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Prelude

Trumpet Tune

Composed by William Boyce (1711–79)

Arranged by S. Drummond Wolff

Choral Prelude

Not Unto Us

Music by Donald Busarow

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Your name give glory.
The Lord our God is in our midst, a helper who gives victory;
He will rejoice over us with gladness; He will renew us in His love.

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Your name give glory,
for the sake of Your steadfast love and for Your faithfulness!

He will exalt over us with loud singing as in the day of a festival,
and at that time He will bring us home, when He gathers us together.

As the hymn is introduced, please stand and face the processional cross.

Processional Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LSB 465

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And

praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!

He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our

clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
life And by His pres - ence stills all
day That by our lives we tru - ly
Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

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

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Tune: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623, Köln.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Psalm 66

- L** Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
C **sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!**
L Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
C **So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.**
L All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;
C **they sing praises to your name."**
- L** Come and see what God has done:
C **he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.**
L He turned the sea into dry land;
C **they passed through the river on foot.**
L There did we rejoice in him, who rules by his might forever,
C **whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let not the rebellious exalt themselves.**
- L** Bless our God, O peoples;
C **let the sound of his praise be heard,**
L who has kept our soul among the living
C **and has not let our feet slip.**
L For you, O God, have tested us;
C **you have tried us as silver is tried.**
L You brought us into the net;
C **you laid a crushing burden on our backs;**
L you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water;
C **yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.**
- L** I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you,
C **that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.**
L I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
C **I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**
- L** Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.
C **I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.**
L If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.
C **But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**
- L** Blessed be God,
C **because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!**
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Sit

First Reading

1 John 3:1–3

- L** A reading from 1 John, the third chapter.
- See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.
- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness

LSB 738

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:

Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Tune: Irish.

Second Reading

John 16:16–22

- L** A reading from the Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter.

[Jesus said:] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Apostles' Creed

- C** 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 Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

1 With high de-light Let us u-nite In songs of great
 2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in-to life;
 3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord

ju-bi-la-tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
 all sub-du-ing. His en-e-my Doth van-quished lie;
 ad-o-ra-tion. His hon-or speed By word and deed

Sing Je-sus Christ, our sal-va-tion. To set us
 His death has been death's un-do-ing. "And yours shall
 To ev-'ry land, ev-'ry na-tion. So shall His

free For-ev-er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
 be Like vic-to-ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who
 love Give us a-bove, From mis-er-y And death set

ends Good news to save ev-'ry na-tion.
 gave His life for us, life re-new-ing.
 free, All joy and full con-so-la-tion.

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Tune: *Cinquante Pseaumes*, 1543, Geneva.

Sermon

Hymn

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

LSB 683

The choir sings stanzas 1 and 3.



1 Je - sus, Thy bound - less love to me No thought can reach, no
2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure
3 This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue And daunt - less - ly to
4 In suf - f'ring be Thy love my peace, In weak - ness be Thy

tongue de - clare; U - nite my thank - ful heart to Thee,
love a - lone; Oh, may Thy love pos - sess me whole,
Thee as - pire. Oh, may Thy love my hope re - new,
love my pow'r; And when the storms of life shall cease,

And reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, Thine a -
My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my
Burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire! And day and night, be
O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour, Be Thou my rod and

lone I am; Be Thou a - lone my con - stant flame.
heart re - move; My ev - 'ry act, word, thought be love.
all my care To guard this sa - cred trea - sure there,
staff and guide, And draw me safe - ly to Thy side!

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Assignment of Vicarages and Deaconess Internships



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the

great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He

fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion

bless - ing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the

ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the

sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring

Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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Prayers

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, merciful and gracious Father, we give thanks for these students who have been assigned vicarages and deaconess internships. By Your Holy Spirit grant them grace in their assignments and readiness, steadfastness, patience, understanding, a cheerful spirit and great zeal in their service. Support and strengthen them that by Your Word Your church may be built and increased; through Your Son, our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favor and further us with Your continual help that in all our works begun, continued and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally by Your mercy obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

Hebrews 13:20

P Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

C Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
 3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Refrain
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Postlude

Partita on Lancashire: Fugue/Finale

Composed by
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Soli Deo Gloria

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