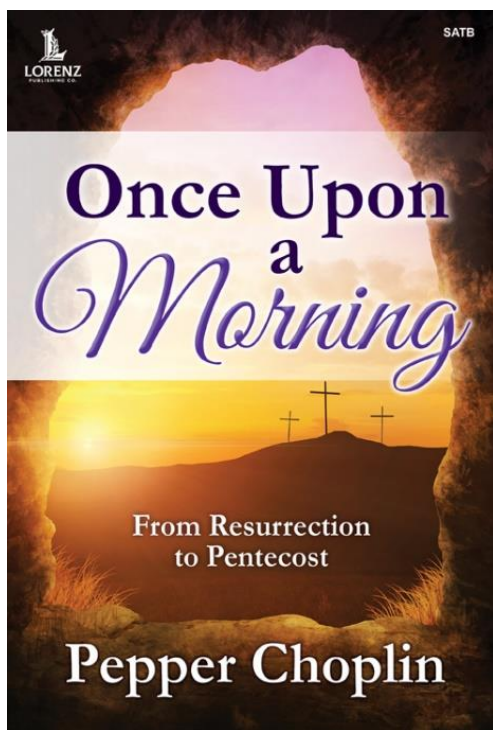


Pentecost Cantata
Once Upon A Morning



May 4, 2024
3:00 pm

Performed by a collaboration among The Community Church of New Boston, Goffstown Congregational Church, St. Lawrence Catholic Church, and St. Matthews Episcopal Church

Once Upon A Morning Order of Selections

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Luke 24:2 John 20:1

Why Do You Seek the Living Among the Dead

Luke 24:4-8

Didn't Our Hearts Burn Within Us

Luke 24:9-11

Thomas Believes

Luke 24:38-49 John 20:19-28

Blessed Are the Ones Who Believe

John 20:29

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John 21:1-10

Do You Love Me?

John 21:15-17

He Is Lifted Up

Luke 24:50-53 Mark 16:10

Day of Pentecost

Acts :1-21

What It's All About

Have you ever tried something new, something you've never tried before? Well.... We decided to cast our nets and reach out to fulfill a dream for our community. Bringing together the voices of our many churches to spread love and great joy to all! Join us in casting our nets, trying something we haven't tried. Watch and listen as our nets overflow!

ONCE UPON A MORNING

Once upon a morning, once upon a morning,
As the sun was rising, the sun was rising.
Once upon a morning, once upon a morning
As we came to the garden and there in the garden
We found the tomb was bare
For His body was not there and the stone was rolled away
And ever since that morning, that glorious Easter morning
We celebrate new life, as we celebrate the risen Christ
Once upon a morning, once upon a morning,
As the sun was rising, the sun was rising.
Once upon a morning, a morning a new day was dawning
The day was dawning when the stone was rolled away
Surely death had lost its prey to the miracle of life
And ever since that morning, that glorious Easter morning
We celebrate new life, as we celebrate the risen Christ
Once upon a morning, once upon a morning,
As the sun was rising, the sun was rising.
Christ the Lord now lives again, Alleluia
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Once upon a morning, once upon a morning,
As the sun was rising, the sun was rising.
When the stone was rolled away,
Surely death had lost its prey to the miracle of life
And ever since that morning, that glorious Easter morning
We celebrate new life, as we celebrate the risen Christ
Celebrate the risen Christ, once upon a morning

WHY DO YOU SEEK THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?

Why do you seek the living among the dead?
Why do you seek the living among the dead?
Don't you remember what the Master said
That He would rise again?
Why do you seek the living among the dead?
Why do you seek the living among the dead?
Don't you remember what the Master said
That He would rise again?
Jesus is alive, He is risen
He has left an empty grave, Jesus is alive, He is risen
The stone is rolled away, the stone is rolled away
The stone is rolled away from the empty grave
The stone is rolled away from the empty grave
Go and tell the others that Jesus is alive
Go and tell the others that Jesus is alive
Don't you remember?
Why are you surprised that He would rise again?
Jesus is alive. He is risen
And he has left an empty grave
Jesus is alive. He is risen
The stone is rolled away, the stone is rolled away
The stone is rolled away, the stone is rolled a way
The stone is rolled away from, the empty grave
Don't you remember?
Why are you surprised that He would rise again?
He would rise again
Go tell the others, tell the others
Go tell the others, tell the others
That Jesus, tell them Jesus is Alive

