

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church
Concord, New Hampshire
Ageless Worship



May 2, 2021

The Prelude

Consolation by F. Mendelssohn

Catharine Dornin

The Opening Hymn

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

Hymn 492

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Gloria

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Ris'n Lord

The Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life:

Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life,
that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Gradual Hymn

In Christ there is no East or West by J. Oxenham

The Gospel Reading from *God's Word, My Voice* by Lyn Zill Briggs

Brother Charles Edward OLW

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (15:1-8).

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

I'm like a vine and my Father is the vine grower. He snaps off the branches that aren't producing, and pinches the ones that are producing so they'll produce more fruit. The words I've spoken to you have washed over you and made you clean. You are a part of me just as I am a part of you. Branches don't exist on their own. They have to be attached to the vine, don't they? If you stick with me and stay attached to me, all kinds of fruit will grow. God's power, which is in me, will be in you too.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Paco and Robert

The Affirmation of Faith from Ephesians 3

***We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.***

***We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.***

***We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.***

***We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.***

The Prayers of the People

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity, saying,
Jesus, Lord of life:

in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Light of the World,
bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations.

Jesus, Lord of life:

in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Bread of Life,
give food to the hungry and nourish us all with your word.

Jesus, Lord of life:

in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our Way, our Truth, our Life,
be with us as we journey on your way;
deepen our appreciation of your truth; and fill us with your life.

Jesus, Lord of life:

in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our friend and our guide,
as we pray through our parish list, we lift the following people to you,
giving thanks for each of them and asking for your blessing on their lives:

Lindsay, Joel, Charlotte & Lylah Maccini; Scott & Gabi MacDonald; Duncan & Sandy MacIntyre;
Monica Macol Noi; Heather & Larry Maconaghy; Bruce MacWilliams; Jean Magee;
Patrick, Sidney & Aidan Magnus & Lisa Tilluckdharry; Joanne Martin; Sandra Martin

Jesus, Lord of life:

in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,
bind up those who are injured, strengthen those who are sick,
and lead all your children to play.

Jesus, Lord of life:

in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life, we give thanks for all those whom we have loved
and who are now with you. Raise us with them to eternal life.

We remember especially today Pete Cross,

and William & Gypsy Bell Adam and Bruce & Nan MacQuarrie, in whose memory altar flowers were given.

Jesus, Lord of life:

***in your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers,
and be with us always. Amen***

Collect for Hope and Renewal

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.

Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.

Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:

A people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.

Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.***

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

***For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.***

Amen.

The Peace

The Announcements and May Birthdays

***Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase;
bless and guide them wherever they may be.***

***Strengthen them when they stand;
comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful;***

***raise them up if they fall;
and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding***

***abide all the days of their lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

The Agapé Meal

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

Luke 22:14-20

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the universe.
You bring forth bread from the earth; you have fed us with the bread of life in the Body of your Son.
Feed us now with your presence among us and your presence in your Word.
As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf,
so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son.
To you be glory and power for ever and ever.

Amen.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the universe.
You create the fruit of the vine; and you refresh us with the cup of salvation
in the Blood of Jesus Christ, crucified yet risen.
May the time come quickly when we can share that cup again,
even as you are with us now in our very thirst for you.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Closing Prayer

Generous God, we have shared together this sacred meal.
Kindle us with the fire of your Spirit that when Christ comes again,
we may shine like lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Easter Blessing

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with Christ in his risen life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be upon you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Closing Hymn

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Hymn 182

The Dismissal

The Postlude

Jesus Christ is ris'n today Traditional

Myrtle Street Wind Ensemble

**We are all (including you!) called to be ministers to one another
and to those around us by participating in God's work in the world.**

Ministers participating in this service

Clergy

The Rev. Kate Atkinson
The Rev. Peggy Schnack
Brother Charles Edward OLW

Director of Music Ministries

Heather Maconaghy

Musicians

Catharine Dornin, Larry Maconaghy
Myrtle Street Wind Ensemble

Intercessor

Irene Dienes

Altar flowers were given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of

William and Gypsy Bell Adam

and

Bruce and Nan MacQuarrie

by

Charles and Carol Nelson

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