



PRELUDE *To God Be the Glory* W.H. Doane, arr. Matthew Weston

CHORAL INTROIT *Let Your Joy Be Known!* Fred Bock

CALL TO WORSHIP

When we long for the special effects we think life should offer:

it is enough, for us, that God comes in a soft, summer shower.

When we our hearts are cracked by the drought of doubt:

it is enough, for us, that God opens up the fountains of faith for us.

When our senses are deadened by the sales pitches of our culture:

it is enough, for us, that God wraps us in the silence of grace.

***HYMN NO 527** *Near to the Heart of God* McAfee

There is place of quiet rest, Near to the heart of God,

A place where sin cannot molest, Near to the heart of God.

Refrain: O Jesus, blest Redeemer, Sent from the heart of God.

Hold us, who wait before Thee, Near to the heart of God.

There is a place of quiet rest, Near to the heart of God,

A place where we our Savior meet, Near to the heart of God. [R]

There is a place of full release, Near to the heart of God,

A place where all is joy and peace, Near to the heart of God. [R]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come seeking God in mighty earthquakes. We come listening for God in resounding thunder. We come expecting God in sweeping victories. Yet God is found in a baby's touch. Yet God speaks in silence. Yet God is found in the least of these.

Save us, O God, from our aimless wandering. Save us, O God, from our idols. Save us, O God, from our self-induced chaos. God, in your mercy, Hear our prayer. Amen.

ANTHEM *Alleluia! Love Lives Again!* John Carter

PASSING THE PEACE

RESPONSE *Halle, Halle, Halleluja!*

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluia! Halle, Halle, Halleluia! Halleluia, Halleluia!

SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 19:9b-12 (New Living Translation)

SERMON

Listening

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“An Easter Affirmation”

by Kennon Callahan

We believe that...

Hope is stronger than memory.

Salvation is stronger than sin.

Forgiveness is stronger than bitterness.

Reconciliation is stronger than hatred.

Resurrection is stronger than crucifixion.

Light is stronger than darkness.

The empty tomb is stronger than the bloodied cross.

The risen Lord is stronger than the dead Jesus.

Easter is stronger than Good Friday.

We are the Easter people. We are the people of hope.

We are the people of the empty tomb, the risen Lord, the new life in Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

(Traditional, Hymnal p. 16)

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.

*HYMN NO 118

The Day of Resurrection

Lancashire

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought up over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light. And, listening to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own “All hail!” and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth the song begin, let the round world keep triumph,
And all that is therein. Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, Our joy that hath no end.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Gigue, from Sonata in Baroque Style

Gordon

Today’s Worship Leaders:

Kip Kipp, Guest Preacher

David Hughes, Director of Music, Carol Hughes, Accompanist

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound

Rick Conner, Liturgist



Announcements