Saint John’s Episcopal Church
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Easter Day
12 April 2020

Solemn Choral Evensong, Rite I
5:30 p.m.
Music Notes

Larry King (1932-1990) spent over 20 years as music director at Trinity Wall Street. The prelude for Evensong is his composition Resurrection. At the end of the sheet music he provides these notes:

RESURRECTION portrays in freely structured fragments the four aspects of the resurrection experience: Lament-The Rising-The Ecstasy-Reflection. Originally titled for liturgical use, its mental conception took place during the composer’s reflective months abroad which were punctuated with reports of and reactions to America’s changing priorities, and which reactivated his longing for the resurrection of the social consciousness which had stopped a war and prioritized caring.

"Lament" combines the liturgical mourning of the plainsong Vinea mea electa (O my vineyard, I planted and tended thee..... and thou hast prepared a cross for thy Saviour) with a soulful expression of contemporary grief. "The Rising" grows quietly from this grief, using 12 tone rows and techniques to express its cosmic nature. "The Ecstasy" develops a populist alleluia strain with embellishments not unlike those used in the music of the Aquarian Age. "Reflection" combines the liturgical rejoicing of the plainsong introit for Easter Day Haec Dies (This is the day which the Lord has made) with the alleluia fragments.

The result will hopefully convey a fresh vision of the historic resurrection of Jesus The Christ with a prayer for the resurrection of the consciousness that reflects and implements his ministry.

Larry King
December, 1981

Charles Tournemire (1870-1939) was organist of the Basilica of St. Clotilde in Paris. Tournemire composed cycles of compositions for the masses of the entire liturgical cycle. The postlude is his improvisation on the hymn “Victimae Paschali,” the traditional sequence hymn for Easter Day.
Ministers of the Service

The Rev. Justin Boyd
Officiant

Joseph Arndt and Adam Pajan
Music Directors

Prelude Resurrection Larry King (1932-1990)

The people stand at the entrance of the ministers.


Officiant

O God, make speed to save us.

People

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Alleluia.
1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
    who hath washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;
    praise we him, whose love divine gives his sacred Blood for wine,
    gives his Body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest,

2 Where the Paschal blood is poured, death’s dark angel sheathes his sword;
    Israel’s hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
    Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, Paschal bread;
    with sincerity and love eat we manna from above,

3 Mighty victim from on high, hell’s fierce powers beneath thee lie;
    thou hast conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light.
    now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall;
    thou hast opened paradise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.

4 Easter triumph, Easter joy, these alone do sin destroy.
    From sin’s power do thou set free souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.
    Hymns of glory, songs of praise, Father, unto thee we raise:
    risen Lord, all praise to thee with the Spirit ever be.

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24  Chant in D  Adam Pajan (b.1986)

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *  
   his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, *  
   “His mercy endures forever.”

14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *  
   and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *  
   in the tents of the righteous:

16 “The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *  
   the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
   the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”

17 I shall not die but live, *  
   and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *  
   but he did not hand me over to judgments.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness *  
   I will enter them;  
   I will offer thanks to the LORD.

20 “This is the gate of the LORD; *  
   he who is righteous may enter.

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *  
   and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected *  
   has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD’s doing, *  
   and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; *  
   we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
   as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
The First Lesson

Isaiah 51:9-11

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord! Awake, as in days of old, the generations of long ago! Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces, who pierced the dragon? Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep; who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to cross over? So the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Magnificat

Evening Service in C

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaid: For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson

John 20:19-23

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 Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Nunc dimittis

Evening Service in C

Charles Villiers Stanford

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
The Apostles’ Creed  Sung by all, monotone

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
   maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
   who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
   born of the Virgin Mary,
   suffered under Pontius Pilate,
   was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
   and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
   the holy catholic Church,
   the communion of saints,
   the forgiveness of sins,
   the resurrection of the body,
   and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

Our Father, who art . . . for ever and ever. A - men.
Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. 

Amen.

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship thee, all nations obey thee, all tongues confess and bless thee, and men and women everywhere love thee and serve thee in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
**Anthem**  The Promise which was made  Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946)

The promise which was made unto the fathers, God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that He raised up Jesus, He raised up Jesus again. Alleluia! For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flow’rs appear, appear on the earth; and the time of singing, of singing of birds is come. The promise which was made unto the fathers, God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that He raised up Jesus, He raised up Jesus again. And let all flesh give thanks to his holy Name for ever and ever. Amen.

**The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.
A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

The Officiant prays

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Cantor or Officiant

Thanks be to God.

People

The Officiant says

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.
Hymn 184

1 Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ has broken every chain!
2 He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
3 He who bore all pain and loss comforts upon the cross.

Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings,
takes our sin and guilt away that with angels we may say;
is exalted now to save, wrestling victory from the grave.

Refrain

Al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
Al-le-lu-ia!

al-le-lu-ia! Christ, our Paschal Lamb indeed,

Christ, today your people feed. Al-le-lu-ia!

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Postlude Choral-Improvisation sur le “Victimae Paschali” Charles Tournemire (1870-1939)
Music at Midday Livestreams
Wednesdays at 12 noon

April 15
*There will be no recital Easter week.*

April 22
Music for Eastertide
Adam Pajan, organ

April 29
César Franck’s Grand Pièce Symphonique
Adam Pajan, organ

Easter Flower Gifts

Linda Arrington in loving memory of John Arrington.

Burdette Blue in loving memory of Barbara W. Blue and my mother, Dorthea Toomey Blue.

Natalie Fischer and family in loving memory of John C. Fischer.

Mary K. Hammons in thanksgiving for my family.

Lynn Kimmel in memory of Mark and Nancy Payton and in thanksgiving for Amy and Sean Kimmel and Mark Payton.

Millie Millspaugh in loving memory of my husband, Bob Millspaugh, and my son, Clark Millspaugh and in thanksgiving for my many blessings.
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Livestream Service Schedule
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Sundays
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
5:30 p.m. Evensong, Rite I

Weekdays
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite II

Monday-Saturday
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer, Rite I

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