

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



EASTER

Easter Worship Booklet

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May 9th, 2021

Welcome to St. George's! We are blessed by your attendance at our worship today.

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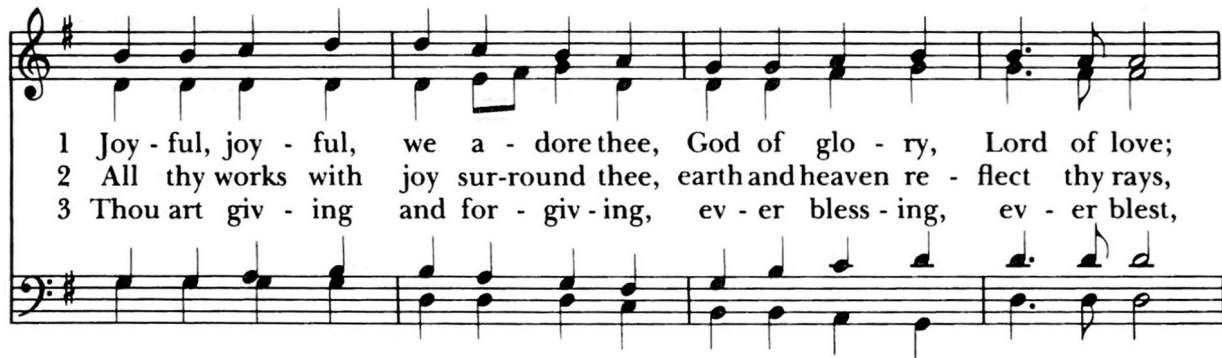
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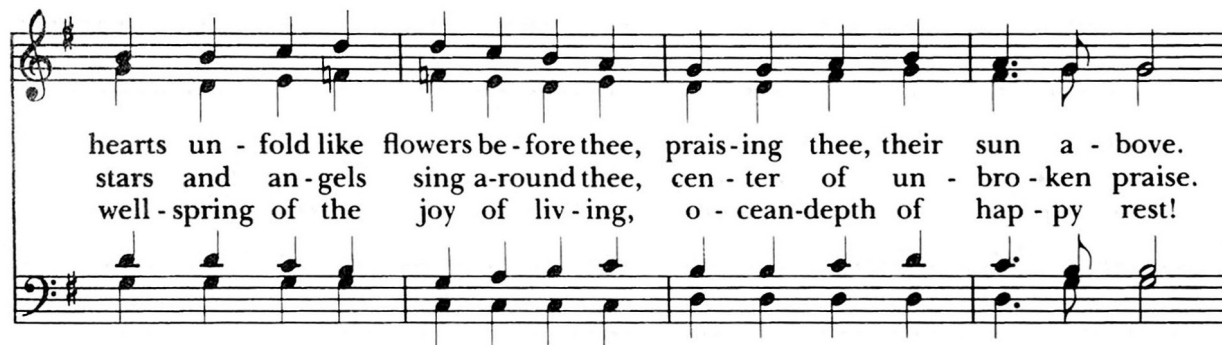
Processional Hymn

