

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 31, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" (arr. Kevin McChesney)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 196: (Choir only on verse 4–watch for cues):

"Concertato on 'Christ the Lord Is Risen Today'" (arr. Hal H. Hopson)

Opening Prayer

Anthem: "Ye Sons and Daughters of the King" (17th c. French Air, arr. Eric H. Thiman)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

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 towards 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 round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' 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: "I HAVE SEEN THE LORD"

Duet: "I've Just Seen Jesus" (Gloria and William Gaither and Danny Daniels, arr. Amy J. Snyder)

Hymn 197: "The Day of Resurrection"

Benediction

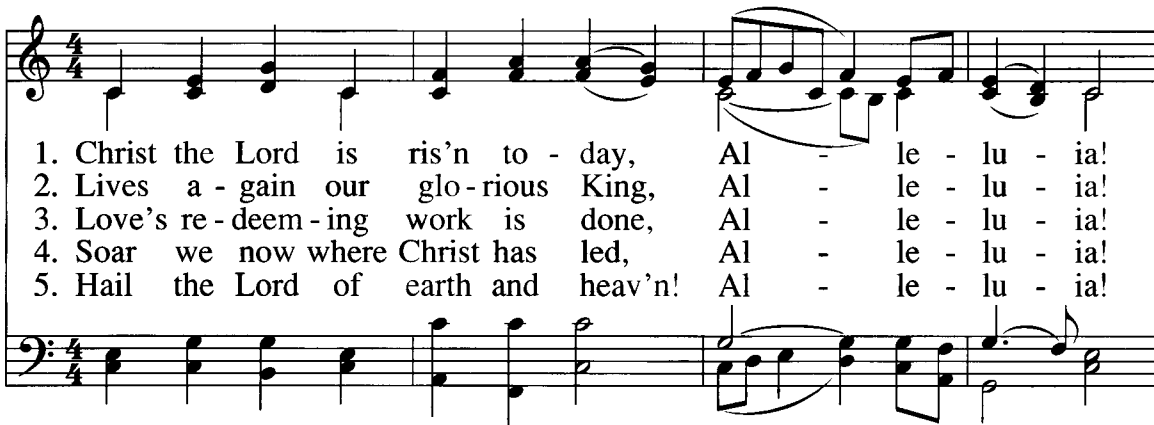
Response: "Lift High the Cross" (Sidney Hugo Nicholson, arr. Mark Hayes and Marvin Gaspard)

Greet One Another

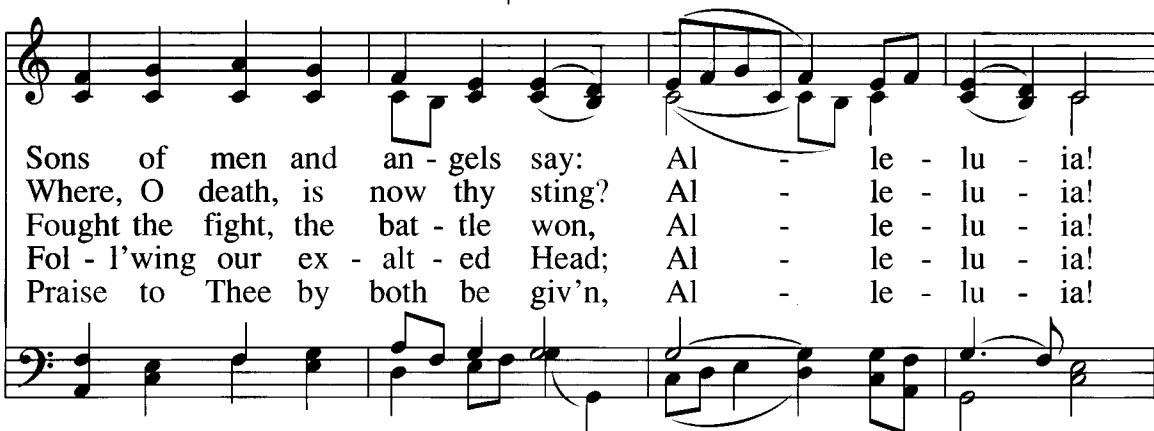
Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Barb & Jerry Fuller, Rachel Gehres, Choir, Justin Stephens, Mayflower Ringers

