Readings & Music for Easter Sunday

PRELUDE: Prelude in G, BWV 541—JS Bach (1685-1750)

ENTRANCE HYMN:

Antiphon before the 1st verse and after the 4th verse:

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won; the song of triumph has begun.
2. The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed; let shouts of holy joy outburst.
3. The three sad days are quickly sped, he rises glorious from the dead; all glory to our risen head.
4. Lord, by the stripes that wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free, that we may live and sing to thee.

Words: Latin, 1699; trans. Francis Perfect (1832-1909)
Music: VICTOR, GP de Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

INTROIT (11): Plainsong, Mode IV; Psalm 139:18, 5, 6

Resurrexi, et adhuc tecum sum, alleluia: posuisti super me manum tuam, alleluia: mirabilis facta est scientia tua, alleluia, alleluia.

I arose, and am still with you, alleluia; You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia; Your knowledge is become wonderful, alleluia, alleluia.

KYRIE: (7:30, 9, 12:30):


Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

GLORIA: (7:30, 9, 12:30):

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
**Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, 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. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu: in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: ACTS 10:34, 37-43**

Peter proceeded to speak and said: “You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, “His mercy endures forever.” R. “The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.” R. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. R.

**SECOND READING: COL 3:1-4**

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

**SEQUENCE**

Let Christians offer sacrificial praises to the Passover victor. The lamb has redeemed the sheep: The Innocent Christ has reconciled the sinners to the Father. Death and life contended in a spectacular battle: the Prince of life, who died, reigns alive. Tell us, Mary, what did you see on the road? I saw the tomb of the
living Christ and the glory of his rising. The angelic witnesses, the clothes and the shroud." "Christ my hope is arisen; into Galilee, he will go before his own." We know Christ is truly risen from the dead! To us, victorious King, have mercy! Amen. Alleluia.

Gospel: Jn 20:1-9
On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises:

Dear brethren, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you: Do you reject Satan? R/. I do. And all his works? R/. I do. And all his empty show? R/. I do. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty Creator of heaven and earth? R/. I do. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father? R/. I do. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? R/. I do. And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life. R/. Amen.

The celebrant then sprinkles the congregation with blessed water while all sing the following:

Offertory Antiphon (11): Plainsong, Mode IV; Ps 76:9-10
Terra tremuit et quiavit, dum resurgeret in iudicio Deus, alleluia.

Offertory Motet (11) Surgens Jesus—Peter Phillips (1560-1628)
The risen Jesus, our Lord, standing in the midst of his disciples, said: Peace be with you. Alleluia. The disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia (12:30): Regina Caeli—Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704)
Queen of Heaven rejoice, alleluia, for he whom you did merit to bear, has risen as he said. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Offertory Hymn (7:30, 9, 12:30):
Terra tremuit et quievit, dum resurgeret in iudicio Deus, alleluia.
SANCTUS: (7:30, 9, 12:30)

Agnus Dei: (7:30, 9, 12:30)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

COMMUNION CHANT: Plainsong, Mode VI, I Cor 5:7, 8

COMMUNION MOTET: (9) Regina Caeli—Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704)
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11 Missa Sancti Gabrielis—Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

12 Missa Sancti Gabrielis—WA Mozart (1735-1791)
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

DISMISSAL:

Thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.
CLOSING HYMN:

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!

Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Now above the sky he’s king, Alleluia!
Praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

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POSTLUDE: Fugue in G, BWV 541—JS Bach (1685-1750)

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