

Welcome to Worship

April 16, 2023

Prelude

Verset de Procession sur l'Adoro Te ~ Léon Boëllmann

Gathering Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee ~ ELW 836

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

First Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

Psalm 16

In your presence there is fullness of joy. (Ps. 16:11)

Music notation for Psalm 16:11, set in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single treble clef staff. The lyrics are: "You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for ever more." The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The second line: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The third line: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The fourth line: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half).

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,

upon those who are noble among the people. Refrain

But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips. Refrain**

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance. Refrain**

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

**I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Refrain**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit. Refrain**

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
Refrain

Gospel

John 20: 19-31

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

Hymn of the Day

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers ~ ACS 938

Musical Offering

Touch That Soothes and Heals ~ Thomas Keesecker (ALSC Choir)

Communion Hymns

I Received the Living God ~ ELW 477

Sending Hymn

The Risen Christ ~ ELW 390

Postlude

Fanfare ~ Jacques Lemmens