DIDN'T OUR HEARTS BURN WITHIN US

We walked down the road to Emmaus, our hearts were weighing down.
Our Lord had been crucified and we talked about the day He died
When a stranger came up and walked with us to town
He spoke with power like we never heard.
We devoured His every word.
We remember that time and we're inspired to say:
Didn't our hearts burn within us?
Didn't our hearts sour on His words?
Didn't His words flow like a fountain to flood our souls?
When the world tried to fill our hearts with darkness
The Lord came to fill us with light.
The Lord spoke the Word and when we heard
Didn't the Word burn in our hearts?
Didn't the Word burn in our hearts, in our hearts?
He talked about the Messiah, what the scripture had to say
How prophecy was fulfilled as the Son had done the Father's will.
And when our journey had ended, we met to break our bread.
He opened our eyes to see His true identity.
Then we knew we had been walking with the Lord
Didn't our hearts burn within us?
Didn't our hearts sour on His words?
Didn't His words flow like a fountain to flood our souls?
When the world tried to fill our hearts with darkness
The Lord came to fill us with light
The Lord spoke the Word and when we heard
Didn't the Word burn in our hearts?
Didn't the Word burn in our hearts, in our hearts?
When the world leaves us cold, fill our souls
Let Your Word burn in our hearts, burn in our hearts
Let Your Word burn in our hearts

THOMAS BELIEVES

Peace be unto you, Peace be unto you.
Now you know it's true.
I am here, I'm with you, I'm alive again.
Peace be unto you, Peace be unto you
Peace be unto you, Peace be unto you.
You are here, You're with us, You're alive again
Peace be unto you.
I told you that after three days my body would rise,
Though I died I would live again.
Though you're frightened, be calm.
You've got to be strong for the trials and the days ahead...
I told you that after three days my body would rise,
Though I died I would live again.
We believe in you.
Though you're frightened, be calm.
You've got to be strong for the trials and the days ahead
We believe in you. Now we know it's true
You are here, you're with us, You're alive again.
Peace be unto you.
Thomas, we have seen Him. Thomas, He's alive
Thomas, we have seen Him. Thomas, He's alive
Unless I see the nail prints there in His hands
And I touch where the nails have been,
Til my eyes have seen, I'll never believe that the Lord is alive again.
Unless I see the nail prints there in His hands and I touch where the
nails have been
Peace be unto you.
Unless I see the nail prints there in His hands and I touch where the
nails have been
Til my eyes have seen, I'll never believe that the Lord is alive again.
Thomas see the nail prints here in my hands,
Come and touch where the nails have been

Now your eyes have seen, now Thomas believe, never doubt again

Now I see the nail prints there in your hands.

I can touch where the nails have been.

Peace be unto you.

Now my eyes have seen and I can believe, I'll never doubt again

Peace be unto you.

My Lord and my God. You are my Lord, You are my God. I believe in You.

My Lord and my God. My Lord, You are my Lord. You are my God. I believe in you.

You are here. You're with us. You're alive again.

Peace be unto you.

You are here. You're with us. You're alive again.

We believe in You

We believe it's true, we believe in You. We believe in You.

BLESSED ARE THE ONES WHO BELIEVE

Blessed are the ones who have not seen, yet still believe.

Blessed are the ones who have not seen, yet still believe.

Who live their lives with faith, and follow in my way.

Who dare to believe in the Resurrection and the Life

Blessed are the ones who have not seen, yet still believe.

Blessed are the ones who have not seen, yet still believe.

Who live their lives with faith, and follow in my way.

Who dare to believe in the Resurrection and the Life

They believe in life.

Blessed are the ones who have not seen, yet still believe.

They have not seen, they have not seen, still they believe

CAST YOUR NETS

Once upon a morning, Once upon a morning
The disciples were fishing, disciples were fishing
Good morning friends, do you have any fish?
No, we've been here all night long.
We have no fish and our strength is gone
If you have no fish, listen to my words.
Try something that you haven't tried,
Cast your nets on the other side.
Cast your nets, cast your nets on the other side.
Cast your nets.
Hear my words and follow.
Take a chance in the morning light, your catch will overflow
You've been fishing the whole night long
And you have nothing to show.
Try something that you haven't tried
Cast your nets over the other side.
Cast your nets on the other side.
Hear my words and follow.
Take a chance in the morning light,
Your catch will over, overflow
You've been fishing the whole night long
And you have nothing to show.
Try something that you haven't tried
Cast your nets over the other side.
We cast our nets and wait on the Lord
Then the fish start coming, the fish start comin'
And they're comin' some more,
And they're comin' some more
Then we pull up the nets. Pull my brothers.
We need some help! No call the others.
Cast our nets cause the Lord said so
Look your catch is overflowing.

Cast your nets on the other side.
Hear my words and follow.
Take a chance in the morning light
Your catch will over, overflow
You've been fishing the whole night long
And you have nothing to show.
Try something you haven't tried
Cast your nets over the other side
Try something you haven't tried.
Cast your nets, cast your nets
Take a chance in the morning light.
Cast your nets. Now your catch will over and over
Over and overflow, will overflow, overflow.

DO YOU LOVE ME?

