

Worship Outline – April 19, 2020 (First Sunday of Easter)

Prelude *Christ Has Arisen, Verse 1* J.S. Bach

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn *The Day of Resurrection* LANCASHIRE

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light
And listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain
His own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin
The round world keep high triumph and all that is therein
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end

Prayer of Confession

Risen Lord, you have breathed the Spirit upon us and sent us forth to testify to what we have heard and seen. Yet we resist this calling, huddling behind locked doors rather than stepping out with confidence. We think we need more – more proof, more courage, more guidance, more training, more faith. We forget that you have already given us all we will ever need – the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from fear and send us forth to proclaim, "We have seen the Lord!"

Assurance of God's Love

Passing of the Peace

During this time, we will pass the peace by texting one another. Choose a fellow church member, family member, friend, relative, or loved one, have their number ready to go, and send them a text that says, "May the peace of Christ be with you."

First Reading – Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Anthem

O Love

(George Matheson/Elaine Hagenberg)

Arvada West High School Women's Ensemble, Arvada, CO

O Love, that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in thee
I give thee back the life I owe
That in thy ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be

O Joy, that seeks me through the pain
I cannot close my heart to thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be

Second Reading – John 20:19-31

Homily

Affirmation of Faith – *from* The Confession of 1967

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other.

Offering Our Lives to God

First Arabesque

Debussy

Pastoral Prayer

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Christ Has Arisen, Verse 3

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