

# Resurrection Day!

April 20, 2014  
9:30 and 11:00 AM

*Preparation for worship begins as you enter the sanctuary. Please consider others by turning off your cell phone and ending all conversations as you are seated. Read through the order of worship, the scriptures and the hymns. Pray silently for God to speak and to bless all of us. Don't forget to greet those around you after the service.*

## We prepare for worship

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

Rise, heart, Thy Lord is risen; sing His praise  
Without delays,  
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise  
With Him mayst rise;  
That, as His death calcinèd\* thee to dust,  
His life may make thee gold, and, much more, just.

\*to heat to a high temperature in order to drive off volatile matter.

George Hebert (1593-1633), "Easter" from The Temple

Prelude

*I Know that My Redeemer Liveth*

G. F. Handel

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

## We praise our great God

Introit

*All Creation Sings*

J. S. Bach

Sun, moon, earth and stars break forth in exultation! All creation sings the glorious resurrection! Christ is risen! Death is vanquished! Heav'n and earth repeat the glad refrain. Mountains, hills and dales ring out with acclamation! Oceans, lakes and vales all join the glad ovation. Christ is risen! Death is vanquished! All creation sings today: Alleluia!

\*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. 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.

\*Invocation

**We embrace Christ our Savior**

Confession of Sin (unison)

O Almighty God, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus; we acknowledge that we are unworthy of your redeeming grace. We have not believed your promises, nor trusted in our living Lord. Through the worldliness of our spirit, our eyes have been blinded so that we have not discerned your presence with us. Through disappointment of mind and dejection of spirit, our hearts have not burned within us as we have heard His Word. We have not trusted in His redeeming power, and have been overcome by evil. We have forgotten the glad tidings of His victory over death, and have not known the things that belong to our peace. But now in penitence we come to you, begging your forgiveness. Mercifully grant us cleansing from all our sins, and restore unto us the joy of your salvation. For Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate and our living Lord. Amen.

\*Assurance of Grace (responsive)

Colossians 3:1-4 (ESV)

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,  
**where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.**

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

**For [we] have died, and [our] life is hidden with Christ in God.**

When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

\*Hymn No. 267

*The Day of Resurrection!*

Lancashire

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;  
And listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth her song begin;  
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein;  
Invisible and visible, their notes let all things blend,  
For Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

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

*Sing Praise to Christ*

J. S. Bach

Sing praise to Christ, the Lord, sing praise to Christ, sing praises. Alleluia! Sing praise to Christ, our risen Savior, our Savior and King! Adore Him forever...and worship His name...

**We hear God speak**

Scripture Reading  
Sermon

2 Timothy 2:8-13  
"Remember the Resurrection!"

(Pew Bible pg. 842)  
Pastor Bell

**We respond to God's grace**

\*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!

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

Postlude

*Recessional in G*

Danish  
Devereaux

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\*Those who are able, please stand.

**Serving in our Nursery today:** Janet and George Johnson; next week, April 27<sup>th</sup>: Eileen Ley and Maria Cicone.

**We are giving our Easter Offering again this year** to the Compassion Ministry of Mission to the World. You may use the envelope from your 2014 offering envelopes, or a pink pew envelope marked "Easter". Please include your name or envelope number so that we can record your gift on your annual statement. Please make all checks payable to *Aisquith*.