

BETHANIA MORAVIAN CHURCH
Second Sunday of Easter | April 11, 2021

Prelude

"Let the Beauty of the Lord, our God, be upon us"

Margaret Sandresky (2018)

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayer Concerns

Liturgy, Easter

(Standing)

The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Sing this aloud, proclaim it to the ends of the earth:

The Lord has set his people free.

TUNE: ELLACOMBE (151 R)

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad:
The passover of gladness,
The passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From sin to be set free,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory.

Now let the heavens be joyful,
Let earth its song begin;
The round world keep high triumph,
And all that is therein;
In grateful exaltation
Their notes let all things blend,
For Christ the Lord has risen,
Our Joy that has no end.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God's great mercy we are given new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

Praise, honor, glory, and power to the One seated on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!

Jesus was handed over to death for our sins.

And was raised to life for our justification.

Then what can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or hardship? Can persecution, hunger, nakedness, peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Christ, who loved us.

For we are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor powers, nor heights, nor depths, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

TUNE: DIADEMATA (595 C)

Christians, dismiss your fear;
Let hope and joy succeed;
The joyful news with gladness hear,
"The Lord is ris'n indeed!"
The promise is fulfilled
In Christ our only Head;
Justice with mercy's reconciled,
He lives who once was dead.

(Sitting)

Prayers for the People

We have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, it is for the Lord that we live; and if we die, it is for the Lord that we die.

So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord, for Christ died, rose from death, and lives again in order to be Lord of the living and of the dead.

We do not want you to be in any doubt about those who have died, or to grieve over them as others do who have no hope.

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

What we are saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God.

Nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

What is sown as perishable,

Is raised imperishable;

What is sown in dishonor,

Is raised in glory;

What is sown in weakness,

Is raised in power;

What is sown a physical body,

Is raised a spiritual body.

Then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Standing.)

TUNE: LUX EOI (167 H)

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are of the earth.

For we have died, and our lives are hidden with Christ in God.

God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,

Make us complete in everything good so that we may do your will, working among us all that is pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

(Sitting.)

Interlude

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

BOSWELL/PAPA

The Epistle: I John 1:1-2:2

Meditation

Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord!
Sing with a cheerful voice;
Exalt our God with one accord,
And in his name rejoice.
Ne'er cease to sing, thou ransomed host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Until in realms of endless light
Your praises shall unite.

There we to all eternity
Shall join the angelic lays,
And sing in perfect harmony
To God our Savior's praise;
He hath redeemed us by his blood,
And made us kings and priests to God;
For us, for us, the Lamb was slain!
Praise ye the Lord! Amen.

But not for us alone this news
was brought by Christ our Lord.
'Twas meant for all the world to hear
and thus with one accord
with all God's children everywhere
his name and sign with pride we bear.
To us, to us, this task is giv'n:
to spread God's word. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D Major

David Johnson

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