

# *Easter Sunday*

March 27, 2016

10:30 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...

*The first fact in the history of Christendom is a number of people who say they have seen the Resurrection.*

**C.S. Lewis**

Prelude

*Maccabaeus*

G.F. Handel

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Organ

Mr. Aaron Klaus, Trumpet

Choral Introit

*O Sons and Daughters*

Parker/Shaw

O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the glorious King,  
O'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia! Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings hears, How they had seen the risen Lord,  
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia! Alleluia!

My pierced side, O Thomas, see: My hands, my feet, I show to thee;  
Not faithless but believing be. Alleluia! Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied, He saw the feet, the hands, the side:  
Thou art y Lord and God, he cried. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **We praise our great God**

\*Call to Worship

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* Easter Hymn

“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

Psalm 16 (Hymnal pg. 788)

Keep me safe, O God,

**for in you I take refuge.**

I said to the LORD, "You are my Lore; 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.**

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 1:3-5

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

And into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

\*Gloria Patri (*Hymnal*, pg. 735)

\*Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed (*Hymnal* pg. 846)

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
Of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
Begotten of the Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
Very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
By whom all things were made;  
Who for us and for our salvation  
Came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,



## We hear God Speak

Text	1 Corinthians 15:12-19	(Pew Bible, pg. 815)
Sermon	“The Grace of Certainty”	Pastor Ceselsky

## We respond to God's Grace

*Hymn (insert)	<i>In Christ Alone</i>	Getty
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In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid,  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground, His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,  
Up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand.  
'Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

*Benediction and Three-Fold Amen ( <i>Hymnal</i> , pg. 740)	Danish
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May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Postlude	<i>O God Beyond All Praising</i>	Holst
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**Serving in our Nursery today:** George and Janet Johnson. Serving next week, April 3: Betty Werner and Lydia Komenda.

**We welcome** Mr. Aaron Klaus to our service today. Aaron is currently pursuing a Master of Music in Trumpet Performance at Towson University. Please extend a warm welcome and thank him for his participation in our worship.

**The Special Easter Offering** this year will go to Compassion Ministries. You may use the special Easter envelope from your 2016 offering envelopes or a pink pew envelope marked "Easter." Please make all checks payable to Aisquith.

### **This Week at Aisquith**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study (at the church)</b>
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Ladies Bible Study (at the church)</b>
	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Supper</b>
	<b>7:15 PM</b>	<b>Hymn Sing</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Adult Choir practice (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School (all ages)</b>
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
		<b>Children's Church (grades 1-4)</b>
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Youth Group Service Night</b>

### **Coming Soon**

**Saturday, April 9 – Impact Silent Auction 5:00 PM**

**Saturday, April 16 – Testimony Breakfast w/ Angela Andrade 9:00 AM**

**Saturday, May 14 – Congregational Work day at the Church**

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