

Resurrection Day!

March 31, 2013
9:30 and 11:00 AM

We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest.
As you enter the sanctuary, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer.
Please turn off your cell phone and turn your thoughts toward God.

We prepare for worship

Take a moment and meditate on this as you prepare for worship...

Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead...

Matthew 28:5-7

Prelude *Alleluia* Mozart
Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

Choral Introit *Now the Green Blade Riseth* arr. Carter
Children and Youth Choir

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been: **Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.** In the grave they laid Him, Love whom men had slain, Thinking that never He would wake again, Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen...Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain, He that for three days in the grave had lain, Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen...

A Joyous Psalm Butler
I give Thee thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart, O God, I sing Thy praise and give thanks unto Thy Name, for thy love, for Thy steadfast love, for Thy love and faithfulness. Alleluia...All the kings of the earth shall praise Thee, O Lord, they have heard the words, the words of Thy mouth and shall sing of the ways, they shall sing of the ways of the Lord. Alleluia...Sing praise, sing praise to our God.

We praise our great God

*The Call to Worship (responsive)

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

I am He that lives, and was dead, says the Lord; and behold, I am alive forevermore.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 277 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* Lyra Davidica

“Christ the Lords is ris’n today,” Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heav’ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has lead, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 16

(*Hymnal*, pg. 788)

Keep me safe, O God,
for in you I take refuge.

I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."

As for the saints who are in the land, they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight.

The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods.

I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my lips.

LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,

because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

You have made known to me the path of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

*Our Confession of Faith

1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 17, 19-22, 50-57

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,

that he was buried, that he was raised the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we

shall all be change, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall all be changed.

For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

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.

*Hymn No. 280

Christ Is Risen from the Dead

Warren

Christ is risen from the dead, glorious day we celebrate;
Death has no pow’r over him, Hallelujah, he is risen!

As in Adam all men die, so all those in Christ shall live;
He has conquer’d death and hell. Hallelujah, he is risen!

No more need we fear the grave, now, O death, where is your sting?
God gives us the victory. Hallelujah, he is risen!

Christ is risen from the dead, glorious day we celebrate;
Now we live through faith in him, Hallelujah, he is risen!

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

The Prayers of God’s People and the Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

We respond in gratitude for God’s blessing

**The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 731)* and Prayer of Dedication

God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory (11 AM)

Christ Is Now Arisen

K. Lee Scott

Now the song is begun, For the battle is done, And the victory won: Now the foe is scattered: Death’s dark prison shattered: Sing of joy, joy, joy...And today raise the lay, Christ is now arisen! They that followed in pain Shall now follow to reign, And the cross shall obtain; They were sore assaulted, They shall be exalted: Sing of joy...Earth and skies Bid it rise, Christ is now arisen! For the foe nevermore Can approach to that shore, When the conflict is o’er; There is joy supernal; There is peace eternal; Sing of life, life, life...Earth and skies Bid it rise, Christ is now arisen! Then be brave, then be true, Ye despised and ye few, For the crown is for you: Christ, who went before you, Spreads His buckler o’er you. Sing of strength, strength, strength...Earth and skies Bid it rise, Christ is now arisen! Lo, the vict’ry is won, And the foe is scattered, Death’s dark prison shattered! Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah... Earth and skies Bid it rise, Christ is now arisen. Hallelujah...Come today Raise the lay, Christ is now arisen!

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

(Pew Bible pg. 706)

Sermon

“In God’s House...forever”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God’s Grace

*Hymn No. 274

Thine Be the Glory

Maccabaeus

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son;
endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won;

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes, where thy body lay.

***Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.***

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, tho' thy deathless love;
Bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above.

*Benediction and Three-Fold Amen (*Hymnal, pg. 740*)

Postlude

Italian Hymn

Danish
arr. Jones

*Those who are able, please stand.

A special thanks to our musicians this morning: The Children & Youth Choir, Anne Leininger, Sarah Soule, Wendy Wickham, and Gloria Hague. We also welcome and thank Anna Sliva. Anna is principal cellist of the Hopkins Symphony Orchestra and is a Ph.D. candidate at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Our Easter Offering this year will go to the work of Bethany Christian Services to assist them as they provide adoption services for the many orphans, both here and abroad.

A Congregational work day has been scheduled for April 27th with a rain date of May the 4th. Please speak to one of the Deacons if you have any questions.