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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 7, 2024

PRELUDE

*Fantasy on Easter Hymn*

William Harris

INTROIT

*Alleluia (excerpt)*

William Boyce

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Laura Colee

Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed!

\*HYMN 122

*Thine Is the Glory*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

\*OPENING SENTENCES

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.

**Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity; You love righteousness and hate wickedness.**

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions; your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

**I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations; therefore the peoples will praise you forever and ever.**

*adapted from Psalm 45: 6-8, 17*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION



WELCOME

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all hope and joy, Christ is risen and yet we continue to live in fear. We speak of your great love, but our own hearts condemn us. We express concern for others, but our own actions betray us. We claim to forgive one another, but we still cling tightly to our hurts and betrayals. Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us for not allowing Easter morning to change us. We ask you to transform us into a resurrection people, who move through the world as though anything is now possible through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Help us to see one another as you see us—with deep and abiding love. Mold us in your image so that others can sense your presence in our every movement. Fill our hearts with your overflowing love as we continue to pray...

## KYRIE 574 (*Choir and Congregation*)

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Believe the promise of the Gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

### ANTHEM

### Most Glorious Lord of Life

William Harris

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day didst make Thy triumph over death and sin, and having harrowed hell, didst bring away captivity thence captive, us to win.

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, and grant that we for whom Thou diddest die, being with Thy dear blood clean washed from sin, may live for ever in felicity:

And that Thy love we weighing worthily, may likewise love Thee for the same again; and for Thy sake, that all like dear didst buy, with love may one another entertain.

So let us love, dear love, like as we ought; Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

—Edmund Spenser (c. 1522-1599)

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 133

(p. 563)

### GOSPEL LESSON

Acts 4:32-35

(p. 119)

### EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 2:14-17

(p. 176)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### \*GLORIA PATRI

LAUDA ANIMA

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit, ever three and ever one; as it was in the beginning, now and ever more shall be.

**SERMON**

**Fragrance**

Rev. Colee

*For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing: to the one group a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life.*

*2 Corinthians 2:15-17*

**\*HYMN 148**

**At the Name of Jesus**

KING'S WESTON

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**Carol Wilber**

***COVENANT WITH THE CONGREGATION***

Do you, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ promise to guide and nurture Carol by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ, and to be a faithful member of his Church?

**We do.**

***\*APOSTLES' CREED***

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

***BAPTISM***

***\*AARONIC BLESSING (inside back cover of hymnal)***

**CALL TO OFFERING**

*You may bring your offering forward during the offertory, or place it in the plates after the service.*

*You may also give online; information is available on the card in the pew rack.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM I Give to You a New Commandment** Peter Nardone

I give to you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

—John 13:34–35

*Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exsultemus et in ipso iucundemur.  
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et  
excorde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.*

—St. Paulinus II (c. 726-802)

Where there is true charity, God is there.  
The love of Christ has gathered us into  
one. Let us rejoice in Him and be glad.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And from a sincere heart let us love one  
another. Amen.

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia,  
Alleluia. Praise God above ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

**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.

**\*HYMN 116 O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!** O FILII ET FILIAE

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION Amen, from *Preces and Responses*** Cecelia McDowall

**POSTLUDE Toccata on *O Filii et Filiae*** Lynnwood Farnam

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS** **APRIL 7, 2024**

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

Wednesday, April 10 Stewardship & Budget Committee 6:30 p.m.

**TWENTIES & THIRTIES BARCADE NIGHT**

This Thursday, April 11, from 5-8 p.m. meet up with some other T&Ts at the Center City  
Barcade (1326 Chestnut Street). Bring some cash so we can play some classic video arcade  
games and enjoy a beverage together. If you'd like to join us, please RSVP to Laura Colee!

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