Do you love me? Yes, Lord
Do you love me? Yes Lord
If you love Me. If you truly love Me, feed my lambs, feed my lambs
Do you love me? Yes Lord
Do you love me? Yes Lord
If you love me. If you truly love me, feed my lambs, feed my lambs,
feed, feed my lambs
For if you truly love me, if you love me more than these
Show your love and feed my lambs
Take care of them and understand
That I will be with you. Yes Lord, Yes Lord
Do you love me? Do you love me? Yes Lord
Follow me, follow me, follow me, follow me

HE IS LIFTED UP

Glory, He is lifted up.
He is lifted up to ascend to heaven's glory.
He is lifted up.
He is lifted up to ascend to heaven
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Christ ascends to the Father's throne.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Christ ascends to the Father's throne on high.
Jesus Christ is the great high priest
He takes His seat to reign on Heaven's throne.
Full of majesty, with divinity.
He will rule for all eternity
Lift your heads to the skies
See Him rise to reign on Heaven's throne
Full of majesty with divinity
He will rule forever, evermore
Glory, He is lifted up
He is lifted up to ascend to heaven's glory.
He is lifted up
He is lifted up to ascend to heaven.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Christ ascends to the Father's throne.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Christ ascends to the Father's throne on high.
Look the sight is glorious, see the savior new
He will rise victorious, every knee shall bow.
Praise Him, congregation with triumphant chords.
Join the coronation, Christ the Lord of Lords.
Raise your hallelujahs, praises fill the sky.
Join with heaven to crown Him, Christ the Lord on high
Look the Lord is rising, there, His throne to claim.
Let the praise unending, glorify His name.
Crown Him angels, crown Him while creation sings
Open heaven to welcome, Christ the King of Kings
Raise your hallelujahs, praises fill the sky.
Join with heaven to crown Him, Christ the Lord on high

Hallelujah, hallelujah. Let praises fill the sky.
Lift up Christ our Savior. Give Him glory, give Him glory
Glory to God, glory to God on high.

DAY OF PENTECOST

Once upon a morning, once upon a morning
The Spirit it was moving, the Spirit is was moving
And suddenly there came a sound from heaven
Like a mighty wind.
The sound filled the house where they were sitting
Like a mighty wind. There were tongues that appeared like fire
Tongues of fire came to rest on them.
They were filled with the Holy Spirit,
They were filled with the Holy Spirit,
They were filled with the Holy Spirit,
They were filled with the Holy Spirit,
And they spoke with many languages on that day
The people all around from every nation, marveled at the sound.
And everyone could hear their own language,
They marveled at the sound
They said, "Could this be a sign? Or perhaps they are filled with
wine."
But Peter came to say to the people,
But Peter came to say to the people,
"Now hear what the prophet said about these days."
Your sons and daughters will rise. They will boldly prophesy
When I pour My Holy Spirit down on them
And the old men will dream dreams
As the young men open their eyes to see great visions sent from
heaven
When I pour My Holy Spirit down on them
Your sons and daughters will rise, your daughters will rise
They will boldly prophesy
When I pour My Holy Spirit down on them
And the old men will dream dreams
As the young men open their eyes to see great visions sent from
heaven

When I pour My Holy Spirit down on them

****Holy Spirit come today, alleluia**

Through Your power will say “alleluia”

Move among us, Spirit Wind. Alleluia.

Stir your people once again, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Sing allelu, alleluia

**Audience Join in singing the part in bold above.

DAY OF PENTECOST

Christians around the world are familiar with the Christmas and Easter stories and many celebrate the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

But now here’s the rest of the story....

While the family, disciples and followers were grieved by the death and burial of Jesus, they had not remembered the predictions that Jesus made. (Matthew, Mark, Luke) Jesus explained to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed and be raised on the third day. (Matt 16:21)

Jesus did rise and appeared to many of His followers. Jesus even appeared to Thomas, the doubter, who said to the other disciples, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

Jesus told His disciples that He would be leaving soon but the Helper, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have said to you. (John 14:26)

Pentecost, which follows the Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ, is the descent of the [Holy Spirit](#) upon the disciples and all others who were gathered together. The event is described in the New Testament as a moment in which suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house. Divided tongues as of fire appeared among them and a tongue rested on each of them. All were filled with the Holy Spirit and the Spirit gave the disciples the ability to speak the languages of those who listened to their sharing of the Gospel. (Acts 2:1-4)

(The entire story, Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, and the beginning of the Church can be found in the Book of Acts and the Gospels)

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About the Director

Samantha Hersey Gorton is a native of New Boston and has been involved in music and community activities her entire life. She has directed the Community Church Choir in New Boston for more than 25 years. Affectionately known as Ms. Sam by her New Boston Central School students, she has been a teacher in the New Boston School System for many years.

About the Artist

Carol E. Frappier has been an artist since the sixties. Religious and Spiritual themes have always been of interest to her, and she has created art works for the many churches she has attended.

As an artist, Carol was inspired to create these works during Holy Week of 2019. She discovered the Stations of the Resurrection developed by the Roman Catholic Church and published by the Diocese of Detroit. She created an illustration for each of the 14 appearances of Jesus after the resurrection, using NRSV Scripture. This enabled her church, Saint Peter's Episcopal Church in Rockport, Texas to have a portable Stations of the Resurrection.

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