

# EASTER 3 SUNDAY

April 18, 2021

Organ Prelude: Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter

J. S. Bach

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

“While the disciples were all together talking, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” (Luke 24:36)

**We who gather for worship encounter many things that frighten us, make us anxious, upset, angry and sad.**

Sometimes we are troubled by things that have happened and wonder whether we could have said things and done things that could have led to a better outcome.

**There are things in our lives, our relationships and our world that leave us conflicted and unsettled.**

We carry wounds from what others have said and done to us and we carry upset about what others claim we have said and done to hurt them.

**We come to worship in search of peace, a peace with justice but also a peace that is deeper than all that remains unresolved and unsettled in our world and our lives.**

**ALL: Visit us as we worship you this hour, O God, and fill us with your peace!**

Hymn: “Make me a channel of your peace”

No. 740

*soloists Anna Bateman & Erin Stone with pianist Bruce Nasmith*

1. Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there is hatred  
let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your healing power,  
and where there’s doubt,  
true faith in you.

2. Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there’s despair in life  
let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there’s sadness,  
ever joy.

3. O Spirit, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

4. Make me a channel of your peace: it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving to all that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;  
**And also with you.**

Children's Theme for Church School

Special Music: "Someday"

from the "Hunchback of Notre Dame"

*soloists Erin Stone & Chris Tanaka-Mann with pianist Bruce Nasmith*

Scripture Readings: Luke 24:36-48, Acts 10:34-43

Luke 24:36-48

<sup>36</sup> While the disciples were all together talking, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?' <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. Amen.

Acts 10:34-43

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.' Amen.

We are listening, O God;

**Speak to us!**

Sermon:

MAKING PEACE

Dr. Harris

Special Music: "O day of peace that dimly shines"

words by Daw Jr.; music by Parry

*soloist Anna Bateman with organist Bruce Nasmith*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: "May the God of hope go with us every day"

No. 726

*soloists Shaun Alphonso & Chris Tanaka-Mann with pianist Bruce Nasmith*

*(Sung three times)*

May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all.

working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Christ lag in Todesbanden

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