

RESURRECTION DAY



MARCH 31, 2024

Sunday, March 31, 2024, 2024
Easter Sunday

Decorating the Cross

Tolling of the Bell

Prelude *The Heavens Declare the Glory of God* Marcello

Call to Worship *Wild Goose Worship Group*

*Opening Hymn *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Welcome & Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

One: Christ is Risen!

All: He is risen, indeed!

(Psalm 31)

The Peace of Christ

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Junior Choir Anthem *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* Lau
A gift of the Kerr Family

Matthew 28:1-10

Blessing

Choir Anthem *Hallelujah, Amen* Handel, arr. Schmidt

Homily

*Hymn *The Day of Resurrection*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come;
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.*

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* As the Spirit guides you, we encourage you to rise in body or spirit.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Sarabande from French Suite # 1

Bach

Doxology

Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that love has done.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

Closing Hymn

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Benediction

Postlude

Alleluia

Mozart

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Following the Closing Hymn, we encourage the congregation to remain risen, in body or spirit, to receive the Benediction, which is both blessing and commission. You may sit for the Choral Response and Postlude in quiet contemplation.

All are invited to the Parish Hall for coffee, tea, and snacks. We understand it can be difficult to step into a room of strangers. We hope, with every cup and cookie, we can deepen our connections and learn a little more about each other each week.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Matt. 28:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.



1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, 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!



Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!



The Day of Resurrection

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*John of Damascus, 8th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1862; alt.*

Mark 16:1-6

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 heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Christ who reigns e - ter - nal in res - ur - rec - tion light;
the whole world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
We lis - ten for the teach - ings once heard so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
for we, too, want to fol - low and raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ a - gain has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

A Greek canon—an extended poem of eight or nine odes, each based on a scriptural canticle—was the source of this hymn. John of Damascus gave up a high government position to enter a monastery.

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.
Henry T. Smart, 1836

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

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Attrib. to John of Damascus (c. 696–c. 754 C.E.)
 Transl. John Mason Neale, 1872; alt.

Exod. 15; Luke 24

1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness;
 2 Spring has dawned on earth to - day; Christ has burst from pris - on,
 3 Now the joy - ous sea - son, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dim por - tal,

God has brought all Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness;
 And from three days' sleep in death as the sun has ris - en;
 With the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joys to ren - der;
 Nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold you as a mor - tal;

Loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
 All the win - ter of our sins, long and gray, is fly - ing
 Comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem who with true af - fec - tion
 But to - day a - mid the twelve you still stand, be - stow - ing

Led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 From the Light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 Wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.
 Peace and joy which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.

Bulletin Reminders

After worship, Rev. Morisse is available for conversation in the Parish Hall.

KEEP FRAMINGHAM BEAUTIFUL

Join 2023's "Litter Buster of the Year" Al Rapoza and your friends from *Keep Framingham Beautiful* on Saturday, April 6 as we race to clean the Framingham portion of the Boston Marathon route, from Ashland to Natick. We'll meet at 9:00 a.m., at La Cantina (904 Waverly St), and set out from there. Contact Al Rapoza, at alrapoza@yahoo.com, or 508.740.5930, for more details. See *Wednesday Email* to sign up.

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank the Plymouth church community for coming together this past Sunday to support my Boston Marathon fundraising bake sale. The sale yielded **\$511.00**. I'm very appreciative, thankful, and humbled to be a part of the Plymouth Church Community and again, thank you so much for your generosity.

-Maggie Musoke

20TH ANNIVERSARY POTLUCK CELEBRATION

On Sunday, **April 7**, we will honor Greg, our pastor and teacher, on his 20th Anniversary at Plymouth Church. Please join us for worship (with special guests) and then join us in the Parish Hall immediately following the service for a potluck celebration. Please bring a dish to share. Cake will be provided. For questions or to volunteer to help with setup/clean-up, contact Sandy Clarke, Kathy Copson, Meg Doucette, Emily Lynch, Leigh Remington, Mattie Schadt, Rob Schadt, or Sydney Turner

PERENNIAL PLANT SALE, MAY 18

The Plymouth Church Annual Perennial Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, **May 18**, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in front of the church. The Plant Sale seeks volunteers for setup and staffing. All gardeners, interested novices, and anyone willing to help is welcome. Please join the fun! Volunteers should contact Ellen Rivoir or Leona Dalton. See *Wednesday Email* for details.

PRE-LOVED CLOTHING SALE, MAY 17/18

The Pre-Loved Clothing Sale will take place on Friday evening, **May 17**, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, **May 18**, from 9:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m. As always, we need lots of volunteers to help sort and set up the Sale. For questions and to offer your help, please contact Mattie Schadt at 774.217.3477.

SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION MOVES TO WEEKLY

A scripture discussion will now occur every Sunday, in the Parlor, beginning 30 minutes after the service. Weeks 1 and 3 will be led by Shari Van Hook, and weeks 2 and 4 by Meg Doucette. All are welcome. The group will not meet on a fifth Sunday in the month, or if there are other special events after worship or after holiday services. These exceptions will be noted in the Sunday morning announcements.



The Plymouth Church

OUR EASTER HEROES 2024

Today, I would like to celebrate my husband, Bill. When I was sick with cancer, I needed a lot of care both physically and mentally. He took such great care of me and I want to thank him from the bottom of my heart.

I wish to celebrate Kathy Copson, she is the quiet yet strong voice of Love and Reason, a joy to work and serve with, greet with words for all occasions. It is hard to have a conversation without sharing a laugh. She is an Easter hero for all seasons and reasons.

Mattie and Rob Schadt, in gratitude for their Love and Leadership, guidance and dedication to our Church.

The person who inspires my faith is my wife, Robyne. There is a steady undercurrent of love and compassion in every action she takes, which provides me with an example of how to be like Jesus every day.

Mary and David Whittemore

Our Core Values

- Community
- Intergenerational Life
- Service and Social Action
- Worship and Spiritual Life
- Welcome and Hospitality

Our Bedrock Beliefs

- We believe we are called to be kind, love justice, and walk humbly with God.
- We believe that God is present with us always in times of trial and rejoicing.
- We embrace Jesus' call to love and serve one another.
- We believe that God hears and answers our prayers.
- We believe in the fullness of God's grace (unmerited favor).