

“Belonging”

Lessons and Carols from the Cross to the Church

Introit *Sung in a round*

“You Belong to Christ”

John Tirro

You be - long to Christ, in

whom you have been bap - tised.

Al - le - lu - - - - ia!

Al - le - lu - - - - ia!

Call to Worship

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prayer

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Song

"In Christ Alone"

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In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my
 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of God in help - less
 There in the ground his bo - dy lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
 No guilt in life, no fear in death; This is the power of Christ in

song; This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, firm through the
 babe! This gift of love and righ - teous - ness, scorned by the
 slain; then bur - sting forth in glo - rious day, up from the
 me; From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com -

fier - cest drought and storm What heights of love, what depths of
 ones he came to save. 'Til on that cross as Je - sus
 grave he rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - to -
 mands my des - tin - y. No power of hell, no scheme of

peace, when fears are stilled, when stri - vings cease! My com - for -
 died, his arms of love were o - pen wide, for ev - ery
 ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am
 man can e - ver pluck me from God's hand; 'Til he re -

ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 sin on him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.
 his, and he is mine: bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 turns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

John 20:19-24 *The Gospel reading for the second Sunday of Easter*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.

Song**“These Things Did Thomas Count as Real”**

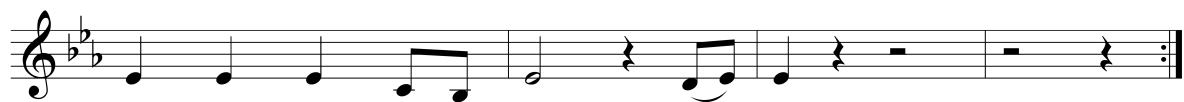
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1. These things did Tho - mas count as real: the warmth of blood, the
2. The — vi - sion of his skept - tic mind was keen e - nough to
3. His — rea - soned cer - tain - ties de - nied that one could live when
4. May we, O God, by — grace be - lieve and thus the ri - sen



chill of steel, the — grain of wood, the heft of stone, the
make him blind to — a - ny un - ex - pec - ted act too
one had died, un - til his fin - gers read like braille the
Christ re - ceive, whose raw im - prin - ted palms reached out and



last frail twitch of — flesh and bone.
large for his small world of — fact.
mar - kings of the — spear and nail.
beck - oned Tho - mas — from his doubt.



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, my



Lord! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, My Lord, and my God.

Acts 4:32-35 *The first reading for the second Sunday of Easter*

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Psalm 133 *The psalm for the second Sunday of Easter*

Refrain:

Patrick Evans

Once we were no peo- ple, but now we be- long__ to each oth- er__ and to

God!__ Al- le- lu - ia,__ Al- le- lu - ia!__

Al- le- lu - ia,__ Al - le - lu - ia!__

All (spoken): Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!
It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

Refrain

John 10:11-18 *The Gospel for the fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd)*


Jesus said, I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again.”

Song


"Shall Not Want"

Audrey Assad

Verses




1. From the love of my own com- fort, from the fear of ha-ving no thing,
2. From the need to be un-der stood, from the need to be ac-cep ted,
3. From the fear of ser-ving o - thers, from the fear of death or tri - al,



— from a life of world-ly pas sions, de - li-ver me, O God. From the
— from the fear of be - ing lone - ly,
— from the fear of hu-mi-li-ty,

Chorus



God. De - li-ver me, O God. And I shall not want, no I shall not want. When I



taste Your good ness I shall not want. When I taste Your good ness I shall not want.

Prayers

Iona Abbey

Free intercessions may be offered after each bidding

We bring to God someone whom we have met or remembered today.

We bring to God someone who is hurting today and needs our prayer.

We bring to God a troubled situation in our world this day.

We bring to God, silently, someone whom we find hard to forgive or trust.

We bring to God all who have died.

We bring to God all for which we are thankful.

Song

“Down in the River to Pray”

Paperless

Acts 8:26-27,36-39 *The first reading for the fifth Sunday of Easter*

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

Song

“Mourning into Dancing”

Tirro

Part 1

Part 1 of the song is written in G major (one sharp) and 7/8 time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by an eighth note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. This is followed by a repeat sign, then a quarter note B4, an eighth note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note E4, an eighth note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. The lyrics are: "You have turned my mour - ning, my mourn - ning, my mour -" followed by "ning in - to dan - cing. You have turned my" on the next line.

You have turned my mour - ning, my mourn - ning, my mour -

- - - ning in - to dan - cing. You have turned my

Part 2

Part 2 of the song is written in G major (one sharp) and 7/8 time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by an eighth note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. This is followed by a repeat sign, then a quarter note B4, an eighth note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note E4, an eighth note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. The lyrics are: "You've turned my sor-row in - to song, you've turned my sing-ing in - to praise," followed by "you've turned my praise to peace, my peace to joy and dan - cing!" on the next line.

You've turned my sor-row in - to song, you've turned my sing-ing in - to praise,

— you've turned my praise to peace, my peace to joy and dan - cing!

Acts 2:1-21*The first reading for Pentecost*

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Song

“Sing a New Church”



1. Sum - moned by the God who made us, rich in our di - ver - si - ty; Ga - thered
2. Trust the good-ness of cre - a - tion, trust the Spi - rit, strong with - in. Dare to
3. Bring the hopes of ev - ery na - tion; bring the art of ev - ery race. Weave a
4. Draw to - ge - ther at one ta - ble all the hu - man fa - mi - ly; Shape a



in the name of Je - sus, ri - cher still in u - ni - ty! Let us__
dream the vi - sion pro - mised, sprung from seed of what has been! Let us__
song of peace and jus - tice; let it sound through time and space! Let us__
cir - cle e - ver wi - der and a peo - ple e - ver free! Let us__



bring the gifts that dif - fer and in__ splen - did, va - ried ways, Sing a



new church in - to be - ing, one in faith and love and praise!

Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit! Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!