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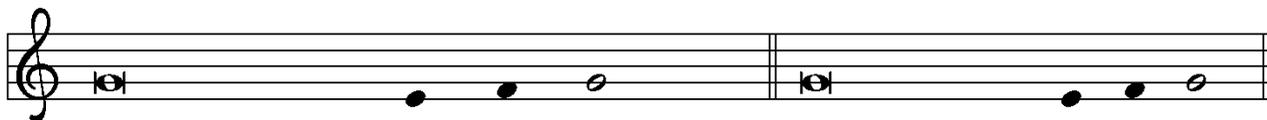
Prelude

Prelude on Two Easter Hymns – Charles Callahan

Ben Gessner

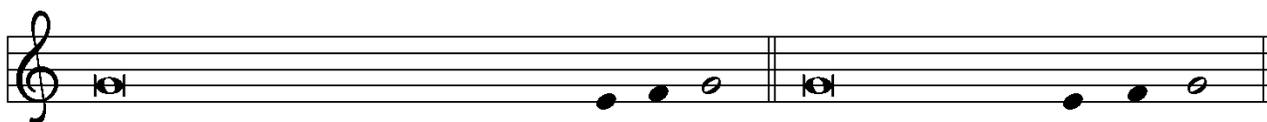
Opening Dialogue

The assembly sings the parts in bold.



Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, alleluia, al - le - luia!



We are illumined by the brightness of his rising.

Alleluia, alleluia, al - le - luia!



Death has no more dominion ov - er us.

Alleluia, alleluia, al - le - luia!

Thanksgiving for Light

The assembly sings the parts in bold.

The Lord be with you. **And** al - so with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light in - to being,

and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day.

In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night

you led your peo - ple in - to freedom.

Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may your Word be

a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are mer - ci - ful,

and you love your whole cre - a - tion, and with all your crea - tures we give you glory,

through your Son Je - sus Christ, in the unity of the Ho - ly Spirit,

now and for - ev - er. **A - men.**

Psalmody

The cantor sings through the refrain and the assembly repeats the refrain.

Refrain—All

Let my prayer a - rise be - fore you,
a - rise be - fore you like in - cense.

Leader or All

1 O LORD, I call to you; come to me quickly;
2 Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
3 Set a watch before my mouth, O LORD,
4 Let not my heart incline to any e - vil thing;
5 But my eyes are turned to you, LORD GOD;

1 hear my voice when I cry to you.
2 the lifting up of my hands as the evening sac - ri - fice. *Refrain*
3 and guard the door of my lips.
4 let me not be occupied in wickedness with e - vil - doers.
5 in you I take refuge; strip me not of my life. *Refrain*

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

The assembly reads in unison

- 1 Give thanks to God who is good; *
God's mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim *
"God's mercy endures for ever."
- 14 God is my strength and my song *
and 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 Most High has triumphed; *
the right hand of the Most High is exalted;
the right hand of the Most High has triumphed!”

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

18 God has punished me sorely, *
but did not hand me over to death.

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

20 “This is the gate of the Holy One; *
those who are 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 God’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see,
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
Insert stanzas 5-8 if desired.
 9 On this most ho - ly day of days,

with heav'n - ly hosts to Christ our king:
 the faith - ful wom - en went their way
 who sits and speaks un - to the three,
 a - mong them came their mas - ter dear,
 be laud and ju - bi - lee and praise:

to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
 to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
 "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!
 and said, "My peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!
 to God your hearts and voic - es raise. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Reading

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

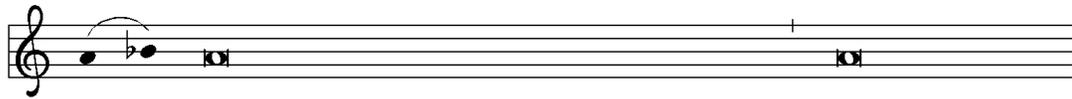
Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

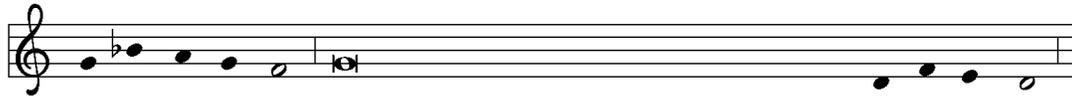
The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel Canticle



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices



Prayers

The assembly sings the portion in bold

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major, 4/4 time, with lyrics: "In peace, let us pray to the Lord." The middle and bottom staves are piano accompaniment. The lyrics "Lord, have mercy." are written in bold in the middle of the second staff.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us | pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us | pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us | pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share,
and for peaceful times, let us | pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us;
for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection
in this and every place, let us | pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering,
and for those who are in captivity, let us | pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need,
let us | pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all servants of the church, for this assembly,
and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy,
let us | pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you...

through Christ our Lord. To you, O Lord.

The image shows a musical score for two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music consists of two phrases. The first phrase, 'through Christ our Lord.', is written on the top staff with a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, D5. The second phrase, 'To you, O Lord.', is written on both staves. The top staff has a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, D5. The bottom staff has a bass line of quarter notes: G3, F3, E3, D3, C3.

Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presider Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Christ taught us saying:

In unison

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The image shows a musical score for a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music consists of two phrases. The first phrase, 'Let us bless the Lord.', is written with a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, D5. The second phrase, 'Thanks be to God.', is written with a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, D5.