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Welcome & Announcements

Dr. Don Ashburn

Prelude

O Lamm Gottes
Mark Wings, organ

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

*Church Bell

(*The congregation is invited to stand)

*Call to Worship

Jan Zovickian

Liturgist: God of joy and life and promise,

People: We come to you this day to celebrate the renewal of life in the joys of this Easter season.

Liturgist: May that joy fill all our days,

People: And may the resurrection of Christ inspire us to work for love and peace.

Liturgist: May we be renewed in our time with you and with one another today!

All: As we worship you in spirit and in truth.

*Hymn (see BACK page)

O day of resurrection

Lancashire

*Prayer of Confession

Jan Zovickian

Holy and merciful God, we confess that we do not have you all figured out, though we act as if we do. We do not wait with patience for your words of wisdom and direction. We raise your banner high but do our own will. So, have mercy on us who love you, but have not been able to separate our desire for power, our desire for glory, our desire to speak for you, from your calling on our lives. Help us, loving God, to remember that we are sinners seeking your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Words of Christian Greeting

Offertory

Priez pour paix (Pray for peace)
Tina Harrington, alto
Mark Wings, piano

Francis Poulenc
(1899-1963)

Pray for peace, sweet Mary, heavens Queen and mistress of the world. In your kindness, call the saints pray to your Son, to look on his people whom he redeemed with his blood, and to banish war which destroys all. Do not weary of our prayers! We pray for peace, the true treasure of joy.
—words by Charles D'Orléans (1394-1465)

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Doxology

(Hymnal, p. 572)

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

Scripture Reading

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of

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any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon

IT BETTER BE TRUE

Rev. Dr. Don Ashburn

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Dr. Ashburn

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution 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 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 for ever. Amen.

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

We observe the sacrament of Communion by intinction. As directed by an usher, please stand (as you’re able) and go to the center aisle. Servers will be standing at 4 stations — 2 at the front of the sanctuary and 2 at the back. They’ll be holding plates filled with small pieces of bread and chalices — 1 with wine, 1 with grape juice. Take a piece of bread from a plate. Dip it into the cup. Then eat the bread and return to your pew by a side aisle. If you prefer to take grape juice instead of wine, tell a server. Please do not drink directly from the cup. Those who wish to remain seated will be served in their seats. Please indicate to an usher your interest in being served in a pew.

