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PRELUDE TO THE EUCHARIST

7:30	Toccata in C Major, BWV 564/1	Johann Sebastian Bach
9:00		(1685–1750)
10:30	Toccata, Adagio, and Fugue in C Major, BWV 564	J.S. Bach
12:00		
4:30	Prelude and Fugue in D Major, BWV 532	J.S. Bach

ORDER OF MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - umph - ant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as his love, Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise him all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Assembly: I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Assembly: Amen.

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff is divided into two sections: 'Cantor/Choir' and 'Assembly'. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.' The second staff has the lyrics: 'Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.' The third staff has the lyrics: 'Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.' The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a steady rhythm.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Acts 10:34a, 37–43

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23



This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.
Let the house of Israel say,
“His mercy endures forever.”

“The right hand of the Lord has struck with power;
the right hand of the Lord is exalted.
I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.”

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.

READING II

Colossians 3:1–4

EASTER SEQUENCE

Remain seated.



Assembly: **1. Chris-tians, praise the pas-chal vic-tim! Of-fer thank-ful sac-ri-fice!**



Cantor: **2. Christ the Lamb has saved the sheep, Christ the just one paid the price,**
Assembly: **3. Death and life fought bit-ter-ly For this won-drous vic-to-ry;**



Re - con - cil - ing sin - ners to the Fa - ther.
The Lord of life who died reigns glo - ri - fied!



Cantor: 4. O Mar - y, come and say what you saw at break of day.

Assembly: 5. Bright an - gels tes - ti - fied, Shroud and grave clothes side by side!



"The emp - ty tomb of my liv - ing Lord!

"Yes, Christ my hope rose glo - ri - ous - ly.

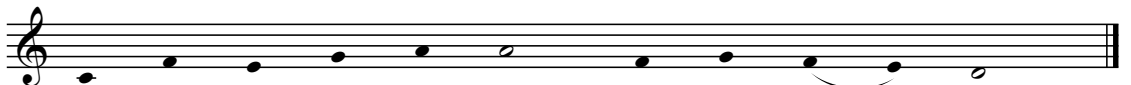


I saw Christ Je - sus ri - sen and a - dored!

He goes be - fore you in - to Ga - li - lee."



6. Share the good news, sing joy - ful - ly: His death is vic - to - ry!



Lord Je - sus, Vic - tor King, Show us mer - cy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I Corinthians 5:7b-8a



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

HOMILY

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

*After words of introduction, the Celebrant addresses the assembly
and questions them on their faith in Christ Jesus and rejection of sin.*

To each question, the assembly responds: "I do."

ANTIPHON AT THE RITE OF SPRINKLING

I saw wa - ter flow - ing from the right side of the Tem - ple,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

It brought salvation,
and the people sang in joyful praise: alleluia.

And all to whom this water came were saved,
and they sang: alleluia.

Salvation granted
and preserved for us in heaven. Alleluia.

Lord, Jesus Christ, from your wounded side
flowed streams of living water. Alleluia.

The font of life,
flowing from the pierced side of Christ. Alleluia.

The world was washed of all its sin,
and all life made new again. Alleluia.

Life giving waters,
bringing joy and salvation. Alleluia.

Stretch forth your hand, Holy Church of God,
and welcome us in. Alleluia.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

(Choir) *My Hope Is Risen*

Peter Latona
(b. 1968)

My hope is arisen, arisen from the dead.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Dawn's shining light bedecks the sky
and heaven thunders victor cry:
the glad earth shouts her triumph high
and mournful hell groans in reply.

Hell's pains are loosed and tears are fled,
captivity is captive led:
the angel crowned with light has said:
"The Lord is risen from the dead!"

"I beheld the glory bright
of the rising Lord of Light.
Christ my hope is ris'n again;
now he lives and lives to reign."

*(Victimæ paschali laudes,
tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1808–1881)*

OFFERTORY HYMN



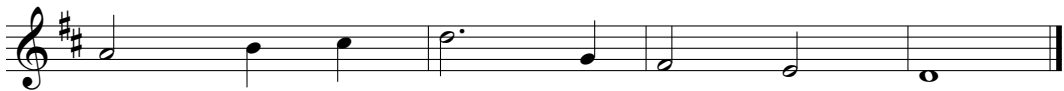
1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives;
2. He lives tri - um - phant from the grave,
3. He lives, all glo - ry to His name!



What joy the blest as - sur - ance gives!
He lives e - ter - nal - ly to save,
He lives, my Sav - ior, still the same;



He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives all glo - rious in the sky,
What joy the blest as - sur - ance gives;

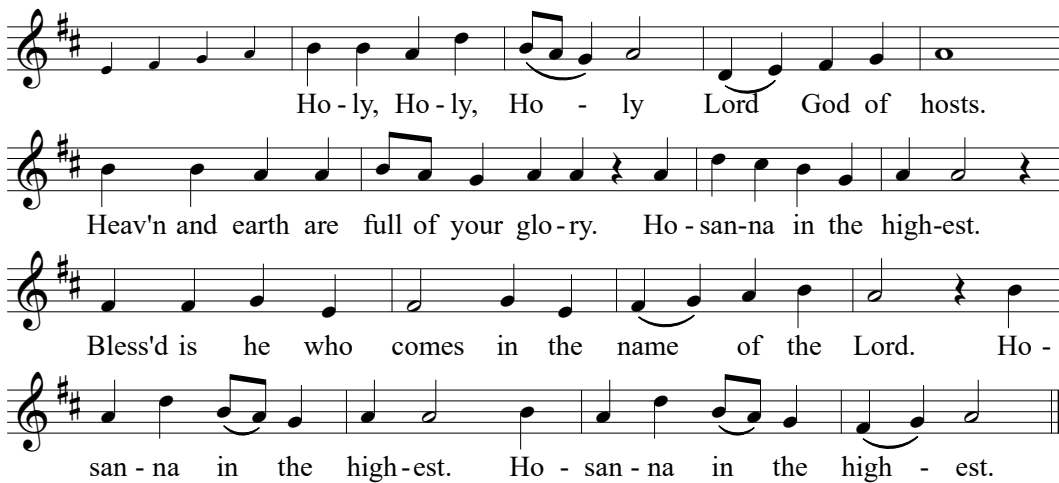


He lives, my ev - er - last - ing Head!
He lives ex - al - ted there on high.
I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

