

The Worship of God

6th Sunday in Easter • May 17, 2020

PRELUDE

Thine Is the Glory

Arr. by Valerie Stephenson

SPC Handbell Choir

(Recorded on February 2, 2020)

[The large paschal (or Easter) candle represents the light of Christ. It is used throughout the Season of Easter, at baptisms, and funerals.]

INTROIT

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.

For our redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.

Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.

Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Molly Frederick & Gail Thomas

*(All speak parts **boldfaced**)*

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

We are witnesses: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Risen Christ meets us again and again; opening our eyes and expanding our minds. Let us worship God.

HYMN #321

The Church's One foundation

AURELIA

Robin Fort, alto; Eddie Fort, tenor; James Council, organist

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.

She is his new creation by water and the word.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,

she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:

till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,

and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

TEXT: Samuel John Stone, 1866, alt. MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-732613

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Loving God, in a doubting world, keep us alive in our faith that
Jesus is our Messiah, Your son, and our Messiah.

That we may have life in his name.

Encouraging God, in a world that is bound up by fear,
fill us again with your Spirit of love.

For courage comes from the heart.

We bear witness to our faith, knowing that we are called to live lives of courage,
love and reconciliation in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of each day.
We bear witness, too, to our failures, and our complicity in the fractures of our world.

May we be courageous today. May we learn today. May we love today.

In the name of the one who forgives, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen

And in the name of the one who was and is courage,
grace and mercy made flesh: we are forgiven.

Today and always. Alleluia! Amen.

Adapted from Prayers by Padraig O Tuama and B David Hostetter

RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* ALLELUIA NO. 1

Gail Thomas, soprano; Wayne Tillman, tenor; Lynn Auman, violin; Chad Hammer, cello

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

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GOSPEL READING John 14:1-14

SERMON "Going Ahead" Rev. Laura Viau

HYMN #11 *Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud* ABERYSTWYTH

(Recorded on October 20, 2019)

***Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud, Fortress, Fountain, Shelter, Light,
Judge, Defender, Mercy, Might, Life whose life all life endowed:***

***May the church at prayer recall that no single holy name
but the truth behind them all is the God whom we proclaim.***

***Word and Wisdom, Root and Vine, Shepherd, Savior, Servant, Lamb,
Well and Water, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM:***

***May the Church at prayer recall that no single holy name
but the truth behind them all is the God whom we proclaim.***

TEXT Thomas H. Troeger, 1986 P.D. MUSIC: Joseph Parry, 1876 P.D.

INVITATION TO GIVE

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Offertory

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

arr. Mary McDonald

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

(inspired by Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16)

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 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.

BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

CLOSING RESPONSE

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

MRURAHINI, HALELUYA

Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing: he reigns triumphant, heavenly King.
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

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POSTLUDE

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JUDAS MACCABEUS

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