

Easter Joy

*Because I live,
you will live also.*

JOHN 14:19 (NKJV)

March 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY
The Resurrection of Our Lord

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Prelude

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

arr. Gary Norian

***Call to Worship**

Leader: *Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!*

People: *Christ is Risen Indeed!*

Leader: Friends: Hear the Good News of the Gospel:

Early on the first day of the week, the women who followed Jesus went to the tomb where he had been buried, only to find that it was empty, and the stone had been rolled away.

Today, on this first day of the week, we gather as Christ's disciples to proclaim the good news of the gospel: Christ is Alive! Christ is Risen!

People: *Christ is Risen indeed! Hallelujah!*

***Processional Hymn**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

(see insert)

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, you raised Christ from the tomb and shattered the powers of sin and evil. Raise us from our sin, O Lord, and bring us to new life in you. You proclaim the good news of Easter joy; forgive us when we cannot hear it. You send us out to share your love; forgive us when we cannot carry it. You cast a vision for peace and justice; forgive us when we cannot imagine it. You are the God of the empty tomb, the one who makes all things new. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn 582**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

(Children and Youth will go downstairs for our One Room Schoolhouse.)

*Those who are able, please stand.

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Hebrew Bible: Isaiah 25: 6-9

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Anthem

Gloria, RV 588, 1. Gloria in excelsis deo!
Chancel Choir & Brass

Antonio Vivaldi

Lesson from the Gospels: Mark 16: 1-8

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Sermon "An Unfinished Story"

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

***Affirmation of Faith** (in unison)

Jerie Lukefahr, adapted

We believe in God, in every time and in every place, generating and sustaining all life, nurturing a relationship with Creation.

We believe in Jesus, the Christ, who lived and loved, taught and died; the One who conquered death and who surprises us with grace, especially when we least expect or deserve it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who journeys with us and makes our faith possible, in every situation and every circumstance.

We believe in the sacred nature of all life, and that in every place we pause to recognize the mystery of our Triune God, we are blessed beyond measure.

Surely, God is with us, and we are grateful. Amen.

***Hymn 277** (vv. 1-2, 5-6)

Hail Thee, Festival Day!

(see insert)

A Prayer for Easter

Nathan Williams

The Lord's Prayer "debts . . . debtors"

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Call to Offering

Offertory

He's Got the Whole World
Matthew Zabiegala, *soloist*

arr. Moses Hogan

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Those who wish to join the Chancel Choir in singing the "Hallelujah Chorus," please come forward during the final hymn. You may pick up music from an usher at the front of the sanctuary.

*Hymn 246

Christ is Alive

(see insert)

*Benediction

*Postlude

Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah* George Frederic Handel

WELCOME GUESTS! We are delighted you've chosen to worship with us today. Please let an usher or minister know if we can assist you in any way. Large print hymnals and cushions are available. Our Sanctuary is equipped with an induction loop system for those with hearing difficulties. For information on our other activities - mission efforts, children's ministries, fellowship opportunities, adult education, and more! - please go to our website or contact the church office. All are welcome!

THANK YOU to our worship assistants and all who are ushering on this special day. Thank you also to our tech team for their assistance this morning.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR MUSICIANS: Mitch Brodsky, trumpet; Dustin Ciano, trumpet; Robert Tiedemann, trombone; Laura Fallon, euphonium; and Emmanuel Solano, timpani.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Sara Nell and Jack Fields, Sr., parents and grandparents, by the Fields Family.

ONE ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE TODAY (11 AM): Children are invited to go downstairs for our One Room Schoolhouse.

NURSERY CARE is available in Room A-9 at both services. Please see an usher for directions.

EASTER EGG HUNT follows the 11:00 am service on the front lawn. Parents of children in the nursery will go downstairs and pick them up from Room A9 after worship. Children in the One Room Schoolhouse will be brought upstairs to meet their parents on the front lawn immediately following worship so they can join the fun.

SAVE THE DATES:

Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser: Sunday, April 28, 5:00 - 7:30 pm, Mulford Hall

Listening Sessions: Thursday, April 18 12:00 pm on Zoom

Sunday, April 21, 11:00 am in Halldorson Hall

Tuesday, April 23, 7:30 pm

Vacation Bible School: June 24 - 28, 8:45 am - 1:00 pm

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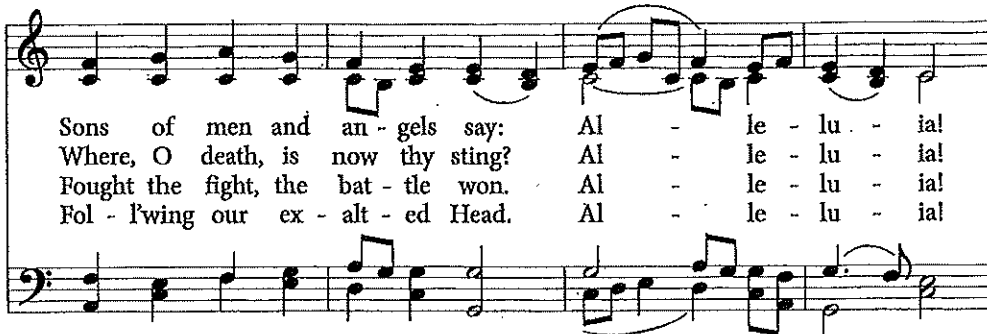
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

"Why do you seek the living One among the dead?

