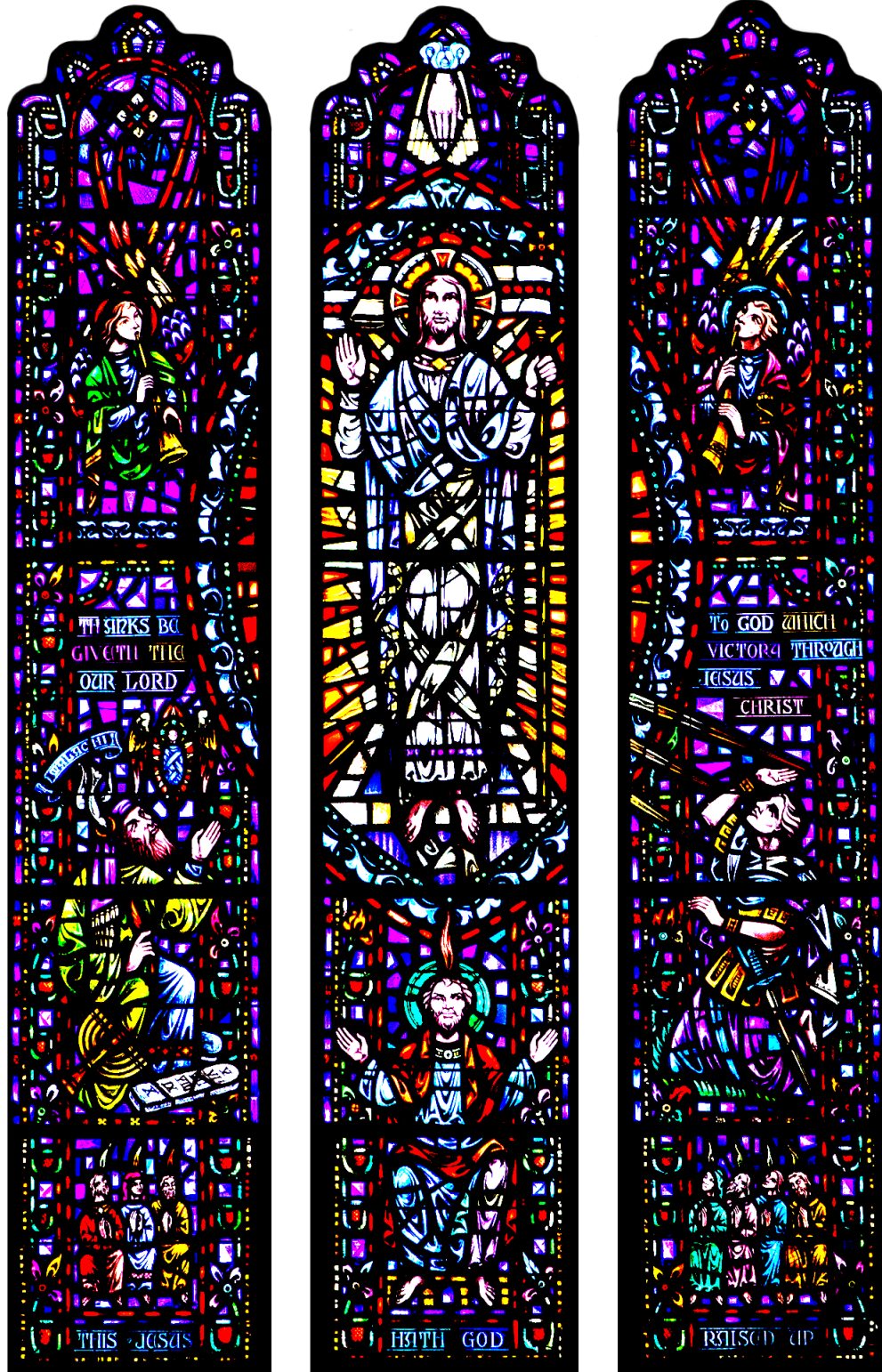


Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20, 2025

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary



Gathering of God's People

Please note that online worshipers join the livestream at 8:50 a.m.

