

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
**A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP**  
Sunday, April 4, 2021, 10:30 a.m.  
Easter Sunday

***Welcome and Greeting***

***Handbell Prelude:*** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (DIADEM, arr. Patricia Sanders Cota)

***Opening Sentences***

***Hymn 196:*** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

***Opening Prayer***

***Special Music:*** "Good Christian Folk, Rejoice and Sing" (Cyril Arlington/Melchior Vulpus, arr. David Johnson)

***Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer***

***Gospel Reading:*** Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

***Sermon:*** "THE PARADOX OF PROOF"

***Hymn 198:*** "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

***Benediction***

***Benediction Response:*** "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (Stuart Townend, arr. Larry Shackley)

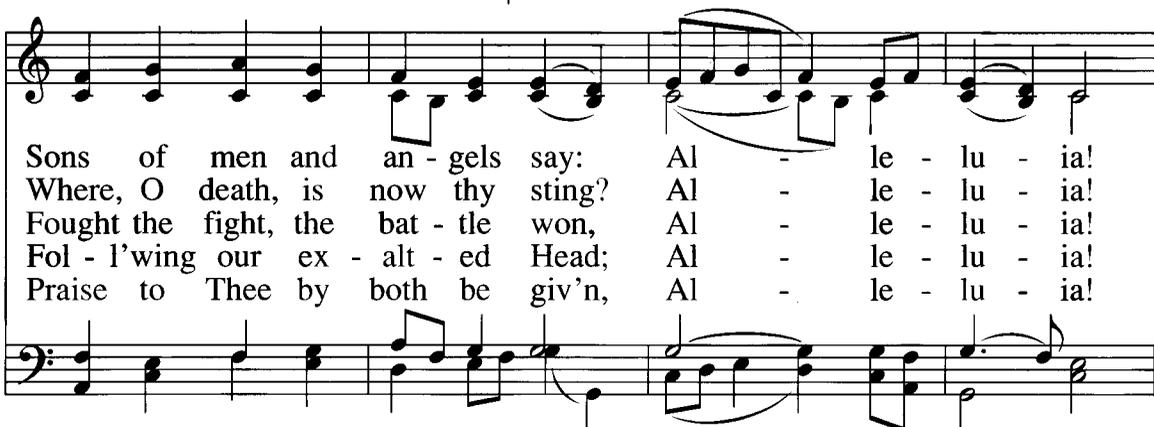
**Today's Participants:** Rev. Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb and Jerry Fuller, April Lakatos,  
Kim and Lorraine Finison, Gina Patton, Ann McClelland, Gail Sawyer

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

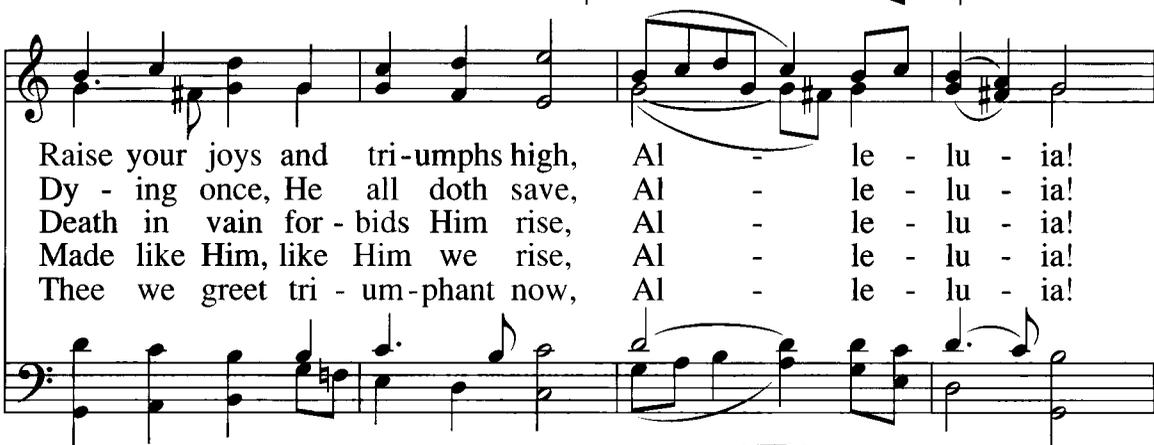
Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Arr. from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