PREFACE

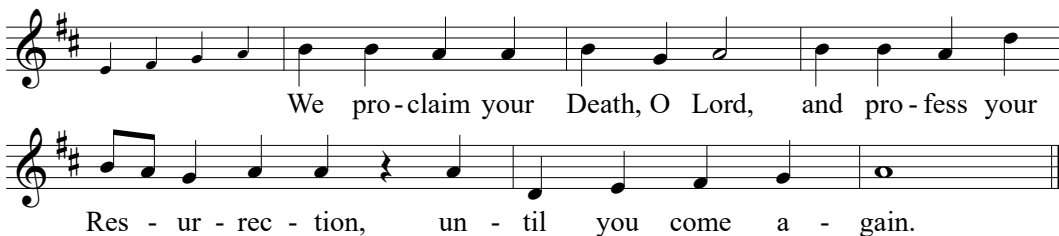
PREFACE DIALOGUE

PREFACE ACCLAMATION



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your
Res - ur - rec - tion, un - til you come a - gain.

GREAT AMEN



A - men, a - men, a - men.

COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

DOXOLOGY

SIGN OF PEACE

LITANY AT THE BREAKING OF BREAD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

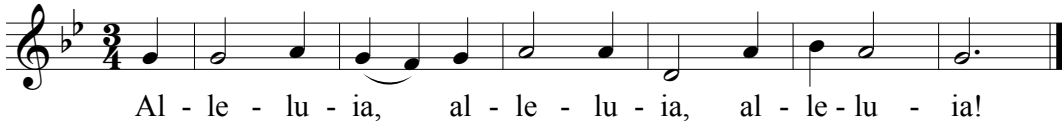
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

(1 Corinthians 5:7-8)

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Ye Sons and Daughters

arr. Benjamin LaPrairie
(b. 1981)



(Choir) *Hallelujah* from *Messiah*

Georg Frideric Händel
(1685–1759)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world
Is become the kingdom of our Lord,
And of His Christ, and of His Christ;
And He shall reign for ever and ever,
For ever and ever, forever and ever,

King of kings, and Lord of lords,
King of kings, and Lord of lords,
And Lord of lords,
And He shall reign,
And He shall reign forever and ever,
King of kings, forever and ever,
And Lord of lords,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

And He shall reign forever and ever,
King of kings! and Lord of lords!
And He shall reign forever and ever,
King of kings! and Lord of lords!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

Celebrant: May almighty God bless you
through today's Easter Solemnity
and, in his compassion,
defend you from every assault of sin.

Assembly: Amen.

Celebrant: And may he, who restores you to eternal life
in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten,
endow you with the prize of immortality.

Assembly: Amen.

Celebrant: Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close,
may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast
come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit,
to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.

Assembly: Amen.

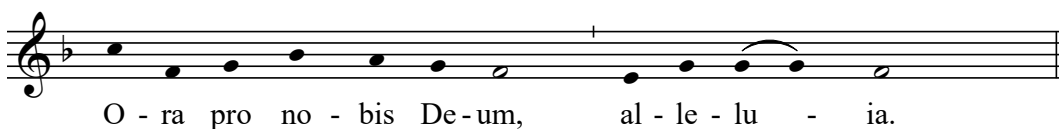
Celebrant: And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Assembly: Amen.

Deacon: 
Go in peace, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Assembly: 
Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

MARIAN ANTIPHON (*at Noon Mass*)



*Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
The Son you merited to bear, alleluia,
Has risen as he said, alleluia.
Pray to God for us, alleluia.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN

*We ask you to respect our custom of standing in place
and singing the complete Recessional Hymn.*



1. The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a -
2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a -
3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be -



broad; the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the
right the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of
gin, the round world keep high tri - umph, and



Pass - o - ver of God. From death to life e - ter - nal,
re - sur - rec - tion light; And, lis - tening to his ac - cents,
all that is there - in; Let all things seen and un - seen



from earth un - to the sky, our Christ hath brought us
may hear so calm and plain his own "All hail!" and,
their notes to - geth - er blend, for Christ the Lord is



o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
ri - sen, our joy that hath no end.

POSTLUDE

7:30	Fugue in C Major, BWV 564/3	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
9:00	Rondo in G	John Bull (1562–1628)
10:30	v. Toccata <i>from</i> Symphony No. 5, Op. 42	Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)
12:00		
4:30		



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

12 April 2026

The Great Upper Church

4:30 P.M. (Vigil)

7:30 A.M. (Crypt Church), 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 4:30 P.M.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

11:45 A.M.

SOLEMN MASS

12:00 NOON

His Eminence

DONALD CARDINAL WUERL

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CORONILLA DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA (EN ESPAÑOL)

2:00 P.M.

MISA SOLEMNE (EN ESPAÑOL)

2:30 P.M.

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Sundays in Easter at 4:00 P.M.
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4:30 P.M. Mass following
Great Upper Church

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