

April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday

Led by the Holy Spirit, LaGrave's members seek to worship and serve God in all of life, transforming His world and being transformed to reflect the character of Christ.

Welcome to worship at LaGrave. Because our worship proceeds without announcements, please carefully follow the order of worship printed below, noting that we use *two* different red hymnals. The *Worship & Rejoice* hymnal will be indicated by bold, italic type. An asterisk denotes standing for those who are able. We are glad that you are here. Let us worship God together.

MORNING WORSHIP 8:40 & 11:00 AM

Please prepare your heart and mind for worship with a time of prayer and meditation.

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:

“I Am the Resurrection and the Life”

Heinrich Schütz, arr. S. Drummond Wolff

“Grand Chœur”

Théodore Dubois, arr. David J. Brockman

The Chiming of the Hour

The Christ Candle Returns:

To symbolize the death of Jesus, the Christ candle was removed from the sanctuary during the Maundy Thursday service. On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, to symbolize Christ's time in the grave, the candle remained absent from the front of the church. This morning, to celebrate Jesus' resurrection, the candle is restored. “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it!” John 1:5

We Respond with Praise

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 182:1-4

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

arr. Terre Johnson

(Please rise at the director's cue.)

Introduction

Verse 1 & 2: All in harmony

Interlude

Verse 3: All in harmony

Interlude

Verse 4: All in unison

*The Greeting – concluded by the minister saying

“Christ is risen!”

*The People's Response: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Welcome

We Celebrate Christ's Resurrection

Easter Yesterday:

The Reading: Luke 24:1-12 (pg. 1643)

The Hymn Concertato:

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

arr. Larry Visser

Introduction

Verse 1: All in unison

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness; God hath brought forth Israel into joy from sadness; loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters, led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

Verse 2: All in harmony

'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison, and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen; all the winter of our sins, long and dark is flying from his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Verse 3: Choir

Now the queen of seasons bright with the day of splendor, with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render; comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

Verse 4: Choir

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal, nor the watchers, nor the seal held thee as a mortal; but today amidst the twelve thou didst stand bestowing that they preach which evermore passeth human knowing.

Interlude

Verse 5: All in unison

“Alleluia!” now we cry to our King immortal, who, triumphant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal; “Alleluia!” with the Son, God the Father praising, “Alleluia!” yet again to the Spirit's raising.

Easter Today:

The Reading: Colossians 3:1-6, 12-14 (pg. 1831)

The Response: Lift Up your Hearts 204

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna”

arr. John Ferguson

Introduction

Verse 1: All in unison

Verse 2: All in harmony

Verse 3: All in unison

Easter Tomorrow:

The Reading: I Corinthians 15:50-58 (pg. 1789)

*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 202

“This Joyful Eastertide”

The Children's Message

(Children, 4-1st grade, may leave for Children's Worship.)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Christ Is Risen”

Paul Sjolund

Christ is risen, now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Christ is risen, now is Christ risen from the dead. Alleluia.

I Corinthians 15:20, 21, 53, 55

The Offertory:

“This Joyful Eastertide”

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

The Offering:

Today's offering is for Family Promise and the LaGrave General Fund. Please use an envelope from the pew to designate your gift. All undesignated monies will go to the General Fund.

(Please sign and pass the Welcome Register.)

*The Doxology:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Revelation 1:9-20 (pg. 1913)

The Sermon: **“EASTER FOREVER”**

We Respond with Devotion

*The Hymn of Dedication: Lift Up Your Hearts 205:1,4,5
“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

God Sends Us into His World

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Choral Response

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Toccata, from *Symphony No. 5*” Charles Marie Widor

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Mike Hoogeboom – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director

Greg Alley, Aaron Good, Peter Schipper – trumpet

Richard Britsch – French horn

Pete Tigchelaar – trombone

Phil VandenBerge – tuba

Olivia Huizenga – Christ Candle Bearer

Mary and Ken Afman – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Julie and Dan Molenbeek – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

We welcome two guest musicians, **Greg Alley** who tours regularly across the nation with The King’s Brass and teaches trumpet at Calvin College, and **Richard Britsch**, principal hornist with the Grand Rapids Symphony, principal hornist of the Peninsula Music Festival in Door County, Wisconsin, and senior affiliate professor of horn at Grand Valley State University. These guest musicians join several LaGrave members in offering the ministry of music this Easter morning.

Music at LaGrave

Paul Sjolund (b. 1935) became a leading composer of American church music in the 20th century. His compositional style often makes use of flair and fanfare as is the case with his Easter anthem *Christ Is Risen*. Based on text from I Corinthians 15: 20-21, 53, 55, the anthem is in three sections, opening with a majestic fanfare in the organ and choral parts, followed by a mysterious middle section which concludes with pungent dissonance on the word

“sting.” The final section mirrors the opening fanfare and the anthem concludes with joyful Easter “Alleluias.”

The April special offering is for Family Promise of Grand Rapids. Family Promise is dedicated to helping homeless families by giving parents the hope and encouragement they need to create a better future for their kids and end the cycle of homelessness. Through their emergency shelter, housing services, home ownership opportunities, and aftercare services, they have helped over 1,000 families build a stronger future.

This evening, Rev. Jonker will preach on Revelation 12. His sermon is titled: “The Child and the Dragon.”

Easter is the glorious celebration of Jesus’ victory over sin and death. The colors white and gold are used in the paraments and banners. They symbolize our hope of new life in Jesus Christ. The crystals symbolize the light brought into the world by the risen Jesus Christ as well as his exaltation as Lord and King.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.