



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Pre-recorded Easter Service
April 4, 2021
Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday

WELCOME TO BMPC

Welcome to Easter Sunday worship at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church!

We are grateful to have you with us today as we celebrate the Good News of the resurrection of Jesus Christ! As you can see, we are in the middle of major renovations that will make our campus more accessible, open, and welcoming!

If you are a visitor this morning, we welcome you and invite you to say hello to a pastor after worship. We look forward to meeting you. As we return to in-person worship in the Sanctuary in May, and we prepare for fall programming in our newly-renovated Education Building, we invite you to become connected by visiting our website, www.bmpc.org, and [signing up](#) for our weekly eNews.

We are glad you are here!

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Sonata Pian' e Forte
Sonata No. 2

Giovanni Gabrieli
Johann Pezel

INTROIT

"Hallelujah" from *Messiah*
Sanctuary Choir and Singing for Life

G.F. 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!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Franklyn C. Pottorff

One: Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed!

One: Glory to you, O God:

on this day you won victory over death,
raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

All: Glory to you, O Christ:

for us and for our salvation

you overcame death

and opened the gate to everlasting life.

One: Glory to you, O Holy Spirit:

you lead us into the truth.

All: Let us worship God

with the joyful Alleluia of praise.

WELCOME

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)*

Leigh DeVries

Gracious God, we have heard the good news:
 how on the third day, Christ rose again.
 You rolled away the stone from the tomb.
 You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel.
 You were faithful to your promise; you have done wonderful things!
 Still we come with doubt and disbelief. Forgive us, Lord, we pray.
 Teach us to trust your promise and to believe the good news of salvation:
 Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead. Amen.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Brian K. Ballard

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. 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. The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

ANTHEM

Norwegian Alleluia
Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

Kim André Arnesen

SECOND LESSON

John 20:1-18

Agnes W. Norfleet

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' 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. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

SERMON

Laughter through Tears

Agnes W. Norfleet

ANTHEM

At the Lamb's High Feast
Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

Calvin Hampton

He is risen. Alleluia.

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King
who hath washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;

Praise we him,

whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast.

Christ the victim,

Christ the priest.

Alleluia. He is risen, amen.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

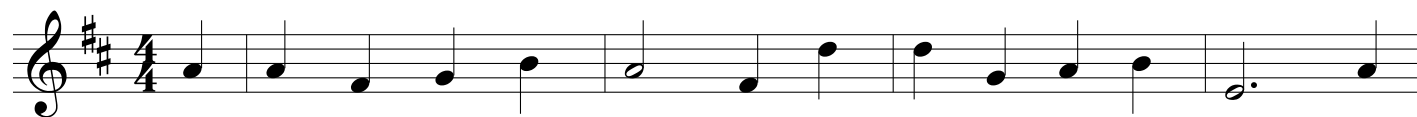
Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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.

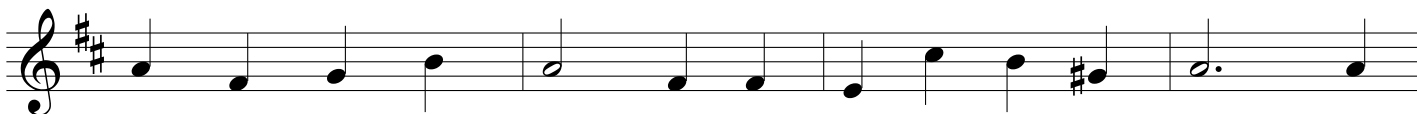
**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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



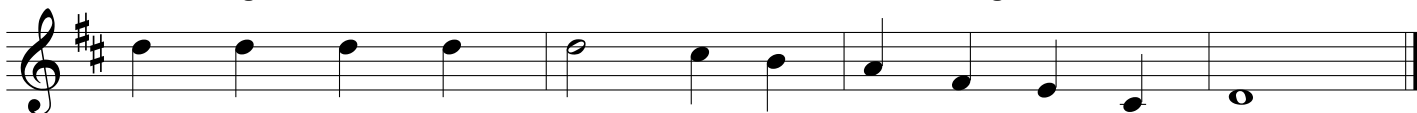
1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad, the
 2. Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right the
 3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin; the



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



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



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

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen
 Sanctuary Choir and Singing for Life

Agnes W. Norfleet
 John Stainer

POSTLUDE

"Toccata" from *Symphonie V*

Charles-Marie Widor

WORSHIP NOTES

BRASS ENSEMBLE

John Thyhsen, trumpet

Scott Marino, trumpet

Jarred Antonacci, trombone

Jonathan Schubert, trombone

COVER ART

The “Resurrection” Window in our East Transept.

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