

April 11, 2021
2nd Sunday of Easter

PRELUDES

Fantasy Prelude on an Easter Hymn
I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Gilbert M. Martin
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES (from John 20)

L: Jesus stands among us saying: "Peace be with you."

P: The risen Lord is here.

L: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

P: The risen Lord blesses us and calls us.

L: "Receive the Holy Spirit."

P: Let us worship God in Spirit and truth.

WELCOMING SONG #694 *Great God of Every Blessing*

Aurelia

(verse one)

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

(verse two)

Your word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

(verse three)

Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

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CALL TO CONFESSION (from Romans 8)

L: "The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words."
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to those who believe and hope for those who doubt. We confess that we do not fully receive the blessings of your grace; nor do we take advantage of opportunities to be a blessing to others. We trust too much in the way things always have been, failing to see the dawning of your new creation. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to live in faith and hope for a world where the risen Christ reigns and invites us to share in his glory.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Acts 2)

L: "Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE #288

Spirit of the Living God

Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 30

¹I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. ²O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. ³O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. ⁴Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. ⁵For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. ⁶As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." ⁷By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. ⁸To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication: ⁹"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? ¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!" ¹¹You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, ¹²so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Still

Morgan

Soloist: Nancy Sullivan

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 24:13-35

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then 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?" ¹⁹He 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, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But 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. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and 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. ²⁴Some 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." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As

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

SERMON

“Walking Ahead”

Rev. John Wahl

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Henry J. Markworth

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING SONG #252 *Day of Arising (Alt. Tune: Bunessan)*

Raabe

(verse one)

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

(verse two)

When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part.

(verse three)

Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken. This is Christ’s promise, this is Christ’s sign:
when the church gathers, when bread is broken, there Christ is with us, in bread and wine.

(verse four)

Christ, our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes.

Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune on “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Andrew Tessman