Order of Worship

Easter Day
Holy Communion

Sunday, March 27, 2016
PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in D major, BWV 532 (ca. 1710)  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Resurrection (1981)  
Lament  
The Rising  
The Ecstasy  
Reflection

Symphonie Romane, Op. 73 (1900)  
I. [Moderato]  
Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

INTROIT

“Now Is the Hour of Darkness Past”  
from Alleluia, Acclamation, and Carol (1975)  
Daniel Pinkham '43 (1923–2006)

Alleluia.

Now is the hour of darkness past;  
Christ hath assumed his reigning power.  
Behold the great accuser cast  
Down from the skies, to rise no more.

'Twas by thy blood, immortal Lamb,  
Thine armies trod the tempter down;  
'Twas by thy word and powerful name  
They gained the battle and renown.

Rejoice ye heavens! Let every star  
Shine with new glories round the sky!  
Saints, while ye sing the heavenly war,  
Raise your Redeemer’s name on high.  
Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

SALUTATION

The ministers and choir exchange the following greeting:

Ministers:  
Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Choir:  
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.
HYMN IN PROCESSION
No. 172, “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”
*Easter Hymn*

The congregation standing

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Minister:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*Minister:* Let us all pray:

*People:* God of grace, you cause the sun to rise and chase away the shadow of death. Each day you promise resurrection, that we may be born again to new life and overcome all that would hurt or destroy. Fill us with the Holy Spirit that we may be alive again with the power and the peace of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

INVOCATION

CONFESSION

*In unison:*

Risen One, teach us that your resurrection brings new life to all creation. Today of all days empower us with vision and courage; let us work for your realm in which there is justice for all, sharing your abundant life. Save us from our mistakes and teach us to be a people of resurrection, rising from the ashes of our errors to live in a new way on this earth. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PEACE

*All are invited to join in the singing of Hymn No. 27, stanza 1.*
GREETINGS

Children now join their teachers in the Church School.

OFFERTORY


Kyrie eleison.  Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison.  Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.  Lord, have mercy.

Here an offering is received for the work of the Church within and beyond the University. Ushers will begin the collection from the back of the Church forward.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34–43  Pew Bible, page 113 (NT)
GLORIA from *Mass in C Major, K. 220 ("Sparrow")*  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicitus te,  
Adoramus te, glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi  
Propter magnam gloriam tuam.  

Glory to God in the highest  
And peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
We praise you for your glory.

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
Miserere nobis.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
Suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
Miserere nobis.  

Lord God, Heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world:  
Have mercy on us.  
You take away the sin of the world,  
Receive our prayer.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
Have mercy on us.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus,  
Tu solus Dominus,  
Tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe,  
Cum Sancto Spiritu:  
In gloria Dei Patris. Amen.  

For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Pew Bible, pages 78–79 (NT)

HYMN

No. 251, “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”  
*Nicaea*

The congregation standing

SERMON

The Scars of Success

HYMN

No. 40, “Morning Has Broken”  
*Bunessan*

The congregation standing
THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The minister continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, all holy God, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

SANCTUS from Mass in C Major, K. 220 (“Sparrow”)  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus  
Dominius Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

The congregation may be seated.

The minister continues with the Eucharistic prayer:

THE LORD’S PRAYER  
Albert H. Malotte (1895–1964)

Sung by the choir

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION  
The minister says:

AT THE COMMUNION

Communicants will be instructed by ushers to proceed to one of the four stations from the center aisle and will return to their seats by the side aisles. Grape juice is in the outer cup and wine is in the inner cup. At the giving of the bread and the cup, the people respond with “Amen.”

BENEDICTUS from Mass in C Major, K. 220 (“Sparrow”)  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in excelsis.  
Hosanna in the highest.

AGNUS DEI from Mass in C Major, K. 220 (“Sparrow”)  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

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Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

HYMN

No. 65, “Let Us Break Bread Together”  
Let Us Break Bread

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL ALLELUIA  
George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

POSTLUDE

“Toccata” from Symphony No. 5, Op. 42 (1879)  
Charles-Marie Widor

OUR MISSION

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