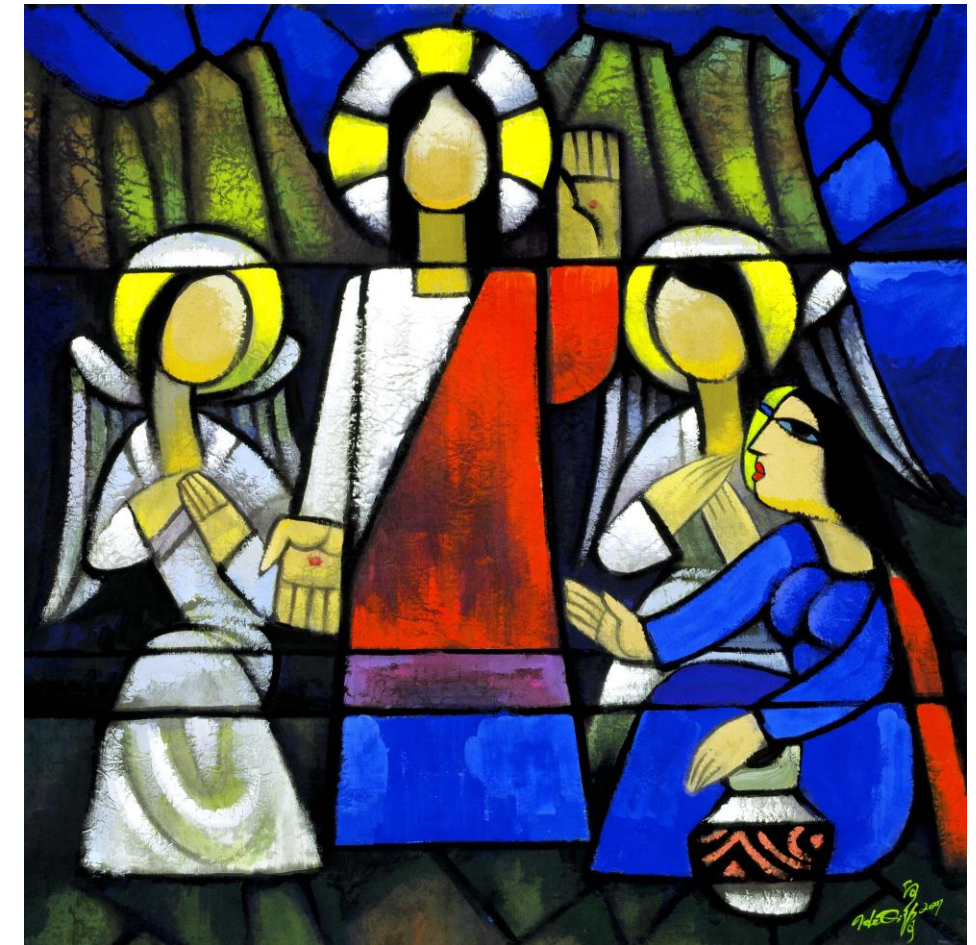
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