



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Third Sunday of Easter
April 10, 2016 at 9 and 11:15 am

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Word and Sacrament

Please silence your cellular telephones.

We encourage you to begin this time of worship in silent prayer.

Prayer of Preparation

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Saraband on 'Land of Rest'
(from *Suite*, 1966)

Gerald Near
(b. 1942)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric O. Springsted

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Sing praises to the Lord, you faithful ones;

People: Give thanks to God's holy name.

Pastor: Weeping may linger for the night,

People: But joy comes with the morning.

Pastor: In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 106

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Alleluia No. 1

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Dr. Springsted

Almighty God, by your power you have raised Jesus Christ from the grave to rule this world in love. We confess that we have not believed in him but have remained captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, our constant desire to live for ourselves alone. Set us free in the victory of Jesus Christ, to live our lives in joy and service, that we may share his good news to all in need, and live as your glad and faithful people.

(Silence for personal confession)

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Service in F*)

John Weaver



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: ... Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Festival Canticle

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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*SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: Since we have been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ, let us be reconciled to one another.

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

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.

Please greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you," responding, "And also with you."

ANTHEM (11:15 am) Love Is Come Again (2008)

French Carol

arr. James Biery (b. 1956)

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
Thinking that he would never wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Your touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

— John MacLeod Campbell Crum (1872-1958)

Children's & Cherub Choirs
Margaret Macdonald, soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Christopher N. De La Cruz

FIRST LESSON

Acts 9:1-6

(nrsv, page 119 NT)

PSALM 30 (Hymn 181)

Ellacombe

(During the final stanza of the psalm, children and young people are invited to come forward, gathering around the Baptismal Font for the Lesson for Young Christians.)

LESSON FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Dr. Springsted

DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH WORSHIP

Children's Worship – Children preschool through 3rd grade may exit to the Phillips Lounge

Youth Worship – Young people 4th grade to 8th grade may exit to the Dana Chapel.

The Children & Youth return to the Sanctuary at the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 5:11-14
(nrsv, page 233 ff NT)

Christina A. Cosby

GRADUAL
(11:15 am)

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!
*French, 15th C.
arr. Andrew Henderson (2013)*

Tommy Wazelle, tenor

GOSPEL LESSON

John 21:1-19
(nrsv, page 109 ff NT)

Beverly A. Bartlett

SERMON

“On the Road Again”

Dr. Springsted

*HYMN 522
(11:15 am)

Lord, When I Came Into This Life

Land of Rest

*THE NICENE CREED

Andrew D. Smothers

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ms. Cosby

...Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Ms. Bartlett

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

From *St. Paul*, Op. 36 (1836)

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

Recitative: And as he journeyed he came near unto Damascus; when suddenly there shone around him a light from heaven: and he fell to the earth; and he heard a voice saying unto him: "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" And he said: "Lord, who art thou?" And the Lord said to him: "I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest." And he said, trembling and astonished: "Lord, what wilt thou have me do?" The Lord said to him: "Arise, and go into the city; and there thou shalt be told what thou must do." (*Acts 9:3-6*)

Chorus: Rise! Up! Arise! Rise, and shine!
The glory of the Lord appeareth upon thee. (*Isaiah 60:1*)

Chorale: Sleepers, wake! A Voice is calling;
It is the watchman on the walls, thou city of Jerusalem.
For lo, the Bridegroom comes!
Arise and take your lamps. Hallelujah!
Awake! His kingdom is at hand.
Go forth to meet your Lord.
— *Philipp Nicolai*
(1566-1608)

Marc Molomot, tenor; Rod Gomez, baritone

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures
here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(The table of our Lord Jesus Christ is open to all who are baptized. Those who do not wish to take Communion are invited to remain seated in prayer. You are asked to join in the responses as indicated.)

INVITATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

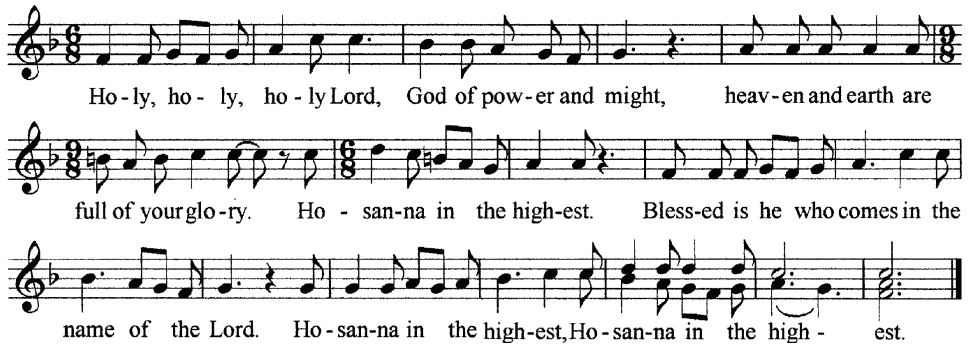
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

“...who forever sing to the glory of your name:”

SANCTUS

Weaver



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

(Communion Prayer continues) "...therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:"

ACCLAMATION

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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.

BREAKING BREAD & SHARING THE CUP

Pastor: Gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Let us keep the feast.

DISTRIBUTION

When the pastors take their serving places, please come forward, using the center aisle, beginning with the front row. The white bread is made from wheat; darker bread in the center is gluten-free rice bread. The bronze chalices contain wine; the glass chalices contain grape juice. Hold out your hands, one open palm placed on the other, and bread will be placed in your hand. For rice bread, please take it yourself, exercising care not to touch other pieces. You may eat the bread and move to the cup of wine to drink or dip your bread before eating, or move to the cup of juice and dip your bread, exercising care not to touch the liquid or cup with your fingers. Those unable to come forward will be served in their pews. If not communing, please remain in your pew in prayer.

COMMUNION ANTHEM (11:15 am)

This Joyful Eastertide (1994)

Dutch Melody

arr. Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow.
*Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now is Christ arisen!*

My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number.
Had Christ, that once was slain ...

Death's flood hath lost its chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river.
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver.
Had Christ, that once was slain ...

– George R. Woodward (1848-1934)

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

**Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to ev-'ry heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev-'ry heart!
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev-'ry heart!**

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CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 108 Christ Is Alive! *Truro*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION **Dr. Springsted**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Weaver*



*POSTLUDE March *Felix Mendelssohn*
(from *Athalia*, Op. 74)

Welcome! We're glad you've joined us for worship today. We pray that you experience Christ in our midst, and that his presence will sustain you in the week ahead. We invite you to place your name and contact information on one of the pew pads. If our pastors can assist you in some special way, indicate this in the space provided and they will be in touch with you. If you are considering becoming Christian or looking for a church home, our pastors would be delighted to talk with you about it. We urge you to consider becoming a member of this congregation and hope you will make MAPC your church home in this city.

Have children? Children and families are always welcome in the Sanctuary to worship. Children three and under may be taken to the Nursery on the 4th Floor or remain with their parents. The Narthex or the Children's Library, adjacent to the Sanctuary, are also available for families and have speakers that provide audio of the service.

MAPC Mission Statement

The mission of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church is to bring people into the transforming presence of Jesus Christ through worship, teaching the Word, Christian nurture, and ministry in and to the world. As Christ's ministers, our members are striving to build a community of God's love, justice and mercy, trusting God to lead us into faithfulness.

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