

# TAKOMA PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*Live streamed at 11:00 a.m.*



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# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

(\*) Indicates those who are able, please stand.  
Please join in speaking and singing parts in **bold** or **unison**.

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*“Praise God with trumpet sound, with lute and harp! Praise the Holy One with tambourine and dance, with strings and pipe! Praise the Creator with clanging cymbals, with loud and clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!” - from Psalm 150*

## Preparation for Worship

### GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*Let the Prelude's music open you to God's presence as we begin worship.*

**Prelude**      **Crown Him with Many Crowns**      George Job Elvey  
(1816 – 1893)  
Arr. Brent Olstad

## Welcome

### Opening Prayer (unison)

God of abundance and new life, everywhere we look,  
we see signs of your extravagant energy, breaking open the tombs  
that imprison us, like a sprig of fragrant mint, pushing upwards  
towards the sunlight, cracking open the hardest cement sidewalk.  
Holy, mysterious, Fountain of joy, help us to say “yes” to your  
invitation to enter into the morning of new life, to celebrate the  
astonishing mystery that Christ is risen today, and every day.  
Amen.

Call to Worship

Responsively

From Psalm 105

Call on the name of the Lord in praise;

**Make known God's deeds among the nations!**

Sing to God with joyful songs;

**Tell of God's wonderful deeds!**

Let us worship God

**\*Hymn 245 Christ the Lord is Risen Today!** LLANFAIR  
Robert Williams, 1817  
(1782 - 1818)

1. "Christ the Lord is risen to-day!" Al - le - lu - ia!  
 All cre - a - tion, join to say: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Raise your joys and tri- umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!

- 2. Love's redeeming work is done, Al-le-lu-ia!  
 Fought the fight, the battle won, Al-le-lu-ia!  
 Death in vain forbids him rise, Al-le-lu-ia!  
 Christ has opened paradise, Al-le-lu-ia!
- 3. Lives again our glorious King, Al-le-lu-ia!  
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al-le-lu-ia!  
 Jesus died, our souls to save, Al-le-lu-ia!  
 Where your victory, O grave? Al-le-lu-ia!
- 4. Hail! the Lord of earth and heaven! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 Praise to you by both be given, Al-le-lu-ia!  
 Every knee to you shall bow, Al-le-lu-ia!  
 Risen Christ, triumphant now. Al-le-lu-ia!

*Charles Wesley, 1739 alt.*

## **Prayer of Confession**

God speaks to us in many ways: through the wind stirring spring blossoms, through birdsong, through music. By God's grace may our very lives speak the truth of God's love, as well.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

**Almighty God, with the psalmist we ask, "How do we sing your song" in this strange land and in times like these? Yet, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. You have set us free to sing Alleluia! Even so, we remain captive to doubt and fear. We overlook the poor and hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace. We despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant through Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

*Silent Prayer*

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Hear the good news: Christ is risen! We are free to love as God has loved us. Thanks be to God!

## **\*Praise 750 Goodness Is Stronger than Evil**

**Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate;  
Light is stronger than darkness; Life is stronger than death.  
Victory is ours; victory is ours;  
Through God who loves us  
Through God who loves us.**

## **\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**  
*(Worshippers on Zoom may unmute themselves and share the peace.)*

## LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

### Prayer of Illumination 458

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2x)*

### A Reading from Scripture

**Psalm 40:1-5**

### Anthem O Clap Your Hands

Ralph Vaughan Williams  
(1872 -1958)

O clap your hands, all ye people, shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

For the Lord most high is terrible: He is the great King over all the earth.

God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises, sing praises unto our King, sing praises;

For God is the King of all the earth; sing ye praises everyone that hath understanding.

God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.