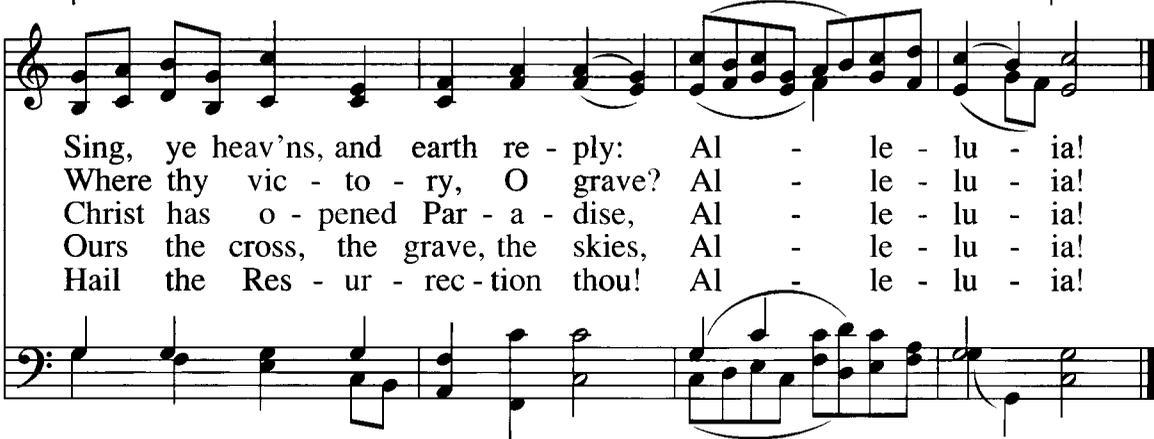

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Al - le - lu - ia!



Sons of men and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise to Thee by both be giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Dy - ing once, He all doth save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Thee we greet tri - um - phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hail the Res - ur - rec - tion thou! Al - le - lu - ia!

First verse: "Join we now as angels say" or "Join the angels now to say"

EASTER HYMN  
7.7.7.7 with Alleluias

# THE TRIUNE GOD

## 198

## Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Exodus 15

John of Damascus, ca. 696–ca. 754

Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900

Trans. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

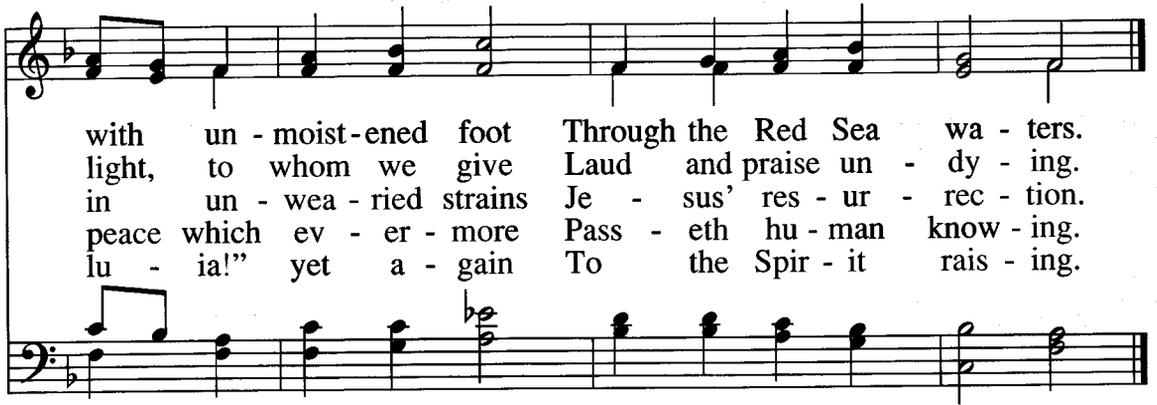
1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant  
2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ hath burst His  
3. Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of  
4. Nei - ther might the gates of death, Nor the tomb's dark  
5. "Al - le - lu - ia!" now we cry To our King im -

glad - ness; God hath brought His Is - ra - el  
pris - on, And from three days' sleep in death  
splen - dor, With the roy - al feast of feasts,  
por - tal, Nor the watch - ers, nor the seal  
mor - tal, Who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars

In - to joy from sad - ness; Loosed from Phar - aoh's  
As a sun hath ris - en; All the win - ter  
Comes its joy to ren - der; Comes to glad Je -  
Hold Thee as a mor - tal; But to - day a -  
Of the tomb's dark por - tal; "Al - le - lu - ia!"

bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters; Led them  
of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing From His  
ru - sa - lem, Who with true af - fec - tion Wel - comes  
midst the twelve Thou didst stand, be - stow - ing That Thy  
with the Son, God the Fa - ther prais - ing, "Al - le -

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with un - moist - ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
light, to whom we give Laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.  
peace which ev - er - more Pass - eth hu - man know - ing.  
lu - ia!" yet a - gain To the Spir - it rais - ing.

Almighty God, we praise You that Christ has conquered sin and death. The tomb is empty! We have hope beyond the grave! We thank You for the example of Jesus, who loosed the chains of injustice, untied the yoke of the oppressed, and provided bread for the hungry.

During our worship today, please accept our songs and our silences, our faith and our fears, our times of trust and our times of doubt.

We humbly ask that You speak to the deep places of our hearts, that we may align our will with Yours. May the example of our Lord Jesus Christ and the power of His resurrection touch whatever is dead in us and bring it to life. As the sun boldly rises to meet a new day, rise in our lives this Easter Day, for You are our hope, our life and our joy. Amen.

Rev. Jim Schibsted