
The Worship of God

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Boxer at Rest – 50 BC



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Please use this opportunity to silence all cell phones and other noise-making devices.

** = Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

Lansin Lim Kimler

Franz Schubert: Ständchen (arr. Franz Liszt)

The Hungarian prodigy – as a composer and a pianist – Liszt (1811 – 1886) dominated the European musical scene in the middle of the 19th century. He was extraordinarily prolific, composing both original pieces and making arrangements of others' work, like this popular song by Schubert (1797 – 1828). Though they differed in their aesthetic sensibilities, Brahms – who presented Liszt some of his work in 1853 – greatly admired him as a musician.

Introit

Choir

arr. Philip Ledger: This Joyful Eastertide

Famed for his choir training at King's College, Cambridge, Ledger (19137 – 2012) ultimately directed the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and devoted his retirement to composition. His arrangements are always spirited, as exemplified by this treatment of the traditional Dutch carol we have enjoyed at our previous Sundays in Eastertide.

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow.
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow:
*Refrain: Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber,
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.
Refrain

Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill, my passing soul deliver.
Refrain

Welcome (concluding)

Raul Gierbolini

Leader: So, we invite you to greet one another either here, or online by reaching out in the Chat or through a text or email. And we will conclude this Welcome in our traditional way with the Doxology.

*Passing the Peace of Christ and Doxology #815

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Poem

Portia Nartey

Charles Anthony Silvestri: May (written for TBC)

Here is the sonnet for May that was specially written last year for Third by the Kansas poet, Charles Anthony Silvestri.

We live as though our bodies last an age;
And tell ourselves there'll be another day.
The book of life turns yet another page;
Today becomes another yesterday.
So "carpe diem!" poets often write,
Exhorting us life's pleasures to enjoy.
In most respects these poets have it right:
We seize the day ere Death comes to destroy.
But Death cannot ensnare us whole in thrall,
As part of us transcends today's desire.
Our spirits answer to a higher call,
And towards our own salvation must aspire.
Oh, die before you die, I say, don't wait;
For otherwise it will have been too late.

Hymn of Welcome

#21 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Offertory Prayer

Joel Pittenger

Offertory Meditation

Brent Johnson

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry: A Memorial Piece

After the death of the British composer C.H.H. Parry (1848-1918), 12 fellow composers assembled a collection of organ works into “A Little Organ Book in Memory of Hubert Parry”. Included was one untitled work from Parry’s own writings, to which he had added “for the little organ book”, perhaps a collection that the composer hoped to finish one day.

Responsive Reading

Cietta Grose

Psalm 143:5-11

Leader: I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works

People: and consider what your hands have done.

Leader: I spread out my hands to you;

People: I thirst for you like a parched land.

Leader: Answer me quickly, Lord;

People: my spirit fails.

Leader: Do not hide your face from me

People: or I will be like those who go down to the pit.

Leader: Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,

People: for I have put my trust in you.

Leader: Show me the way I should go,

People: for to you I entrust my life.

Leader: Rescue me from my enemies, Lord,

People: for I hide myself in you.

Leader: Teach me to do your will,

People: for you are my God;

Leader: may your good Spirit

People: lead me on level ground.

Leader: For your name's sake, Lord, preserve my life;

People: in your righteousness, bring me out of trouble.

Anthem

Choir

Peter Aston: So They Gave Their Bodies

Peter Aston (1938 – 2013) was a leading academic in the UK, heading the music department at the University of East Anglia. Its proximity to Aldeburgh, home of the composer, Benjamin Britten, led to Aston working closely with him on several projects, and this encouraged him in his own writing. Our introit sets words attributed to the great statesman, Pericles (c.495 – 429 BC), in tribute to those Athenians who died defending their homeland against their Spartan enemies in the Second Peloponnesian War. The translation from Thucydides was by Alfred Zimmern, one of the founders of The League of Nations at the close of the First World War.

So they gave their bodies to the commonwealth, and received praise that will never die,
and a home in the minds of men.

Their story lives on without visible symbol, woven into the stuff of other men's lives.

Scripture

Dr. Tommy Simons

Hebrews 12:12-13

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees,
and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be
put out of joint, but rather be healed.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon**Dr. Tommy Simons**

The Redemption of the World: Memory as Hope

***Hymn of Invitation & Declaration**

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REGENT SQUARE**Benediction****College Students****Postlude****Lansin Lim Kimler**

Fanny Hensel: May (from 'Das Jahr')

This cheerful movement from her cycle 'The Year' is subtitled 'A Song of Spring' for its lyrical qualities – akin to the 'Songs Without Words' that were written for piano by her brother Felix, whom she predeceased by only 6 months in 1847.



Prayer List

Nursing care and rehab facilities

Delilah Canning, Friendship Village, Chesterfield, MO

Juanita Wallis, Cape Albeon, Valley Park, MO

Margaret Warman, Delmar Gardens of Chesterfield, Chesterfield, MO

Prayer Requests

Harold Beasley

Fran Blake

Jersey Dukes

Adam Grisson

Alisa Guider

Albert Gunn

Judith Hawk

Glenn Jefferies

Peggy Hemphill

Bobby Murray

Dawn Phillips

Dr. Tim Rice

Declan Rutan

Myrna Shelton

Karen Stewart

Please send updates, addition or edits to this list via email to Sally, Ella or Pastor Tommy (sallyoando@att.net, ebanks@third-baptist.org, tsimons@third-baptist.org)

If you're a visitor today, we want to meet you! Please fill out a visitor card and leave it in the offering plate or use the QR code below to connect with Third Baptist online.



Calendar for May 25 – June 1

Sunday, May 25

- 9:30 AM Doughnut Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, Various
- 11:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary and online via Facebook and YouTube
- 12:00 PM Fellowship, Pillsbury Threshold
- 12:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal, West Wing 4th Floor

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day – Church Offices Closed

Wednesday, May 28

- 12:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 5:15 PM Dinner and Adult Bible Study, Room 2
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Sunday, June 1

- 9:30 AM Doughnut Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, Various
- 11:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary and online via Facebook and YouTube
- 11:00 AM Godly Play
- 12:00 PM Fellowship, Pillsbury Threshold
- 12:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal, West Wing 4th Floor

Pastoral and Music Staff

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