

Resurrection Day

April 8, 2012
9:30 & 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.
Matthew 28:5, 6*

Prelude

Gloria Hague, Director of Music

The Adult Choir
Perry

*Alleluia, Sing with Joy
Sing with joy to glorify the Lord. Celebrate with Alleluias, sing.
Come rejoicing; Celebrate this festive day.*

Exultate Alleluia

Mozart
Angela St. Pierre, soprano

Choral Introit (11 AM)

Easter Bells

Orff

Angelo Cicone, soloist

*The bells in the steeple ring out to the people this glad Easter Day. Alleluia! Christ is arisen! O sing it with joy
Alleluia! For Christ is arisen from death's darkest prison that we too may live.*

Now the Green Blade Riseth French Traditional

*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:*

Roll Away the Stone

Conry

Angelo Cicone and Jon Carlos Ley, soloists

*They have been saying all our plans are empty, "Where is their God now?" **Roll away the stone, see the glory of
God.** They have been saying no one will remember, power rules the world. They have been saying no one hears the
singing, all our strength is gone. They have been saying "All of us are dying, All of us are dead."*

We praise our great God

*God's Call to Worship (responsive)

Revelation 1:4, 5, 17, 18

*"Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to
come...from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,
and the ruler of kings on earth." Alleluia! Christ is risen.*

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*"Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore,
and I have the keys of Death and Hades."*

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 277

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Lyra Davidica

Joel, Diana and Anne Leininger and George & Fran Oswinkle

The congregation will stand and join in on verses 2-5

"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

Our Confession of Sin (unison)

Colossians 2:13-15 (ESV)

And [we], who were dead in [our] trespasses and the uncircumcision of [our] flesh, God made alive together with [Christ], having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Our Confession of Faith (insert) 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. 266 *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* St. Kevin

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death, as a sun hath risen;
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal:
But today amidst thine own thou didst stand, bestowing
Thine own peace, which evermore, passeth human knowing.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (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

This Is the Day

Gallus

The Adult Choir, Angela St. Pierre, soprano

*This is the day, the day the Lord hath made,
we will all rejoice, be glad in it. Alleluia.*

We hear God speak

Scripture

2 Kings 13:14-25

(Pew Bible, pg. 270)

Sermon

“The Prophet's Tomb”

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

Easter Hymn

Danish

Manz

 *Those who are able, please stand.

Our thanks to all our Aisquith musicians, and especially to our guest soloist, Angela St. Pierre, for participating in our worship today.