“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

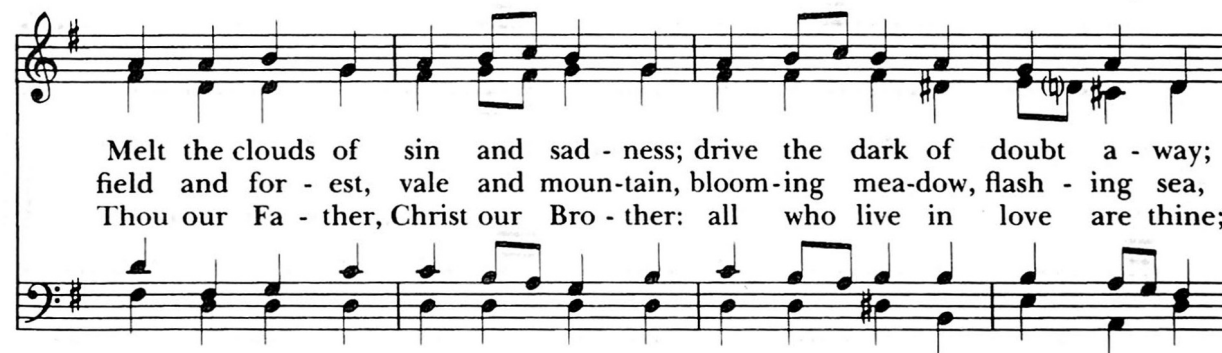
Hymn 376



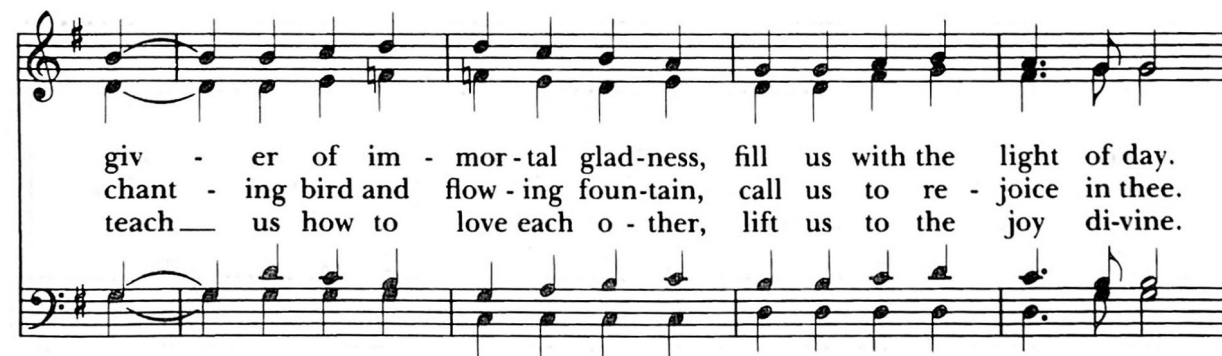
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach — us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)

Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

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The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

The Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant then says the following prayer that our hearts may be made pure for worship

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

The First Lesson

Acts 1:1-11

A Reading (Lesson) from Acts.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

At the end of the lesson, the reader will conclude with

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

Then, all standing the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "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." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 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, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

At the end of the lesson, the reader will conclude with

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Nan Doerr

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

We invite your prayers of thanksgiving and supplication at this time.

Thank you God that you are _____.
(King of Kings and Lord of Lords, sovereign, gracious, creator, redeemer, sustainer, loving, merciful, covenant maker, promise keeper—we worship and adore you)

Thank you for blessing us with _____.
(new life through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, Hope for our future blessings, a loving family, friends, nice weather, health, good food, work, a way back to you through Jesus Christ)

We pray Thy Will Be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Thank you for _____.
(a loving faith community, your peace in the midst of life's challenges, healing, loving us while we were still sinners and when we've denied you.)

Forgive us for _____*(our wrath, envy, lust, gluttony, pride, greed, and slothfulness, our complacency, not putting you first, not having faith over fear, for trusting things of this world over you).*

We forgive others (systems & institutions) for _____
(inciting violence, spreading fear, betraying us) as we have been forgiven.

We pray you give us _____.
(humility, generosity, moderation, patience, temperance, charity, diligence)

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil of _____.
(hatred, fear, apathy, luke-warm faith, pride, doing life on our own and not relying on you)

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

The Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Peace

BCP 360

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

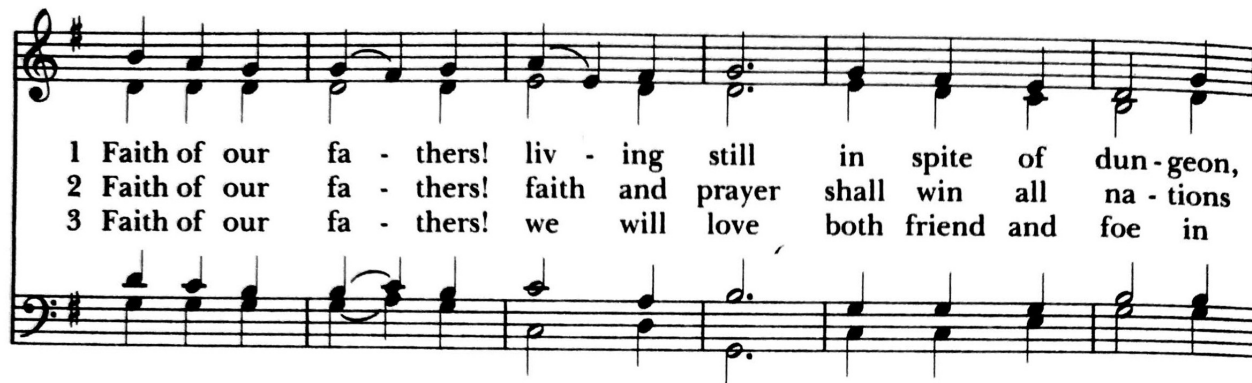
People And also with you.