We invite you to prepare for worship in quiet reflection.


PRELUDE Easter Carillon
Variations on "O Filii"
Marche Héroïque

Robert J. Powell
Jeanne Demessieux
Georg Philipp Telemann

INTROIT Hallelujah from "Messiah" 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

One On this day, Almighty God won victory over death,
All **raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.**
One For us and for our salvation,
All **God opened the gate to everlasting life.**
One The Lord is risen!
All **He is risen, indeed!**



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!

WELCOME

Kirby Lawrence Hill

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All **Gracious God, we have heard the good news:**
how on the third day, Christ was raised from the dead.
You rolled away the stone from the tomb,
and sent messengers to proclaim the gospel.
However, like those first disciples who arrived at dawn,
we still wonder if it is true.
Forgive us, we pray, and teach us to trust your promises
and to believe the good news of salvation: that
Christ is alive and we live in the light of resurrection.

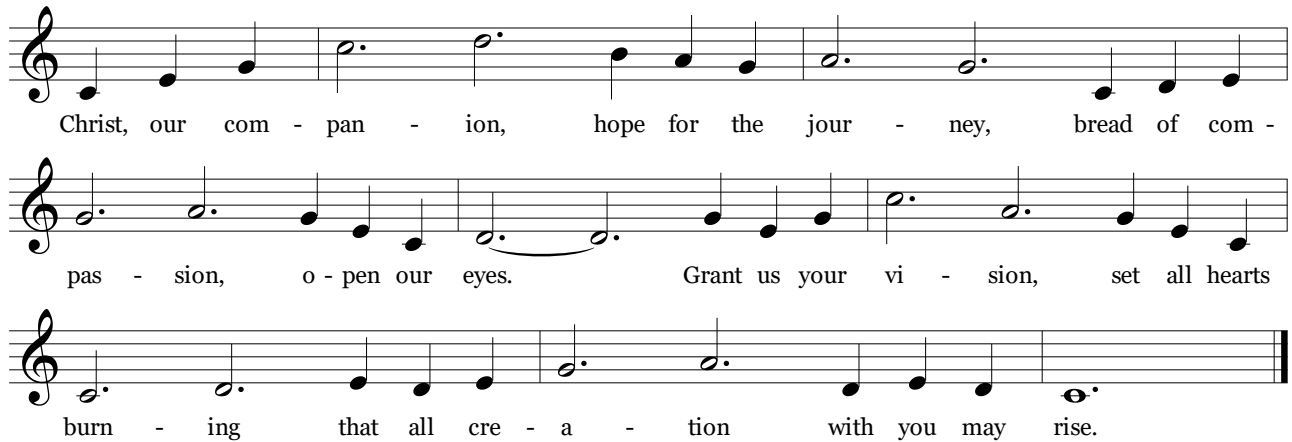
A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

During the Sung Response, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

SUNG RESPONSE

BUNESSAN



Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney, bread of com -
pas - sion, o - pen our eyes. Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts
burn - ing that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