The 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

***Hymn** (See *NEXT Page*)

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

St. Kevin

***Commission and Benediction**

Dr. Ashburn

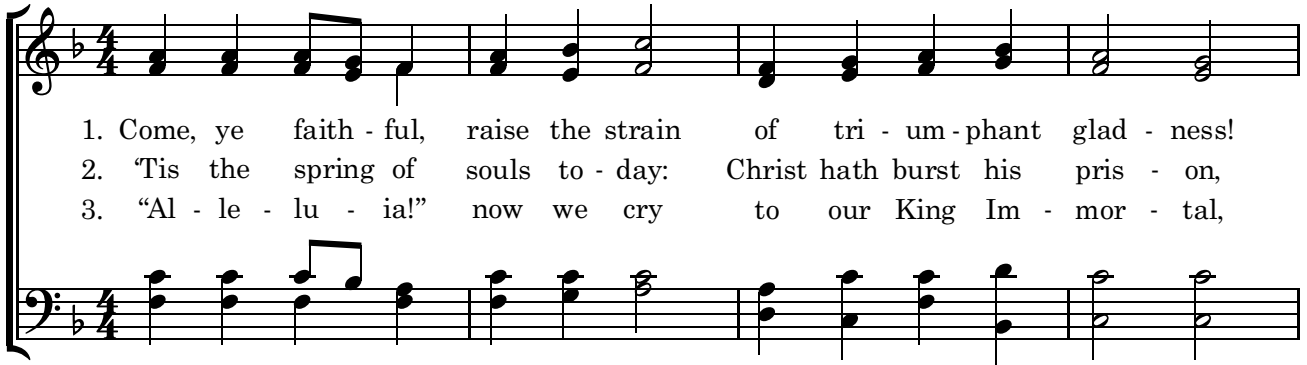
Organ voluntary

Prelude in C major
Mark Winges, organ

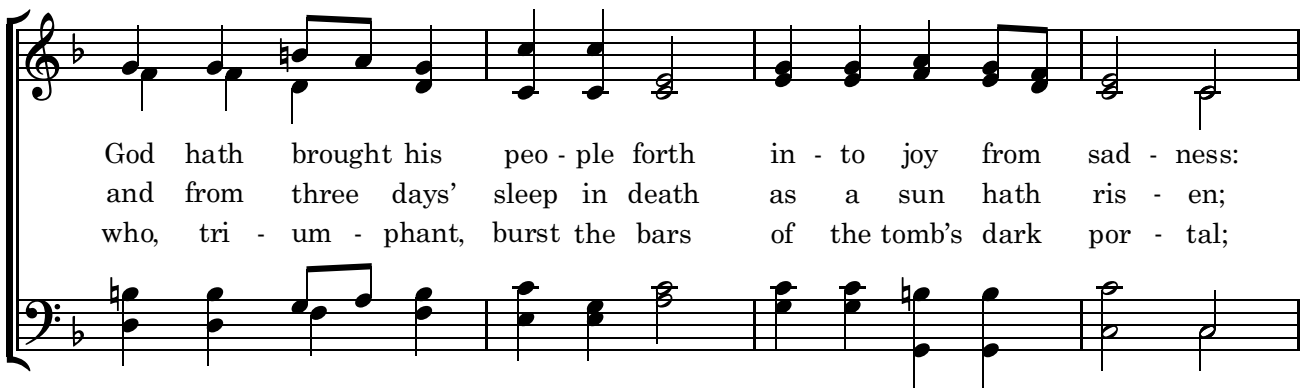
J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

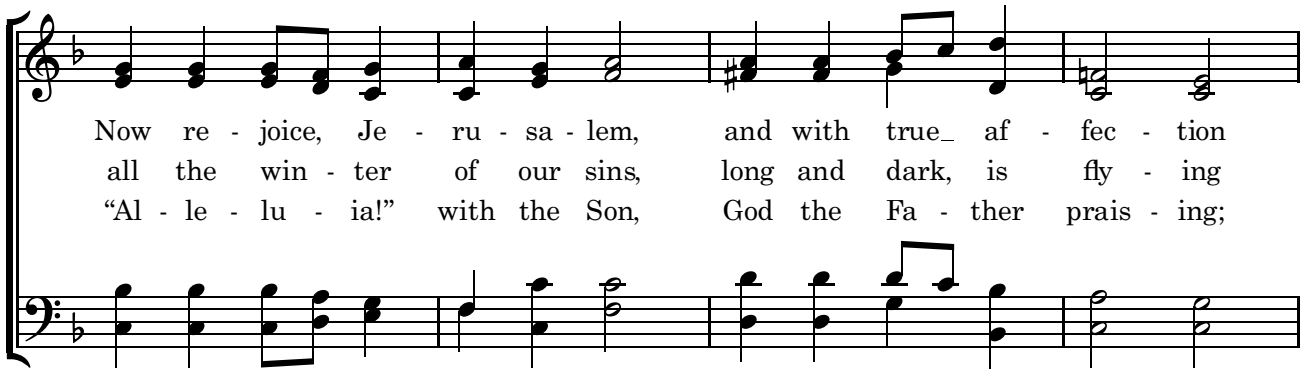
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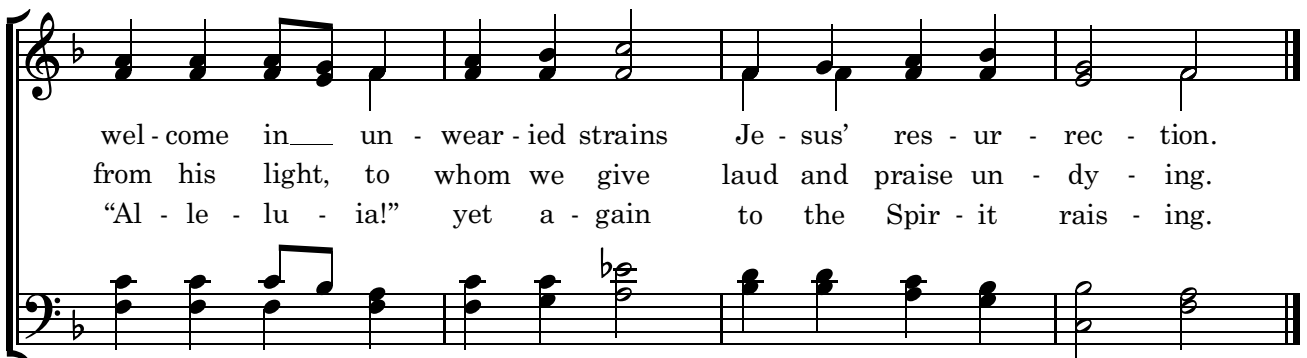
1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pris - on,
3. "Al - le - lu - ia!" now we cry to our King Im - mor - tal,



God hath brought his peo - ple forth in - to joy from sad - ness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



Now re - joice, Je - ru - sa - lem, and with true af - fec - tion
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
"Al - le - lu - ia!" with the Son, God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



wel - come in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
"Al - le - lu - ia!" yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

The day of resurrection

Lancashire



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



the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;
the world re - sound in tri - umph, and all that is there - in;



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,___
and, lis - ening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,___
let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend;___



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

Words: John of Damascus, 8th century, transl. John M. Neale, 1862

Music: Henry T. Smart, 1835

'THE MESSENGER'



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