The Blessing

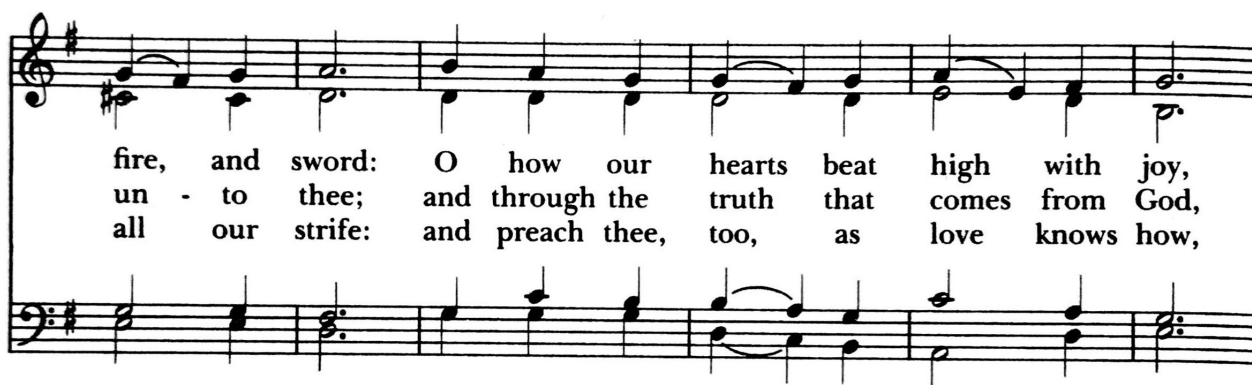
Recessional Hymn

“Faith of our Fathers”

Hymn 558

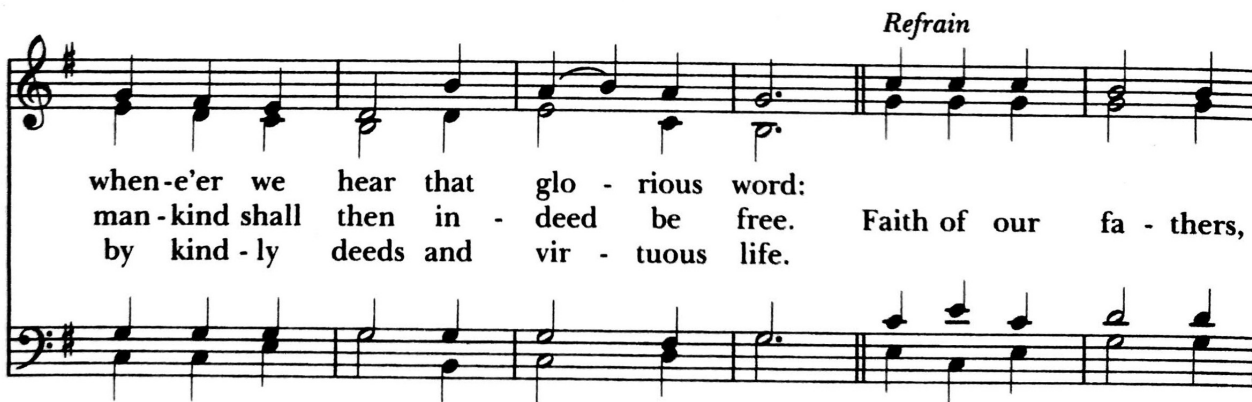


1 Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
2 Faith of our fa - thers! faith and prayer shall win all na - tions
3 Faith of our fa - thers! we will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword: O how our hearts beat high with joy,
un - to thee; and through the truth that comes from God,
all our strife: and preach thee, too, as love knows how,

Refrain



when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word:
man - kind shall then in - deed be free. Faith of our fa - thers,
by kind - ly deeds and vir - tuous life.



ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt.

Music: *St. Catherine*, Henri Frédéric Hemy (1818-1888); adapt. and arr. James G. Walton (1821-1905)

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The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

