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The Resurrection of the Lord

March 27, 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

Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you underwent death and opened the way to new and everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth and sustain us as God's new creation. Glory to you, O Holy and Blessed Triune God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

From *Balletti à 6*

Heinrich Biber
(1644-1704)

Sonata – Allamanda – Aria – Canario
Amoresca – Ciacona

Bradley Siroky & Paul Murphy, trumpet
Bobbie Overton, timpani

SALUTATION

Eric O. Springsted

Pastor: Christ is risen!

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope
Through Christ's resurrection from the dead.
In the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

People: Let us worship God!

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Andrew D. Smothers

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 G*)

John Weaver



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Vulpius

Good Chris- tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1931; alt.
Music: Melchior Vulpius, 1609

*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."*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Christopher N. De La Cruz

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 65:17-25

(*nrsv, page 654 OT*)

*PSALM 118 (Hymn 230)

Nun danket all' und bringet Ehr'

(During the last 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.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:19-26
(*nrsv, page 166 NT*)

Christina A. Cosby

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

Tommy Wazelle, tenor

THE GOSPEL John 20:1-18 **Beverly A. Bartlett**
(nrsv, page 108 NT)

SERMON **“Letting Go”** **Dr. Springsted**

*HYMN 118 The Day of Resurrection *Lancashire*

*THE NICENE CREED **Ms. Cosby**

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH **Dr. Springsted**

WORD IN ACTION **“Easter Offering”** **Mr. Smothers**

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

From *Samson* (1741) *George Frideric Handel*
(1685-1759)

Air: Let the bright Seraphim in burning row,
Their loud uplifted Angel-trumpets blow.
Let the Cherubic host, in tuneful choirs,
Touch their immortal harps with golden wires.

Chorus: Let their celestial concerts all unite,
Ever to sound his praise in endless morn of light.

– *John Milton (1608-1674)*

Eliza Bagg, soprano
Bradley Siroky, trumpet

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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, heaven and earth are
 full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed is
 He who comes in the name of the Lord. 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.

Those seated in the balcony are welcome to come down the stairs and join those communing. At the 11:15 am service, those in the balcony may choose to remain there to receive communion served with trays of bread and unfermented grape juice.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Sing, Ye Faithful (1997) *Richard Wayne Dirksen*
(1921-2003)

Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness,
Wake your noblest, sweetest strain,
With the praises that your Savior
Let his house resound again;
Him let all your music honor,
And your songs exalt his reign.

Sing how he came forth from heaven,
Bowed himself to Bethlehem's cave,
Stooped to wear the servant's vesture,
Bore the pain, the cross, the grave,
Passed within the gates of darkness,
Thence his banished ones to save.

So, he tasted death for mortals,
He, of human-kind the head,
Sinless one, among the sinful,
Prince of life, among the dead:
Thus he wrought the full redemption,
And the captor captive led.

Now on high, yet ever with us,
From his Father's throne the Son
Rules and guides the world he ransomed,
Till the appointed work be done,
Till he see, renewed and perfect,
All things gathered into one. Alleluia.

– John Ellerton (1826-1893)

Megan Chartrand, soprano

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 113 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today *Llanfair*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION **Dr. Springsted**

*ANTHEM From *Messiah* *G. F. Handel*

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings and Lord of Lords. *(Revelation 19:6; 6:15; 19:16)*

Church Choir, T(w)een & Children's Choirs

*VALEDICTION

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*POSTLUDE

Toccata
(from *Symphonie No. 5*, Op. 42)

Charles-Marie Widor
(1844-1937)

The arrangements of the hymns and service music used during this morning's services were composed for Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church by Andrew Henderson.

*The Easter Decorations are given to the glory of God
By members and friends of the congregation
In loving memory or honor of the following:*

In Memory of

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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 and discuss whatever questions you might have. We urge you to consider becoming a member of this congregation and hope you will make MAPC your church home in this city.

Children are especially welcome in our worship services. If your child becomes restless, you may wish to take them to the Narthex, where they will have some room to move about, or to the Youth Library adjacent to the Sanctuary, where you may still hear the service. Parents who prefer childcare for infants and children through age three will find our Nursery on the 4th Floor. A greeter will be glad to assist you.

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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