



CHRIST
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April 17, 2022
Easter Sunday

REFLECTION

Celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

Christ's Victory

Christ when he died
Deceived the cross,
And on death's side
Threw all the loss;
The captive world awaked and found
The prisoners loose, the Jailor bound.

– Richard Crashaw (1613-1649)

EASTER SUNDAY

Advent + Christmas + Epiphany + Lent + Easter + Pentecost

Gathering Hymn

Come People of the Risen King

Come people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart one voice
O Church of Christ rejoice!

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won

And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

Chorus

Come young and old from ev'ry land
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age
Our God is all in all

Chorus

— God + calls + cleanses + speaks + strengthens + sends —

Call to Worship

from Psalm 22 & I Corinthians 15

Leader 1: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

L1: Lift up your heads, O you gates!

L2: Be lifted up, you ancient doors!

L1: That the King of glory may come in.

L2: Who is this King of glory?

People: The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle!

L1: Lift up your heads, O you gates;

lift them up you ancient doors,

L2: that the King of Glory may come in!

L1: Who is he, this king of glory?

People: The Lord Almighty! He is the King of glory!

L 1&2: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

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

Sons of men and an - gels say, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Once He died, our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Thee we greet tri - um - phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ hath o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!
Hail, the Res - ur - rec - tion Thou! Al - le - lu - ia!

Invocation

Praise Hymn Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 25:6-9

Confession of Sin

You have laid out a feast for us, but we have preferred starvation: fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

You have shined light on us, but we have huddled in the darkness: fill us with your Spirit.

Christ, have mercy.

You have given life to us, but we have run after death: fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution Litany of the Greater and the Lesser Exodus

(adapted from Exodus 15 & I Corinthians 15)

L1: Jesus is alive!

P: For the Lord of hosts was not willing to cast His exiled children out of His presence forever.

L1: I will sing to the Lord, for He is highly exalted.

P: The horse and its rider He has hurled into the sea.

L2: The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

P: He is my God and I will praise Him; my father's God, and I will exalt Him; my mother's God, and I will love Him; my God, and I will worship Him.

L1: The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is His name.

P: Pharaoh's chariots and his army, He has hurled into the sea.

L2: The best of Pharaoh's officers, are drowned in the Red Sea!

P: The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone.

L1: Your right hand O Lord, was majestic in power. You made Egypt—the enemy of your people—a type and figure of that last and great enemy, Death itself.

P: But your right hand O Lord, shattered the enemy! By your resurrected Son, You bring us through the pangs of death, into the Promised Land of Life. You are the One making all things new.

L1: But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

L2: Therefore my heart is glad, and my tongue rejoices; my body also rests secure,
P: because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay!

L1: Listen to this mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

P: For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

L1: For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true:

P: Death has been swallowed up in victory!

O Death, where is your victory?

O Death, where is your sting?

ALL: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Thanksgiving Hymn Christ is Risen He is Risen Indeed!

How can it be the One who died
Has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death
Sing sing hallelujah
For joy awakes as dawning light
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes
Alive He stands their Friend and King
Christ Christ He is risen

Chorus

Christ is risen He is risen indeed
Oh sing hallelujah
Join the chorus sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen He is risen indeed

Where doubt and darkness once had been
They saw Him and their hearts believed
But blessed are those who have not seen
Yet sing hallelujah

Once bound by fear now bold in faith
They preached the truth and power of grace
And pouring out their lives they gained
Life life everlasting

Chorus

The power that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save
He frees our hearts to live His grace
Go tell of His goodness

Chorus

New Testament Lesson Matthew 28:1-20

Peace of Christ He is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed!