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

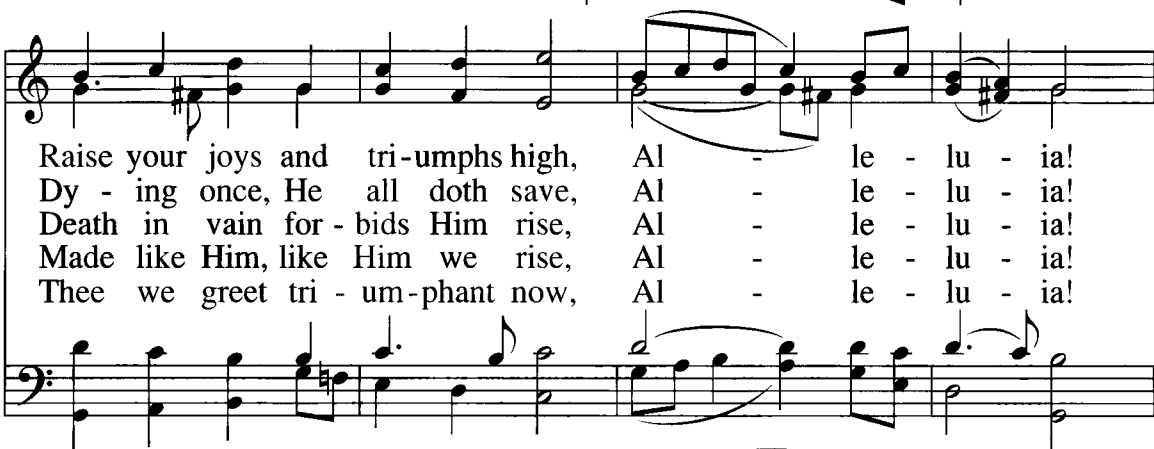
Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Arr. from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708


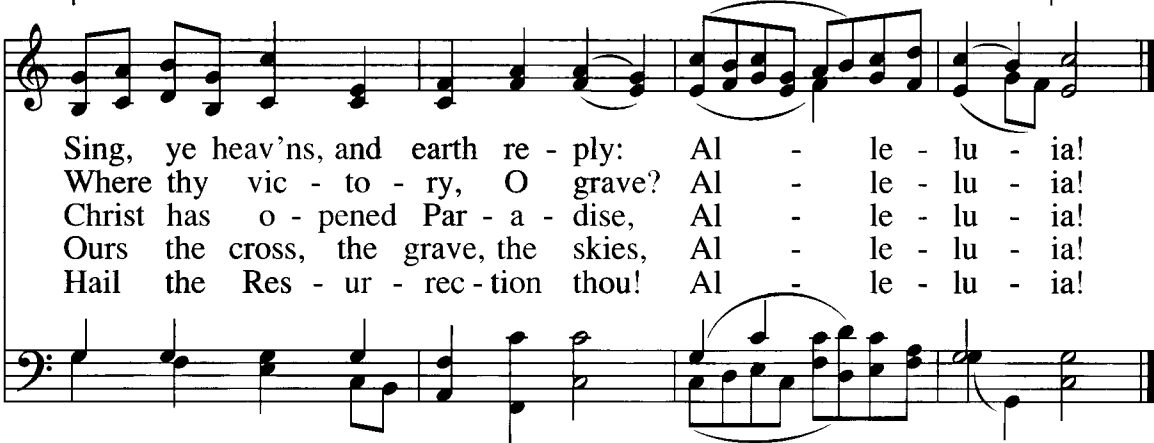
1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!
 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Al - le - lu - ia!



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 Day of Resurrection

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John of Damascus, ca. 696–ca. 754

Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

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



1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, That we may see a - right
 3. Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth her song be - gin,



The Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The Pass - o - ver of God.
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light;
 The round world keep high tri - umph, And all that is there in;



From death to life e - ter - nal, From earth un - to the sky,
 And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear so calm and plain
 Let all things seen and un - seen Their notes of glad - ness blend,



Our Christ hath brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
 His own "All hail," and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor - strain.
 For Christ the Lord is ris - en, Our joy that hath no end. A - men.

