

Easter Sunday

11 am Livestream Worship

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RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 4, 2021 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

ORGAN & BRASS PRELUDE

“Fantasia in G, BWV 572”
“Sonatina”
“Allegro Maestoso”

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
The Brass Roots
Johann Sebastian Bach
Richard Shuebruk
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

OPENING WORDS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: Y también contigo.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

Leader: We come together to rejoice in the astonishing reality of Jesus’ resurrection.

People: **We celebrate the good news that Christ is alive, almighty, and present.**

Leader: We gather to tell the truth of the empty tomb and share the story of hope.

People: **With the church universal, let our shouts of praise go forth:**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the new life you raise up in us through the mystery of our baptism, the sorrow of the heavy cross, the surprise of the empty tomb, and the love that death could not destroy. Fill us now with the joy of resurrection, that we may be a living sign of your new heaven and new earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN #233

“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 sin’s dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of 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 heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
The round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

GREETINGS FROM THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL

SPECIAL MUSIC

Gail Novak Mosites, Denise Sheffey-Powell, *soloists*
Michael Painter, Todd Farwell, *soloists*
Abby Langhorst, *djembe*
arr. Charlene Moore Cooper

“Go and Tell Mary and Martha”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

Kathryn Ophardt

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HANDBELL ANTHEM

“Alleluia, Jesus Lives!”

Keith Irvin, *handbells*
Christine Anderson/Douglas Wagner

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

HYMN #248

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

HYMN TO JOY

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.
Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.
Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:1-18

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

SERMON

“It’s God’s City Now”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

ANTHEM

“This Joyful Eastertide”

arr. Charles Wood

OFFERING INVITATION

Andrea DeVries and family

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— THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Woodworth

HYMN #245

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

LLANFAIR

"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

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

Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!

Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

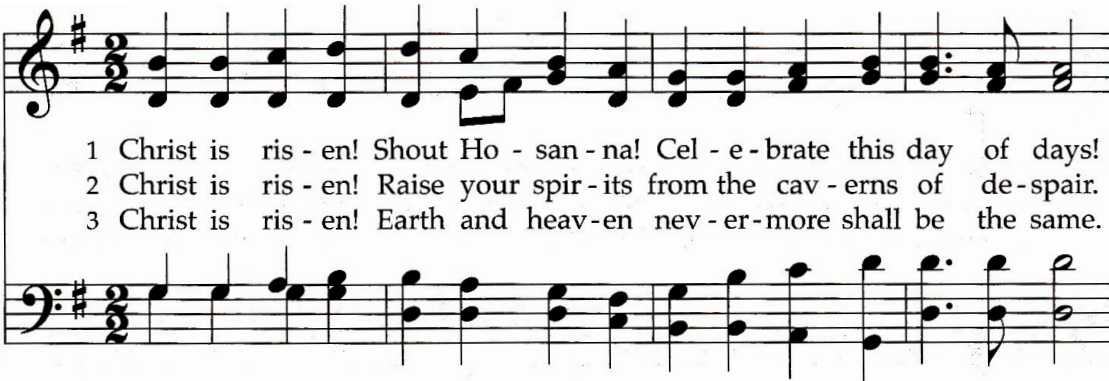
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Charles-Marie Widor

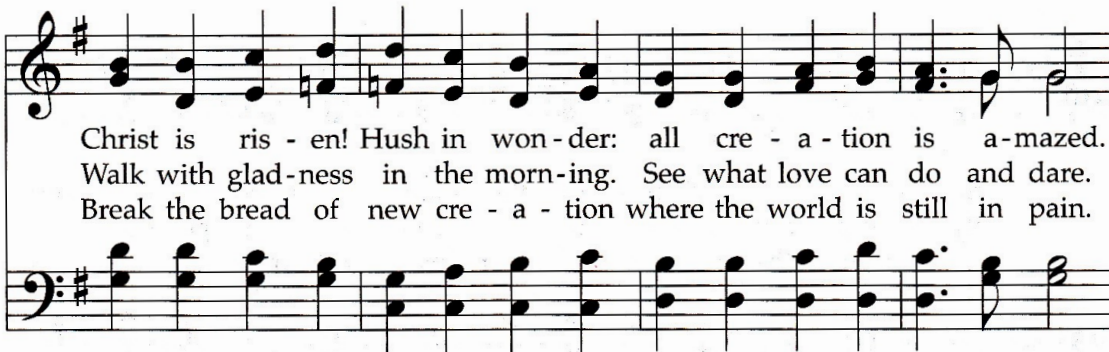


THE DAY OF RESURRECTION!

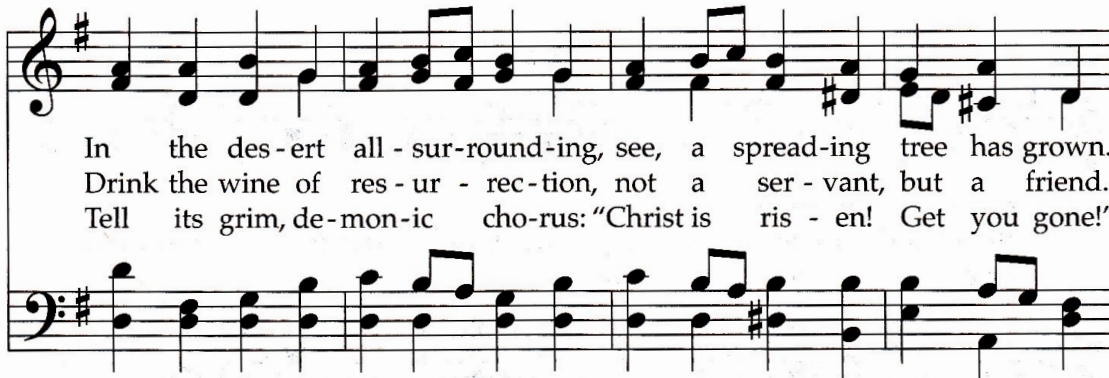
CHRIST IS RISEN! SHOUT HOSANNA!



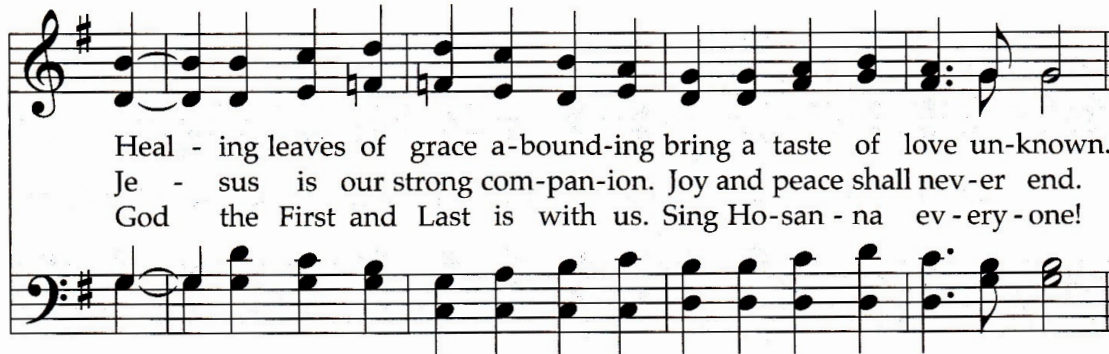
1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY!

1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre - a - tion, join to say:
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to you by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,
 Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
 Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.

MUSIC: Robert Williams, 1817; harm. David Evans, 1927
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LLANFAIR
 7.7.7.7 with alleluias

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