

## Sunday, 12 April 2026 – Second Sunday of Easter

Today is the second Sunday of the season of Easter. The season of Easter lasts seven weeks from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday on May 24.

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### Prelude/Postlude

These three preludes based on Easter are part of Johann Sebastian Bach's (1685-1750) collection of 46 chorale preludes in his *Orgelbüchlein* (Little Organ Book.) Bach's original plan was to include 165 chorales in this collection for use throughout the church year.

*Christ Lag In Todesbanden* is a hymn with text written by Martin Luther. It is found in our *Glory to God* hymnal at #237.

### Processional Hymn

*O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing* is attributed to the Franciscan Friar Jean Tisserand (d. 1494) and originally had nine stanzas. In some hymnals it has had up to twelve stanzas. It was translated to English by John Mason Neale (1818-1866), an English Anglican priest and hymn writer. Among his well-known hymns is *Good King Wenceslas*. The tune *O Filii et Filiae* is a 15<sup>th</sup> century French melody that has served as the basis of many instrumental compositions. There are two variants of this hymn in our *Glory to God Hymnal*, #255 sung this morning and #235.

### Special Music

Florence Beatrice Price (1887-1953) was born in Little Rock, Arkansas and graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music in 1906. She was the first African-American woman composer to have a composition performed by a major symphony orchestra. Her *Symphony No. 1 in E Minor* was first performed by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in 1933.

### Offertory Anthem

Charles Wood (1866-1926) was an Irish composer and teacher. Among his students were Ralph Vaughan Williams and Herbert Howells. The tune of *This Joyful Eastertide* is based on a Dutch Psalm tune from 1685. The text was published in 1894 by George R. Woodward (1848-1934).

### Recessional Hymn

The text of *The Risen Christ* was written by United Church minister Nigel Weaver (b. 1952) during the meeting of the Hymn Society in Toronto in 1993.