

# EASTER 3 SUNDAY

## May 1, 2022

Organ Prelude: Prelude in A Major

J. S. Bach

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

Silent Meditation

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

“Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” (John 20:19)

**We who come to worship are looking for greater peace inside and out.**

Jesus also said to them: “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (21)

**We who come to worship are looking for greater meaning and purpose to live out our lives.**

“When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” (22)

**We who come to worship are looking for greater inspiration, courage and empowerment to live out our deepest convictions and values.**

Come to us as we worship, O risen Christ, and breathe into us your peace.

**Come to us as we worship, O risen Christ, and breathe into us your Holy Spirit.**

1. I danced in the morning when the  
world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars  
and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven  
and I danced on the earth:  
At Bethlehem  
I had my birth.

**Refrain**

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

2. I danced for the scribe  
and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance  
and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen,  
for James and John;  
They came with me  
and the dance went on: *(Refrain)*

3. I danced on the Sabbath  
and I cured the lame:  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped  
and they hung me on high,  
and they left me there  
on a cross to die: *(Refrain)*

3. I danced on a Friday  
when the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance  
with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body  
and they thought I'd gone;  
But I am the dance,  
and I still go on: *(Refrain)*

4. They cut me down  
and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die.  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:  
I am the Lord of the dance,  
said he. *(Refrain)*

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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

## Welcoming New Members by Confirmation & Profession of Faith

Questions to Confirmands/New Members:

1) With the enabling of God's grace, do you commit yourself to a journey of personal growth in renouncing what is wrong and embracing what is right in your life and in the world?

**I do.**

2) With the enabling of God's grace, do you commit yourself to becoming a closer follower of Jesus Christ in his ongoing ministry of compassion and healing in the world by the way you interact and care for all life around you?

**I do.**

3) With the enabling of God's grace, do you commit yourself to the way of forgiveness and the struggle for justice and truth in search of healing and reconciliation rather than retaliation?

**I do.**

4) With the enabling of God's grace, do you commit yourself to maturing as a part of this congregation, making use of its means of grace in word, sacrament and service, offering of yourself and your substance, as you are able?

**I do.**

Question to the congregation:

Do you, on behalf of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to support and nurture these new members by word and deed, with love and in prayer, encouraging them to follow the way of Christ and to be faithful members of Christ's church?

**We do.**

Let us, with all the people of God, confess the faith of the church:

Iona Creed

(A Christian Creed based on the Apostles' creed from: Iona, Scotland)

We Believe in God above us,  
Maker and sustainer of all life,  
Of sun and moon,  
Of water and earth,  
Of male and female.

We believe in God beside us,  
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,

Born of a woman's womb, servant of the poor.  
He was tortured and nailed to a tree.  
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.  
He descended into the earth to the place of death.  
On the third day he rose from the tomb.  
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,  
And his kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us,  
The Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,  
Life-Giving breath of the church,  
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
Source of resurrection and of life everlasting.  
Amen.

Blessing & Welcome

Children's Theme for Church School

Special Music: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Traditional French

Scripture Reading: John 20: 19-31

*Scripture reader, Christy Smith*

John 20: 19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'<sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.<sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your

hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. Amen.

We are listening, O God;  
**Speak to us!**

Sermon: PRAYING FOR PEACE Dr. Harris

Special Music: The Peace of God John Rutter

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

**\*Hymn: Lord Jesus, you shall be my song** No. 665

1. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song  
as I journey;  
I'll tell everybody about you  
wherever I go:  
for our life and our peace  
and our love is yourself.  
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song  
as I journey.

2. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long  
as I journey.  
May all of my joy be a faithful  
reflection of you.  
May the earth and the sea  
and the sky join my song.  
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long  
as I journey

3. As long as I live, Jesus,  
make me your servant,  
to carry your cross and to share all your  
burdens and tears.  
For you saved me by giving  
your body and blood.  
As long as I live, Jesus,  
make me your servant.

4. I fear in the dark and the doubt  
of my journey;  
but courage will come with the sound  
of your steps by my side.  
And with all of my family you saved  
by our love,  
we'll sing to your dawn at the end

Benediction

**\*Threefold Amen**

Organ Postlude: Fugue in A Major

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*\*Remain seated if you are more comfortable*