Proclamation of the Word

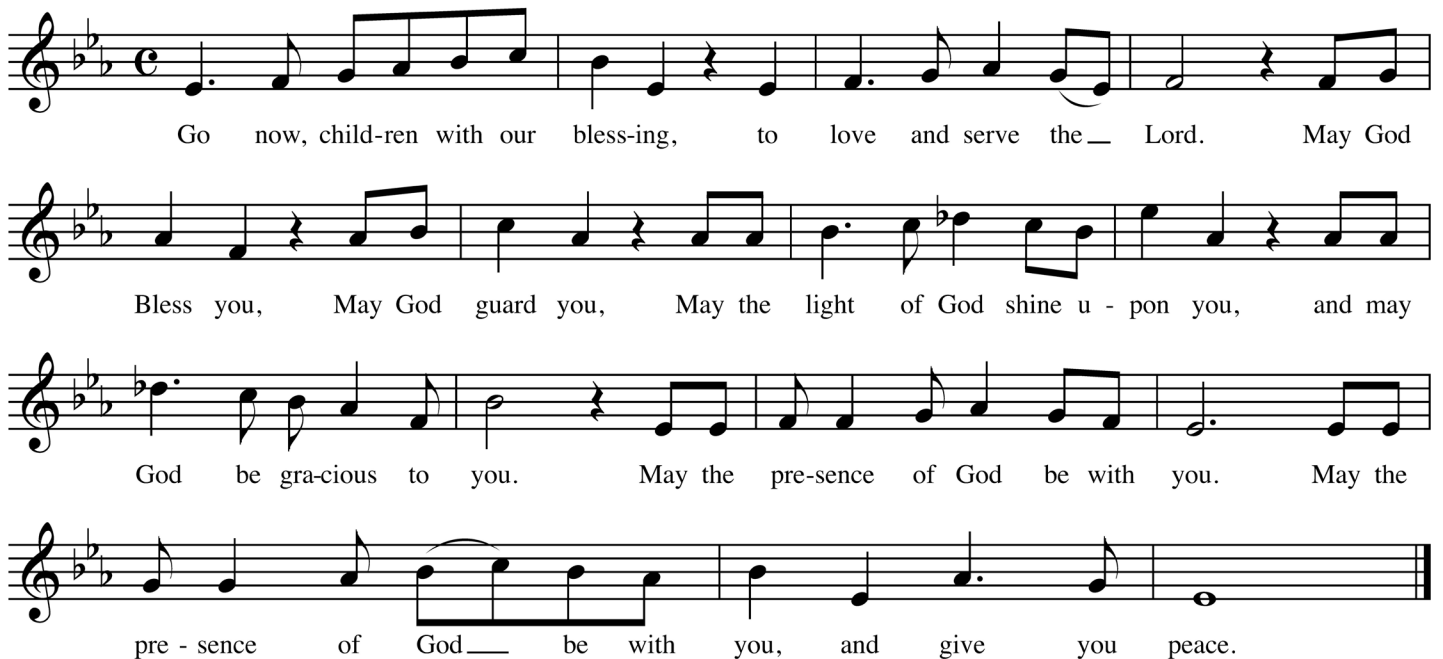
CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

9:00 a.m. - Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 3
depart for their Sunday School classes.

11:00 a.m. - Following the Children's Moment, children return to their seats.

SENDING HYMN Go Now Children With Our Blessing



Go now, child-ren with our bless-ing, to love and serve the Lord. May God
Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine u - pon you, and may
God be gra-cious to you. May the pre-sence of God be with you. May the
pre - sence of God be with you, and give you peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Andy Greenhow (9:00 a.m.)
Rachel Pedersen (11:00 a.m.)

FIRST LESSON Psalm 118:1, 14-17

(pg. 565 in pew Bible)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; 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.

ANTHEM Alleluia

Alleluia, Amen.

Randall Thompson

SECOND LESSON Luke 24:1-12

(pg. 81 in pew Bible)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners,

and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

One The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON *Beyond the Idle Tale*

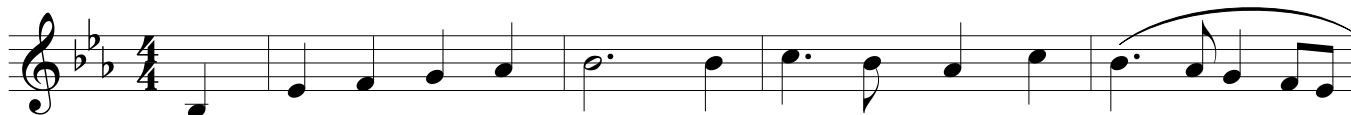
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Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 244 This Joyful Eastertide

