

Order of Service

First Parish in Concord

April 30, 2023

Prelude *Three Improvisations* by Alec Rowley - Eric Huenneke, Parish Organist

1. Solemn Prelude "O magnify the Lord our God"
2. Consolation "Though I walk in the midst of trouble..."
3. Pastorale "The Lord is my shepherd"

Welcome & Announcements – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Call to Worship – Beth Norton

Chalice Lighting – Rev. Amy Freedman

Unison Response: O flame of our faith, open our hearts
 And fill our bodies and souls with persistent strength;
 Enliven our spirits and engage us deeply in this life of ours,
 This sacred essential moment now.

Opening Hymn #36 "When in Our Music"

Wisdom Story – Beth Norton

(Children depart for religious exploration)
Song: Let us open our eyes to see what is beautiful
 Let us open our minds to seek what is true
 Let us open our hearts to love one another
 And may we walk in peace.

Reflection — Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Musical Offering

***Requiem* by John Rutter**
First Parish Choir and Festival Ensemble
Beth Norton, director

I. Requiem Aeternam - from the *Missa pro defunctis*/Mass for the Dead

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine:
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Te decet hymnus Deus in Sion:
et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.

Exaudi orationem meam, ad te omnis caro veniet.
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

A hymn befits thee, O God in Zion:
and to thee a vow shall be fulfilled in Jerusalem.

Hear my prayer, for unto thee all flesh shall come.
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have
mercy.

II. Out of the Deep - Psalm 130

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice. O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss? O Lord, who may abide it? For there is mercy with thee, therefore shalt thou be feared.	I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him; in his word is my trust. My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch. O Israë! trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. And he shall redeem Israë! from all its sins.
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Parish Concerns, Calling of Names & Prayer – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Silence

III. Pie Jesu - from the *Missa pro defunctis*/Mass for the dead - *Dies Irae* Pamela Schweppe, soprano soloist

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem, sempiternam.	Blessed Jesus, grant them eternal rest.
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Call for Offering – Rev. Seth Carrier Ladd

Offertory: IV. Sanctus - from the *Missa pro defunctis*/Mass for the Dead

<i>Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus</i> <i>Domine Deus Sabaoth</i> <i>Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.</i> <i>Hosanna in excelsis.</i> <i>Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini</i>	Holy, Holy, Holy, God of power and majesty Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of our God.
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Louis D. Brown Peace Institute: Honoring the those impacted by homicide - Sue St. Croix

Silence

V. Agnus Dei - Latin from the *Missa pro defunctis*; English from the Burial Service, *1662 Book of Common Prayer*.

<i>Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,</i> <i>dona eis requiem.</i>	Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest.
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Man that us born of a woman
hath but a short time to live,
and is full of misery.
He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower;
he fleeth as it were a shadow.

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the
world, grant them rest.

In the midst of life, we are in death;
of whom may we seek for succor?

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi.
dona eis requiem.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the
world, grant them rest.

I am the resurrection and the life,
saith the Lord;
He that believeth in me, though he were dead,
yet shall he live;
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me
shall never die.

VI. The Lord is my shepherd - Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture,
and lead me forth beside
the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul,
and bring me forth
in the paths of righteousness,
for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me
against them that trouble me;
thou hast anointed my head with oil,
and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving-kindness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I will dwell in the house of the
Lord for ever.

Closing Words & Benediction

Go out into the world in peace
Have courage
Hold on to what is good
Return to no person evil for evil
Strengthen the faint-hearted
Support the weak
Help the suffering
Honor all beings

VII. Lux Aeterna - English from the Burial Service, Latin text *Missa pro defunctis*/Mass for the Dead Kathleen Molony and Pamela Schweppe, soprano soloists

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me.
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,
for they rest from their labours;
even so saith the Spirit.

*Lux æterna luceat eis Domine;
Cum sanctis tuis in æternum, quia pius es.
Requiem æternam dona eis Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.*

Let eternal light shine upon them, O Lord;
with Thy saints forever, for thou art merciful.
Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,
and may light perpetual shine on them,

First Parish members and friends who have died since March 2020
***=Covid**

Jay Agarwal
*Lucy Saxenian
*Mary Hastings
Pat Everett
*John Hall
Bob Peters
Tom Beck
Pat Cumings
Betsey Wilson
Michael Couch

Iván Kristoffy
Bill Stanley
Bob Brack
Chris Roof
Marion Thompson
Wendy Wolfberg
Chuck Willie
Peter Nichol
Nancy Cronin
Priscilla Parrott

Debbie Porthouse
Mimi Samour
Anna Foote
Terry Rothermel
Sue Cornwall
Heather MacPhee
Steve Olsen
Bruce Bailey
Peggy Ann Gallo
Erica Morrison

First Parish Festival Ensemble

Kimma Brainerd, flute
Veronica Kenney, oboe
Robert Schulz, glockenspiel
Abe Finch, timpani

Mary Jane Rupert, harp
Sam Ou, cello
Eric Huenneke, organ

Special thanks to Grace Choi, our Wednesday night rehearsal pianist, for her help in preparing the choir.

*To give to the Offering via text message, send a text message to 855-691-2592.
Please join us for coffee and social time after the service.*