

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, April 20, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Handbell Prelude: "All Creatures of Our God and King" (arr. Larry Sue) - Barb/Ringers

Opening Sentences - Rachel

Hymn 196: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" - DeeAnn et al.

Opening Prayer - Rachel

Anthem: "This Joyful Eastertide" (Dutch Folk Melody, George Woodward, arr. John Ferguson) - Choir

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts - Pastor Mark

Doxology (Hymn 563) - DeeAnn

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

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18 - Rachel

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: "THROUGH A DIFFERENT LENS" - Pastor Mark

Hymn 199: "Alleluia! The Strife is O'er" - DeeAnn et al.

Benediction - Pastor Mark

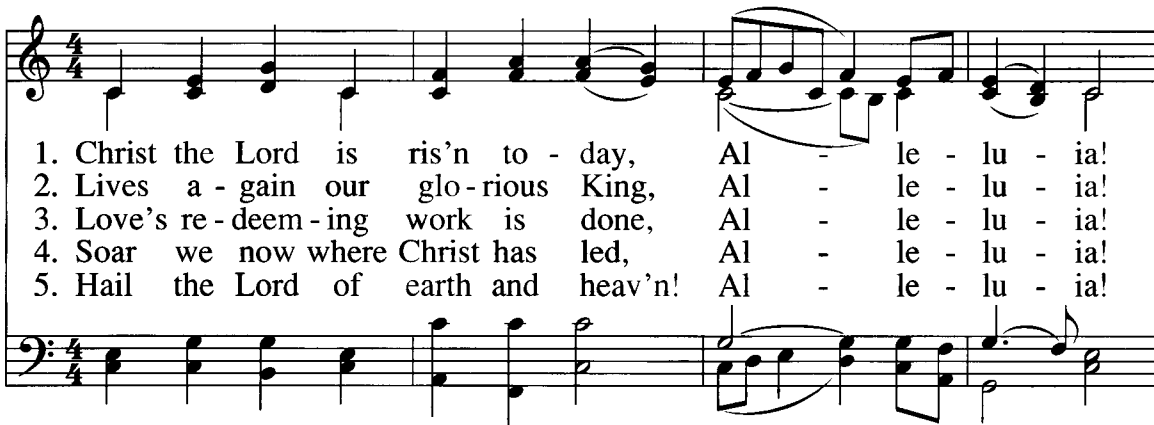
Postlude: "Prelude in Classic Style" (Gordon Young) - DeeAnn and Barb

Greet One Another - All

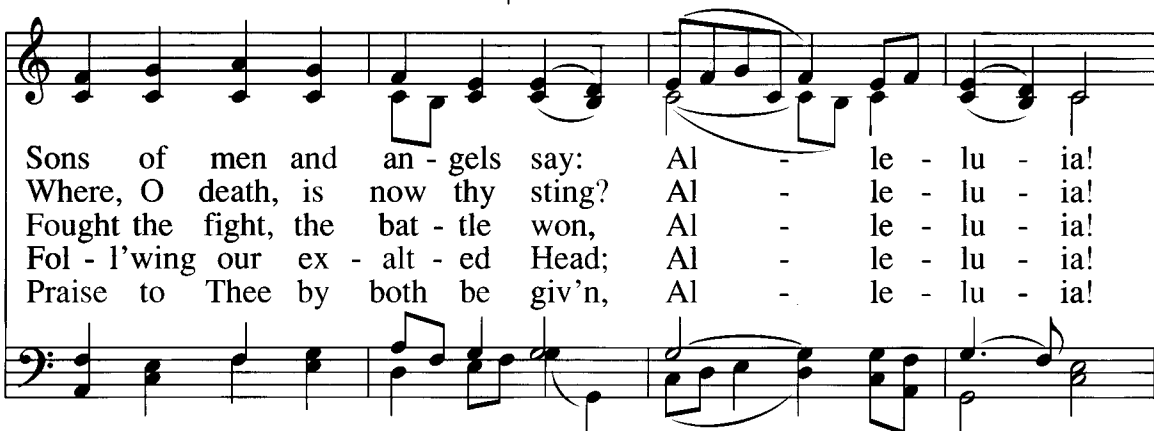
Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Rachel Gehres, Jamie Keller, Ringers, Choir

