

EASTER DAY

April 4th, 2021 9:00 a.m. Virtual Worship



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GATHERING

Prelude: *Toccata in F Major, BWV 540*

J. S. Bach

Bach's (1685-1750) Toccata in F is an exuberant exploration of canonic counterpoint. In a musical canon a melody is imitated at a specified time interval by one or more parts. The first third of this Toccata consists of canons played by the hands over a static pedal point. An improvisatory pedal solo follows each of these canons, further developing the musical material. The remainder of the Toccata features stunning invertible counterpoint. Imitative melodies are moved around from the top, middle, or bottom of the musical texture. Harmonically, the music pulls away from F major and then, in an elaborate process, finds its way back to a triumphant homecoming. Along the way, there are surprises in the form of cadences which set up our expectations for a resolution and then pull the rug out from under us to propel the music forward. The Toccata demonstrates Bach's ability to find drama and creative expression within the framework of technically flawless counterpoint.

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THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamations

Celebrant. Alleluia. Christ is risen.

***People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Gospel

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head

and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Zac Koons

Anthem: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today.*

Easter Hymn arr. by John Rutter

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia! Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Dying once he all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia! Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ hath opened Paradise. Alleluia! Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia! Amen.

St. Mark's Virtual Choir

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Form II, BCP 385

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s); for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those in our community _____.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially whom we remember today. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The celebrant concludes with prayers and a collect

The Lord's Prayer

Priest and People

**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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Offertory Anthem: *With a Voice of Singing*

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious. With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

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Announcements

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Postlude: *Toccata from Symphony No. 5*

Charles-Marie Widor

Widor (1844 -1937) served as organist of St. Sulpice in Paris for 64 years. He influenced numerous 20th-century composers and organists through his teaching at the Paris Conservatory. His scholarship, especially in partnership with Dr. Albert Schweitzer, led to the publication of one of the first historically authentic editions of Bach's organ works. This Toccata is the finale from the fifth of Widor's ten organ symphonies. Its perpetual 16th-note motion in the right hand, crisp repeated chords in the left hand, and octave-leaping melody in the pedals made it immediately popular with audiences and organists.

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The Easter Lilies decorating the services are dedicated by the following:

Joanne Foote & Ariston Awitan and family, in memory of Josefina Awitan for all her loving care.

Robin Bridgewater, in thanksgiving and love for the Bridgewater and Nelson Families.

Jeanne Erichson, In memory of my two brothers, Kelly and Chuck Whitfill.

Carol & Rich Oppel, with gratitude and thanksgiving for our clergy and staff who have faithfully, diligently, safely, and brilliantly led St. Mark's though the past year of Covid. We have never felt alone.

Roberta Collier-Wright, in memory of Angèle Collier-Wright.

Betsy & Garrett Wilson, with abundant thankfulness for the blessings of our family and friends, gratitude to be able to raise Piper in a loving home, and in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. We are forever grateful for the gifts bestowed upon us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation Classes in April: for anyone ages 13 and up, on the following Wednesdays: April 7th, 14th, and 21st at 6:30 p.m. - meeting in Fr. Zac's front yard! For more information, please contact Fr. Zac: zac@stmarksaustin.org. Confirmation will be on Sunday, April 25th, with Bishop Ryan.

Please note: the church offices will be closed on Monday, April 5th.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

- **In-person worship:** services at 10am (Family Picnic Eucharist, Front Lawn) and 11:15am (Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Parking Lot). RSVPs here: stmarksaustin.org/rsvp.
- **Sunday Virtual Worship, 9:00 a.m.:** *Please join us online* - links available on our website.
- **Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.:** *a new class will resume on Sunday, April 11th.*
- **Tuesday Noon Bible Study:** the link will be shared on our website. All are welcome!
- **Morning Prayer meets 8:30 a.m. M-F.** Check our home page for the link: www.stmarksaustin.org

Parish Intercession List

You are invited to use this Intercession List to pray for those listed below.

For healthcare workers and teachers: Heather, Michael B., Christine, Eric, Joan, Beth, Mac, Jodi, Courtney, Russ, Nicole, Jewellyn, Jana Kay, Steven, Pam, Marcille, Jesse, Laurie, Charles, Cilla, Jonea, Jennifer R., Jennifer S., Samuel, Mary, Jordan, Jeffrey, Kim, Michael T., Amber, Aaron, Sarah, Laurie, Jennifer, Chez, James., Cindy.

For those celebrating birthdays: Beth Brode, Mia Denniston, Christopher Mitchell, George Pazdral, Jaylon Loyd, Stephen Wilson, Chuck Bryant, Kevin Farley, Silvia Fitz, Nancy Santos, Michael Stangl, Kevin Sullivan, John Trudeau, Carlisle Farley, Jennifer Pollard, Cole Rudy, Cindy Cabler, Karen Milton, Sarah Pickerill, Vivian Reshetnikov, Julie Lambert.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Jennifer & Reed Shaw, Clara & Paul Berndt, Kelly & Phillip Dixon, Vanessa Gonzalez & David Orr, Sally & Robert Russell, Sarah & Philip Tso.



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