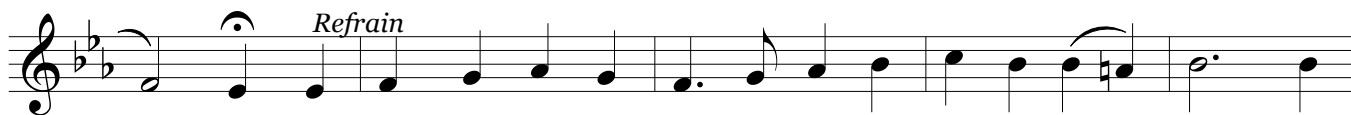
VRUECHTEN



1. This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and sor -
2. My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son slum -
3. Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the riv -



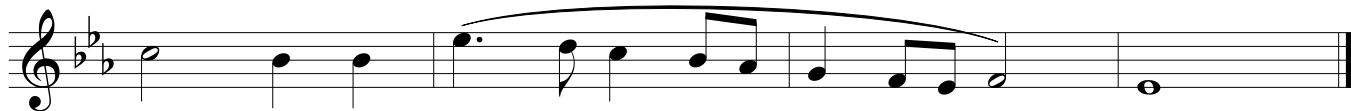
- row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has sprung to life this mor -
- ber till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in num -
- er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my pass - ing soul de - liv -



- row.
- ber. Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - son, our
- er.



faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

All 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All 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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Easter Hymn

David Conte

The sun arises from the sea, and all around his rays are flinging, the flowers are opening on the lea, the merry birds are singing. But not alone for morning skies shall praise unto our God be given: This day our Savior did arise and opened the gate of heaven. A blissful bright eternity bought by the rising of the Giver, to Whom all praise, all honor be, for ever and forever. Alleluia!

Please fill in the Friendship Pad at the end of your pew; pass it down your row and back again.

Please stand, if able.

DOXOLOGY 606 Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Andy Greenhow (9:00 a.m.)

Rachel Pedersen (11:00 a.m.)

HYMN 236 The Strife Is O'er

VICTORY

Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to - ry of life is
 2. The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their le - gions hath dis -
 3. The three sad days are quick - ly sped; Christ ris - es glo - rious from a
 4. Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread sting thy ser - vants



won; the song of tri - umph has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 persed: let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 dead: all glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 free, that we may live, and sing to thee: Al - le - lu - ia!

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE "Toccata" from Symphony V

Charles-Marie Widor

WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in this joyful season of Eastertide! As we celebrate the good news of Christ's resurrection, we are reminded that hope, renewal, and new life are at the heart of our faith. Whether you're a longtime member or a first-time visitor, we're glad you're here. Through worship, fellowship, and service, we seek to live as resurrection people—grounded in love, growing in faith, and reaching out to the world. May this season draw us closer to God and to one another as we rejoice in the promise of Easter.



The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet
Senior Pastor

NEW HERE?

We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to introduce yourself to one of our pastors in the Atrium following the worship service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Learn more at bmpc.org.

CHILDCARE ON SUNDAY

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages six months and older. Please contact the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

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LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

Our Sunday 10:00 a.m. service is livestreamed and can be viewed at www.bmpc.org/livestream or on our YouTube channel. A recording of the service will also be available on our Worship Services website page and Vimeo channel starting Monday. If you are attending in person and prefer not to be on camera, please speak with an usher who will seat you in an area off camera.

Worship & Music Notes

BRYN MAWR FESTIVAL BRASS

Andrew Connors – Trumpet

Jarred Antonacci – Trombone

Joseph Anderson – Trumpet

Ehren Valmé – Bass Trombone

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Nancy Lawrence Hill and Brian Middleton

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IN CELEBRATION OF:

The Baptism of David R. Graf
The Birth of Meyer Smith Borkowski
The Birth of Sadie Esmond (Volpert)
The Life of Myles Esmond (Volpert)
The Marriage of Julia Udicious and Charlie
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