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

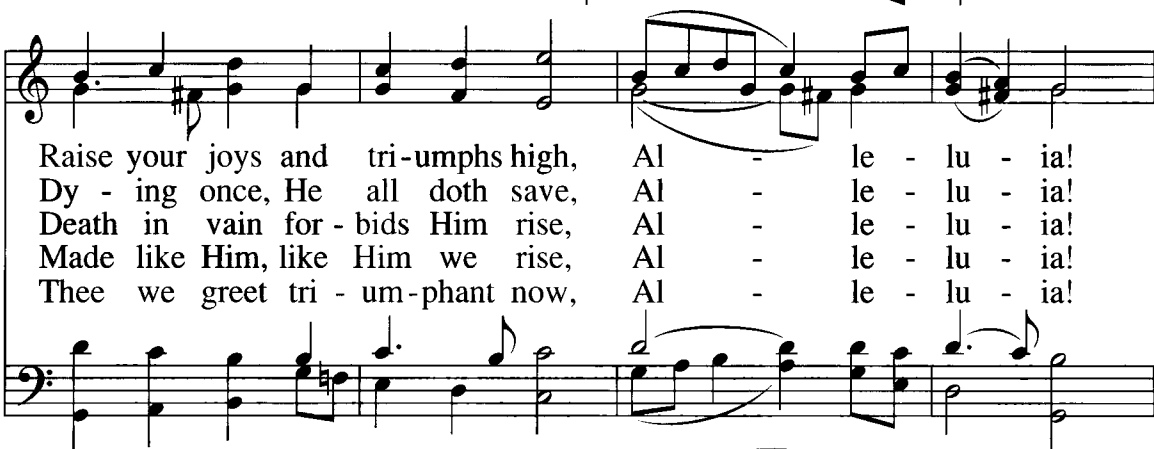
Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Arr. from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708


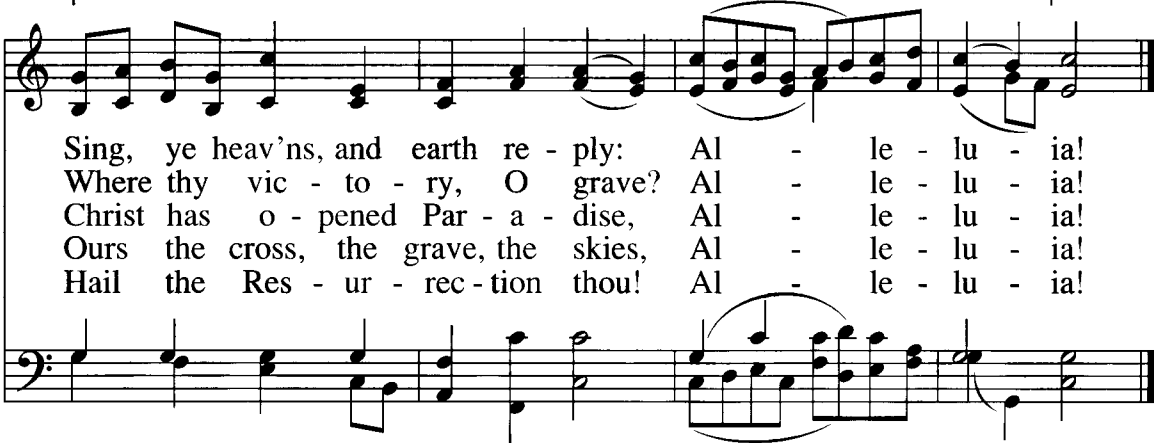
1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!
 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Al - le - lu - ia!



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

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Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er

Latin, 17th C.

G. P. da Palestrina, ca. 1525-1594

Trans. by Francis Pott, 1832-1909, alt.

Arr. by William H. Monk, 1723-1889

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; The vic - to -
2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst, But Christ their
3. The three sad days are quick - ly sped, He ris - es
4. Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed Thee, From death's dread

ry of life is won; The song of tri - umph
le - gions hath dis - persed; Let shouts of ho - ly
glo - rious from the dead; All glo - ry to our
sting Thy ser - vants free, That we may live and

has be - gun: Al - le - lu - ia!
joy out - burst: Al - le - lu - ia!
ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
sing to Thee: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.