He is not here, but He has risen!" Luke 24:4-5



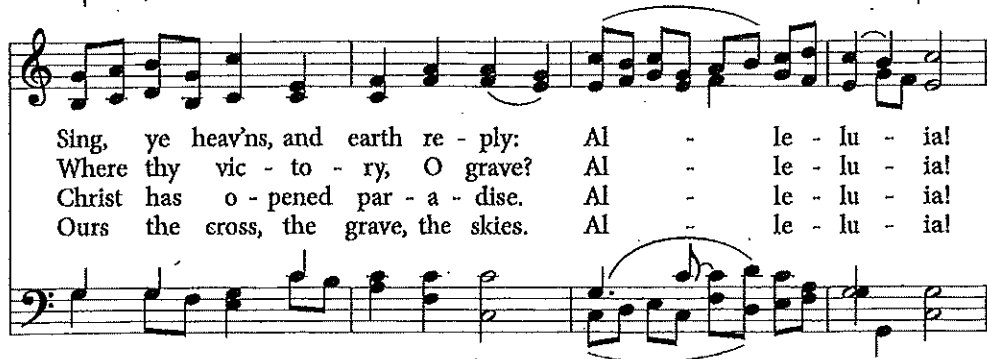
1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Lives a - gain, our glo - rious King. Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done. Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led. Al - le - lu - ia!



Sons of men and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head. Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high. Al - le - lu - ia!
Dy - ing once, He all doth save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids Him rise. Al - le - lu - ia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise. Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, ye heav'n's, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

Hail Thee, Festival Day

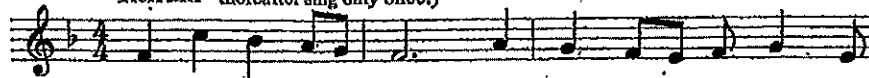
Easter

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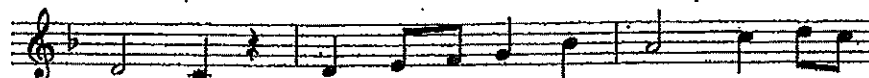
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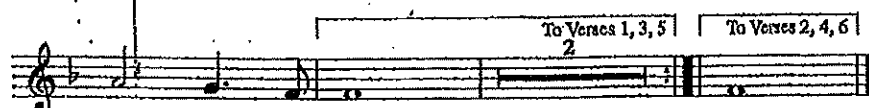
Refrain (1st time Cantor/Choir; then Congregation;
thereafter sing only once.)



Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day that art hal - lowed for

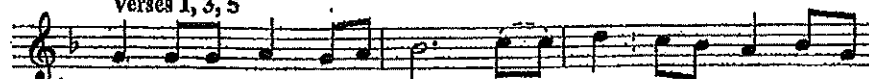


ev - er; Day when our Lord was raised, break - ing the



king - dom of death. death.

Verses 1, 3, 5



1. All the fair beau - ty of earth from the death of the win - ter a -
3. God the Al - might - y, the Lord, the rul - er of earth and the
5. Spir - it of life and of pow'r; now flow in us, fount of our



ris - ing! Ev - 'ry good gift of the year
heav - ens, Guard us from harm with - out;
be - ing, Light that en - light - ens us all,



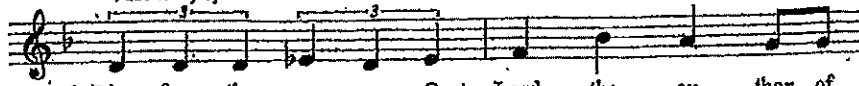
now with its mas - ter re - turns.
clearse us from e - vil with - in.
life that in all may a - bide.

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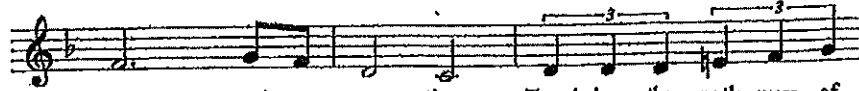
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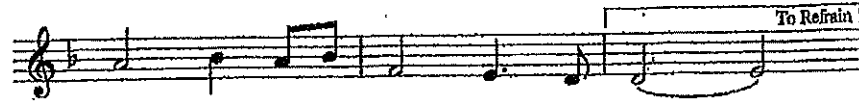
Verse 2, 4, 6



2. Rise from the grave now, O Lord, the au - thor of
4. Je - sus, the health of the world, en - light - en our
6. Praise to the giv - er of good! O Lov - er and



life and cre - a - tion. Tread - ing the path - way of
minds great Re - deem - er. Son of the Fa - ther su -
Au - thor of con - cord, Pour out your balm on our



death, new life you give to us all.
preme, on - ly be - got - ten of God.
days; or - der our ways in your peace.

Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.



THE EASTER FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY

have been contributed to the Glory of God and . . .

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