Sing praises unto our King, sing praises. *(Psalm 47:1-8)*

### Time with the children

## Sacred Music for Easter

### The Five Mystical Songs

R. Vaughn Williams

#### No 1. EASTER

Rise heart; thy Lord is Risen. Sing his praise

Without delays,

Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise

With him may'st rise:

That, as his death calcined (*reduced*) thee to dust,

His life may make thee gold, and much more, Just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part

With all thy art.

The cross taught all wood to resound his name

Who bore the same.

His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key  
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort, both heart and lute, and twist a song  
Pleasant and long:  
Or since all music is but three parts vied (*contested*),  
And multiplied;  
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,  
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

### **No. 2. I GOT ME FLOWERS**

I got me flowers to stew thy ways;  
I got boughs off many a tree:  
But thou wast up by break of day,  
And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.

The Sun arising in the East,  
Though he gave light, and East perfume;  
If they should offer to contest  
With thy arising, they presume.

Can there be any day but this,  
Though many suns to shine endeavour?  
We count three hundred, but we miss:  
There is but one, and that one ever.

### **No. 3. LOVE BADE ME WELCOME**

Love bade me welcome; yet my heart drew back,  
Guilty of dust and sin.  
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack  
From my first entrance in,  
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,  
If I lack'd any thing.

A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here:  
Love said, You shall be he.  
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,  
I cannot look on thee.

Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,  
Who made the eyes but I?

Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame  
Go where it doth deserve.  
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?  
My dear, then I will serve.  
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:  
So I did sit and eat.

#### **No. 4. THE CALL**

Come my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:  
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a feast:  
Such a Feast, as mends in length:  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

#### **No. 5. ANTIPHON**

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King.

The heavens are not too high,  
His praise may thither fly:  
The earth is not too low,  
His praise there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King.

The Church with Psalms must shout,  
No door can keep them out:  
But above all, the heart  
Must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King.  
*George Herbert (1593 – 1633)*

## **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

### **Prayers of the People**

**Rev. Mark Harper**

*Prayers will be read from the Prayer Book and the Chat Box,  
Then the congregation will be invited to share their prayers.*

**Prayer Response:** Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

### **The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

O Holy Trinity of Love,  
Holy are you and holy is your name.  
May your shalom come and your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us our daily bread, and forgive our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Walk with us through times of trial and save us from evil.  
For the Beloved Community, the power, and the glory  
are yours now and forever. Amen.

### **The Offering Invitation**

*The offering plate reminds us of the many contributions we all  
make to our church and God's realm. Please pass it to your  
neighbor and offer thanks for each other's gifts.*



**The Offertory    Gloria in excelsis in B flat  
"Coronation"**

Charles Villiers Stanford  
(1852 - 1924)

Glory be to God on high,  
And in earth, peace, goodwill towards men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee,  
we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,  
we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.  
O Lord, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesus Christ.  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.

For Thou, Thou only art holy,  
Thou, Thou only art the Lord;  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*(Hymnus angelicus/the Greater Doxology - Roman Rite, 6<sup>th</sup> century)*

**\*Doxology 609**

**LASST UNS ERFREUEN**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ all people here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

O God of life,  
we have placed before you our praise and trust.  
Receive now these offerings and transform them into signs of new  
life and hope for all who receive them. Amen.

# WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

\*Hymn Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

John Goss  
(1800 - 1880)

Arr. James T. Bingham

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to Christ  
Je - sus tri - bute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -  
giv - en, who like thee his praise to sing:  
Praise him, praise him, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favor  
To thy children in distress;  
Praise him, still the same for ever,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless;  
Praise him, praise him, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

3. Father like he shields and spares us;  
Well our feeble frome he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
Resues us from all our foes:  
Praise him, praise him, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Widely as his mercy flows.

4. Angels, help us to adore him;  
Ye behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon bow down before him:  
Dwellers all in time and space,  
Praise him, praise him, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Priase with us the God of grace. Amen!

