

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD  
APRIL 4, 2021



WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Triumph and Glory*  
Chancel Bells and Organ

Kevin McChesney

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

This day is like every other day.

**Alarm clocks beeped. Covers were removed.**

**Coffee was brewed. Weary bodies came to life.**

And yet this day, is like no other day—

**For the sun rose, and we knew it was a miracle.**

**The tomb was empty, and they knew it was love.**

So again and again we say—

**The longest night is over.**

**Death has lost its sting.**

**Jesus is among us.**

**Alleluia! Amen.**

Again and again and again—

**Alleluia! Amen.**

HYMN

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*  
Chancel Bells and Organ

EASTER HYMN  
Arranged by Cynthia Dobrinski

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

CONFESSING OUR SIN

**Before God and before each other, we confess:**

**We have seen the sun rise and withheld our praise.**

**We have seen our neighbors suffer and have withheld our aid.**

**We have seen love extended and chosen to walk away.**

**We have seen divisions deepen and managed to remain unfazed.**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Beloved, we are heard. We are seen. We are forgiven.  
 God's love is like the sun.  
 No matter how lost we are in the night,  
 Day after day, the light will find us.  
 Rest easy. We are held in God's warmth.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, amen.**

**JOYFUL RESPONSE**

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*  
 Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
 Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.  
 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
 Jesus has died and has risen.  
 Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
 Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

ALLELUIA #1

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Carol Gordon

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

**MUSICAL OFFERING****GOSPEL READING**

Mark 16:1-8

**SERMON***Again & Again, The Sun Rises*

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We know the fear of the upper room.  
 We know the feeling of hard days and long nights.  
 We know the grief of the tomb,  
 And the particular ache of saying goodbye.  
 We know the pain of Good Friday,  
 And we know the darkness before dawn.  
 And still,  
 And still,  
 We believe.  
 We believe that again and again,  
 The sun will rise.  
 Again and again,  
 God will draw near.  
 Again and again,  
 We will march toward justice.  
 Again and again,  
 The tomb will be empty.  
 Again and again,  
 Love will win.  
 Again and again,  
 God will lead the church.  
 Again and again,  
 And again and again,  
 We will be loved.  
 The journey will not be perfect.  
 We will need to rise before dawn.  
 We will need angels along the way.  
 But again and again,  
 The sun will rise.  
 We believe. Amen.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S CHURCH, COMMUNITY AND WORLD

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS

#### Offertory Response

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

#### Prayer of Dedication

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### Invitation to the Lord's Table

#### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

In every time and every age, O God, it is good and faithful that we give you thanks...  
...with the saints of every age, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things...

...Remembering our Lord's self-giving love, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Blessed are you, O Spirit, giver of life...

...We pray this all in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray together, saying:

**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.**

#### Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

#### Communion of the People

#### Prayer after Communion

### HYMN

#### *Thine Is the Glory*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

*Continued*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

*Hallelujah*  
Revelation 19:6, 16

George Frederic Handel

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## Notes on Today's Music

ALLELUIA is associated with two of the great holy days of the church - Christmas and Easter. It is because of this close tie with Jesus's coming and His resurrection that it is the tradition in some churches to omit the use of the word Alleluia in both liturgy and song during the penitential seasons which precede these holidays. (Advent and Lent). With the joyous antiphon announcing the risen Savior which we will share together beginning this morning's worship, Alleluia returns to the Christian's language of celebration and praise.

The Opening Voluntary was composed by Kevin McChesney (b. 1963), a composer and arranger of handbell music. He currently has over 450 titles in print and is one of the very few musicians who makes handbells a full time vocation. In 1991, McChesney founded the Pikes Peak Ringers, a community handbell choir based in Colorado Springs, Colorado, which he directs. In addition to performances throughout the state of Colorado and the western United States, the Pikes Peak Ringers have been the featured group at several national handbell choir events, have been involved with publishers in providing promotional recordings of new releases, and have recorded five studio CDs and produced two performance DVDs.

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today", indeed the consummate Easter Hymn, was originally a Latin hymn dating from the fourteenth century and whose author(s) is unknown. The fourth verse in our hymnal was written by Charles Wesley and published in 1740. The tune first appeared in the collection of hymns entitled *Lyra Davidica*. While this collection dates from 1708, the composer is unknown and the entire collection survives in a single engraved copy in the British Museum. It is ironic that neither author nor composer is known for one of the most beloved hymns in Christendom. This arrangement is by Cynthia Dobrinski (b. 1950), a composer and arranger of handbell music. She currently has more than 175 works in print. She also works as an instructor and has conducted about 350 handbell workshops and festivals internationally.

Both the text and the music for "Thine Is the Glory" have been through a series of change of first intent. The inspiration of the original French text (*A toi la glorie, O Ressuscite*) by Edmond Budry (1854-1932) behind the English version seems to have been a German text by Friedrich-Heinrich Ranke (1798-1876) which was intended to celebrate Christ's entry into Jerusalem, which through translation and paraphrase, creates a shift from acclamation (Christ's entry) to declaration (Christ's Resurrection). At least, the original text - and its adaptations - were intended to be set to Handel's music.

The music by Handel (1685-1759) first appeared in his oratorio *Joshua, An Oratorio* (London, 1748) for chorus, but the music proved so popular that Handel inserted it into his earlier oratorio *Judas Maccabeus* ((1746) when he reworked the piece in 1751. It was first used as a hymn setting in *Harmonia Sacra* (London, 1753).