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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021

** Those who are able, please stand.*
Congregation responds in bold.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE Fugue in D Major, BWV 532 J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)
Marko Petričić, Organ

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

When the disciples were certain that Jesus was dead,
he stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."
Let us watch for the risen Christ this day,
bursting in with new life and new hope.
Easter people, Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

* HYMN

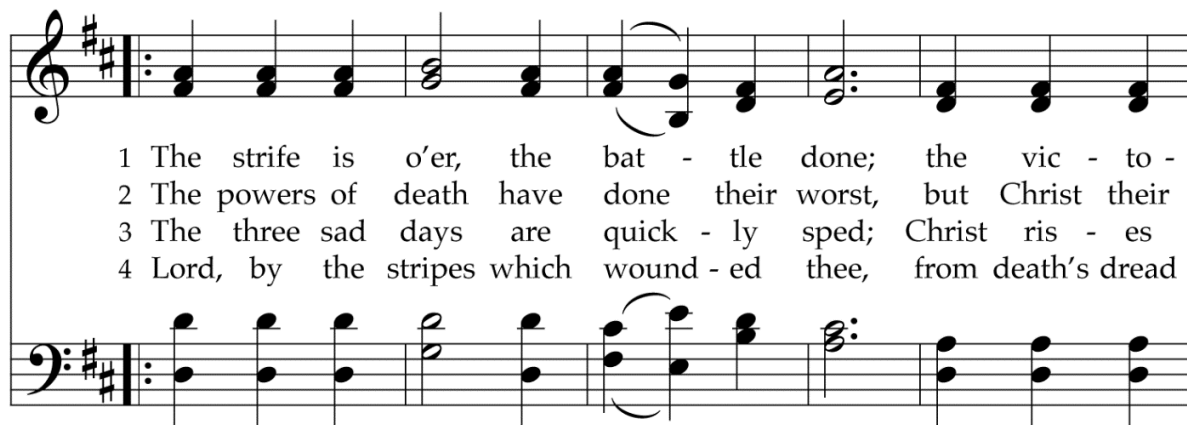
The Strife is O'er

VICTORY

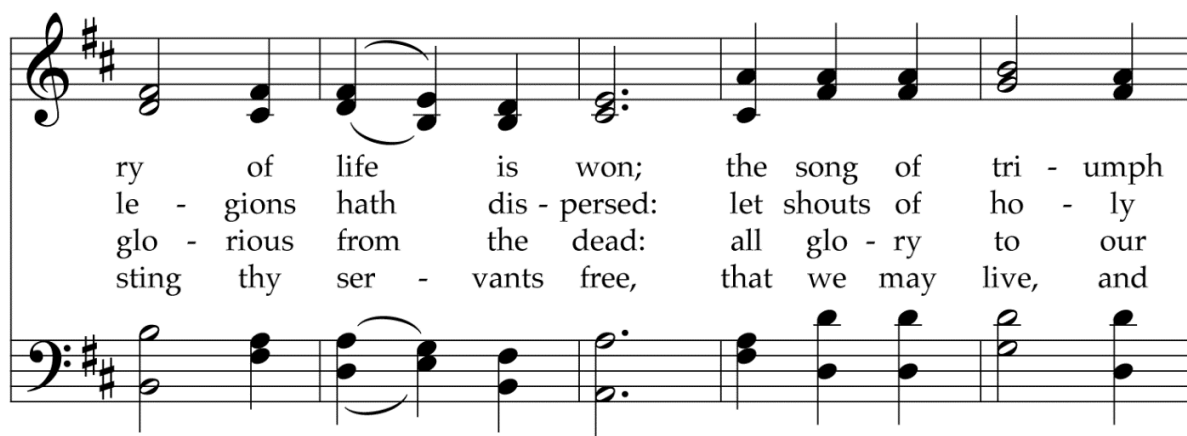
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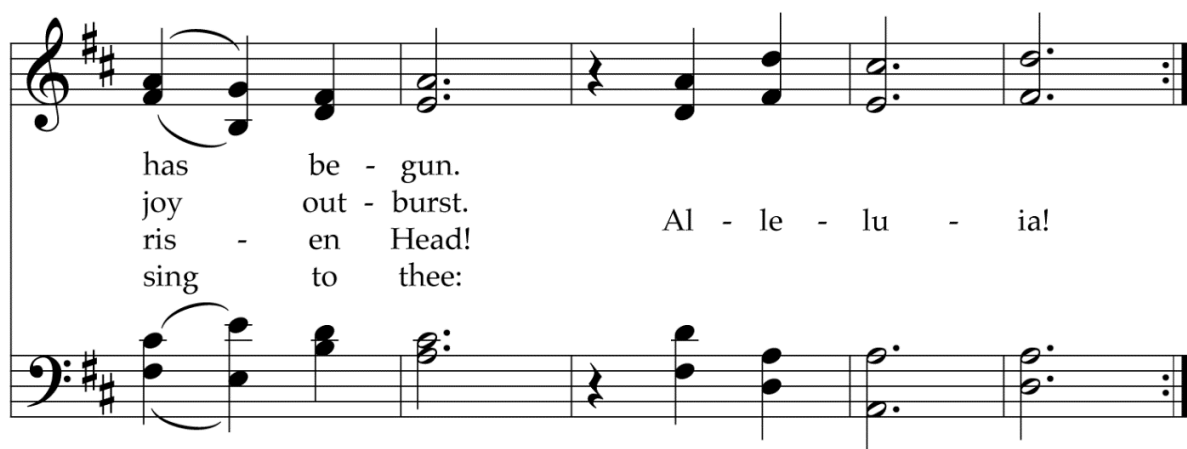
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1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped; Christ ris - es
 4 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread



ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shouts of ho - ly
 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 sting thy ser - vants free, that we may live, and



has be - gun.
 joy out - burst.
 ris - en Head!
 sing to thee:
 Al - le - lu - ia!

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

While we were talking, Jesus came and stood among us.
But we kept on talking. We talked ourselves out of the
peace that was present to us.

**There are so many times when we fail to recognize the
presence of Christ in our midst –**

Christ present in our hearts to bring us peace.

Christ, have mercy.

**There are so many times when we fail to encounter
Christ in our midst - Christ in creation that hungers
while we eat; Christ in the suffering and unrelieved.
Christ, have mercy.**

**There are so many times when we fail to understand
Christ in our midst –**

**Christ in our wondering, Christ in our joy, Christ in
our disbelieving.**

Christ, have mercy.

*** SILENT CONFESSION**

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Jesus asked, “Why are you frightened? Why do doubts
arise in your hearts?”

We know that Christ is present in us.

Friends, we are loved and forgiven.

Praise God! In the light of Jesus, we can begin afresh.

* GLORY TO GOD

arr. Val Parker



Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God,

Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, and

peace to his peo - ple on all the earth.

* **SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE** (*Worshipers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace.*)

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM 4

arr. Hal Hopson
(born 1933)

Kelly Day and Simon Lee, Cantors



Lord, hear my prayer, hear my prayer.

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

ANTHEM Surely, He Hath Borne our Griefs (from Messiah)

George F. Handel

(1685 – 1759)

Section Leaders

Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.

He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities:
the chastisement of our peace was upon him.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 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.

OFFERING

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN Go in Grace and Make Disciples

WONDROUS LIGHT



1 Go in grace and make dis - ci - ples. Bap - tize in God's
2 Go and fol - low Christ's ex - am - ple, not to van - quish,
3 Go in Pen - te - cos - tal spir - it, man - y tongues and



ho - ly name. Tell of death and res - ur - rec - tion; Eas - ter's
but to heal. Mend the wounds of sin's di - vi - sions. Ser - vant
man - y gifts. Feed the hearts of hun - gry peo - ple. Spread the



vic - tory now pro - claim. Christ's com - mis - sion sends us forth
love to all re - veal. Roles and ranks shall be re - versed;
gos - pel that up - lifts. Till the day of Christ's re - turn,



to the na - tions of the earth. Go in grace and
jus - tice flow for all who thirst. Go and fol - low
as dis - ci - ples, teach and learn. Go in Pen - te -



make dis - ci - ples, mid - wives for the world's re - birth.
Christ's ex - am - ple. Forge a world of last made first.
cos - tal spir - it: let God's flame of wit - ness burn.

*** BLESSING AND CHARGE**

And now friends, may the Lord bless you and keep you,
shine upon you with grace and mercy,
and give you what is needed for each new day.

CHORAL RESPONSE A Gaelic Blessing John Rutter
born 1945)

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to
you,
Deep peace of Christ to you.



MUSIC IN WORSHIP

In Psalm 4 we are reminded God hears and answers our prayers. In the opening lines, the psalmist gets right to the point: “Hear when I pray.” The writer speaks of his suffering (“Long have I suffered revilement and shame”) but is confident the Lord will provide peace (“I know there will be justice according to holy decree.”). As the psalm approaches the end, the mood changes and the psalmist is assured of God’s presence (“Safely I rest in the palm of your hand.”). The one who was desperate can now be at peace, for matters can be left in God’s hands.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Zoom Sunday Morning Bible Study – April 25, May 2,
10:10—10:50am

Zoom Preschool Sunday School – 2nd Sunday each month at
10am. Ages. 3-5.

Zoom Children's Church – 4th Sunday each month at 10am.
Grades K-5th

Zoom Northminster Reads – TODAY at 5:30pm. Caste: The
Origins of Our Discontents

Spring Work Days – April 30 and May 1, 9am-Noon

Plant Sale Pick-up – April 30, 10am-6pm, Porch

Meet and Greet Nancy Fortenberry – May 2, 4:00-5:30 pm in
the parking lot.

Town Hall Meetings – May 16, 10am (sanctuary), May 16,
1pm (Zoom), June 6, 10am (sanctuary)

Zoom Northminster Reads – May 16, 5:30pm. Begin Again:
James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own
by Eddie S. Glaude, Jr.

*For more information on events and meetings – **and how to join**
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