*Henry Francis Lyte alt.*



## MUSICAL NOTES:

This morning's service features sacred music from mainly British composers of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The *Five Mystical Songs* of Ralph Vaughan Williams, the most substantial musical part of the service will feature baritone, Trevor Scheunemann, who enjoys an international operatic career, including performances in leading roles with such houses as: The Metropolitan Opera, Washington National Opera, Opera de Monte Carlo, and San Francisco Opera among many others. Mr. Scheunemann is a graduate of Washington Adventist University, Takoma Park, and a distinguished alumnus of the world-renowned Domingo-Cafritz Artist Program at Washington National Opera.

The *Five Mystical Songs* were written for baritone solo, choir and orchestra, however, this performance features the composer's orchestral reduction for string quintet and piano. The words are taken from four poems ("Easter" divided into two parts) by George Herbert (1593 - 1633), a metaphysical Welsh poet, orator and priest of the Church of England; and were selected by Vaughan Williams from the poet's 1633 collection, *The Temple: Sacred Poems*. Other musical presentations include *O Clap Your Hands*, a text taken from Psalm 47, by Ralph Vaughan Williams and *Gloria in excelsis "Coronation"* by Charles Villiers Stanford, composed for the coronation of George V, in Westminster Abbey, on June 22, 1911. Both anthems will be accompanied by a brass septet.

The Choral Benediction, *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* is by the contemporary British composer, John Rutter, composed for the memorial service of his teacher and mentor, Edward Chapman, in 1981. The text is taken from the book of Numbers, which recounts the fact that God dictated these words to Moses, as the prescribed form of words, to be used by the high priest, Aaron, and other members of the priestly order, when imparting God's blessing to his people at the close of their morning services. The festive nature of the service concludes with a performance of the jubilant *Toccata* from the Symphony No. 5., by the French composer, Charles-Marie Widor. Composed in 1879, this much loved organ work is probably the composer's most celebrated composition, often used to accompany moments of high celebration.

It was made world famous as being the recessional for the wedding of Princess Margaret to Antony Armstrong Jones in Westminster Abbey, in May, 1960. This morning's performance adds the forces of the brass septet to the church's newly restored organ.

The church wishes to thank all those who have joined their musical talents together to make this service a true Post-Easter festival of thanks and praise to our risen Saviour our Lord Jesus Christ. To him, who sits upon the throne, be the blessing, honor, and glory and dominion, now and forever more. Amen!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Schedule for upcoming events**

#### **\*\* Zoom events**

Mon. Apr. 15, 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Tue. Apr. 16, 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour\*\*

Wed. Apr. 17, 8:15 p.m. Presbyterians for Police Transformation\*\*

Sat. Apr. 20, 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for David Olson

Sun. Apr. 21, 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (*hybrid*)

+Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, **you are welcome to our worship.** We are pleased you are with us today.

+**Please continually pray for peace** - - in our homes, in our lives, our neighborhoods, the nation and the world.

+The second Sunday of each month **TPPC volunteers glean** leftover produce from the Takoma Park Farmers Market. Then take it over to the homeless shelter--Shepherd's Table on Georgia Ave. We welcome volunteers to help us with this worthy endeavor. For more information, please contact Kurt Kershow. Cell phone 301-385-1083; e-mail [\*\*Kershow@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:Kershow@gmail.com)

+Thanks and appreciation to **Kurt Lawson and Jill Feasley** for providing Coffee Hour refreshments today.

+On Saturday, April 20, at 2:00p.m, there will be a **Memorial Service** here at TPPC, to celebrate the life of David Olson.

### **+Adult Sunday School Discussion**

We have come to the end of the book study of Reparations: A Christian Call to Repentance and Repair by Duke Kwon and Gregory Thompson. More information about further book discussion will be coming soon. These discussions were facilitated by Mary Pat Brennan and John Peacock. Many thanks to both of you.

### **+Thank you for your continued support of TPPC.**

As a reminder, there are several ways to give to TPPC. Information on giving, including giving on line, can be found at <https://www.takomaparkpc.org/give>.

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