The Gospel Song

Holy God in love became, Perfect Man to bear my blame
On the cross He took my sin, By His death I live again

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Sermon Text Mark 2:18-3:6

Sermon Mark: The King and the Cross | Pastor Curran Bishop

Response Hymn Resurrection Hymn (See what a Morning)

See what a morning gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem
Folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light
As the angels announce Christ is risen
See God's salvation plan wrought in love
Borne in pain paid in sacrifice
Fulfilled in Christ the Man for He lives
Christ is risen from the dead

See Mary weeping where is He laid
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb
Hears a voice speaking calling her name
It's the Master the Lord raised to life again
The voice that spans the years
Speaking life stirring hope bringing peace to us
Will sound till He appears
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

One with the Father Ancient of Days
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty
Honour and blessing glory and praise
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority
And we are raised with Him
Death is dead love has won Christ has conquered
And we shall reign with Him
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

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Bringing Our Life to God

Prayers | Collection | Profession

Prayers of the People

Collection

Text **MNA 1708** to **76959** and follow the prompts
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Celtic Alleluia

Confession of Faith

The Apostle's Creed (1st Century)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into Hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty;
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

*that is, the universal church

Communion in Christ Jesus

All Christians are invited to receive Christ's presence of bread and wine. When directed please take your bulletin, stand and form a circle around the worship space. Whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle. If you are not able to stand, please move your chair into the circle. We serve wine in the outer rings of the tray in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the Biblical element used. We provide grape juice in the inner rings for those who, out of conscience or for health, do not drink wine.

Communion Hymn Thine Be the Glory (Verses 1-2)

Prayer for those searching

Oh God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have, the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved, the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to satisfy me. Could it be, as someone once said, that "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." Dear God, if this is true, and if as the Bible teaches there is life and life eternal in Christ alone, please guide me to Him. Open me to the reality of the One who alone can satisfy my restless heart. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see but can understand, feel and touch through the Word, sacraments and church family. Lord I want to believe, help my unbelief! Amen.

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Coronation Hymn Thine Be the Glory (Verse 3)

Benediction Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering Son; end- less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - tory thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness,
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - querors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth; death hath
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy

bod - y lay.
 lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en con - quering Son;
 home a - bove.

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won!

REFLECTION

Seven Stanzas at Easter

Make no mistake: if He rose at all
it was as His body;
if the cells' dissolution did not reverse,
 the molecules
reknit, the amino acids rekindle,
the Church will fall.

It was not as the flowers,
each soft Spring recurrent;
it was not as His Spirit in the mouths
 and fuddled
eyes of the eleven apostles;
it was as His flesh: ours.

The same hinged thumbs and toes,
the same valved heart
that-pierced-died, withered, paused,
 and then
regathered out of enduring Might
new strength to enclose.

Let us not mock God with metaphor,
analogy, sidestepping, transcendence;
making of the event a parable,
 a sign painted in the
faded credulity of earlier ages:
let us walk through the door.

The stone is rolled back,
 not papier-mâché,
not a stone in a story,
but the vast rock of materiality
 that in the slow
grinding of time will eclipse for each of us
the wide light of day.

And if we will have an angel at the tomb,
make it a real angel,
weighty with Max Planck's quanta,
 vivid with hair,
opaque in the dawn light,
 robed in real linen
spun on a definite loom.

Let us not seek to make it less monstrous,
for our own convenience,
 our own sense of beauty,
lest, awakened in one unthinkable hour,
 we are
embarrassed by the miracle,
and crushed by remonstrance.

– John Updike

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Group | Will not meet on Easter Sunday. If you don't have family to spend time with reach out to the Bishops!

Men's Breakfast | Wednesdays at 7am, Pop's Restaurant (134 Old Gate Ln.). A space for community, important questions, and understanding. Feel free to invite friends, coworkers and neighbors.

Thursday Night Prayer Meeting | 7-7:50pm. Please join us as we follow a short prayer and scripture liturgy and pray for each other. [Zoom link](#) | Meeting ID: 899 5618 6470 | Passcode: 355978

Sunday Worship | 10:30 at Harborside Middle School (rear entrance: I Darina Place).

Men's & Women's Bible Studies | Women meet next on Saturday 4/23, men on 5/14, from 9-10:30am. Email questions for either study to info@cpcmilford.org.

Men's & Women's Monthly Fellowship | Generally 3rd Fridays, rotating months: the men will meet May 27th. Additional details TBD. RSVP to info@cpcmilford.org.

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