

# Easter SUNDAY

April 9, 2023

**He is risen.**

Matthew 28:6

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Tolling of the Bell

Call to Worship

*John 13:12-16*

Prelude

*Sonata Prima per Trombetta Sola*

*Viviani  
Fred Holmgren, trumpet*

Opening Hymn

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Welcome & Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

One: Christ is Risen!

**All: He is risen, indeed!**

Cherub Choir Introit

*Alleluia Christ is Risen*

*Bedford*

Reception of New Members

Passing the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Junior Choir Anthem

*Lord of the Dance*

*Carter, arr. Rutter*

Matthew 28:1-10

Blessing

Choir Anthem

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

*Hovhanes*

Homily

*"What Resurrection means today"*

Hymn

*The Day of Resurrection*

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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.*

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Prelude in A Minor*

*Scriabin*

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

*Toccata*

*Widor*

*The Congregation is encouraged  
to enjoy the entire Postlude before exiting.*

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## Reception of New Members

### Introductions

Cathy Allen, Vicki Bruce, Colleen Rock, Leo Settoducato, & Mary Rose Wells  
Alison Simons, Cindy Canavan, Leslie Clark, Robert Clark, Kelly Johnson,  
Jaime Prince & Nate Klippenstein

### Questions

#### \*Statement of Faith

**Right:** We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

**Left:** You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

**Right:** In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

**Left:** You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

**Right:** You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

**Left:** You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

**All: Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.**

### The Congregation Responds

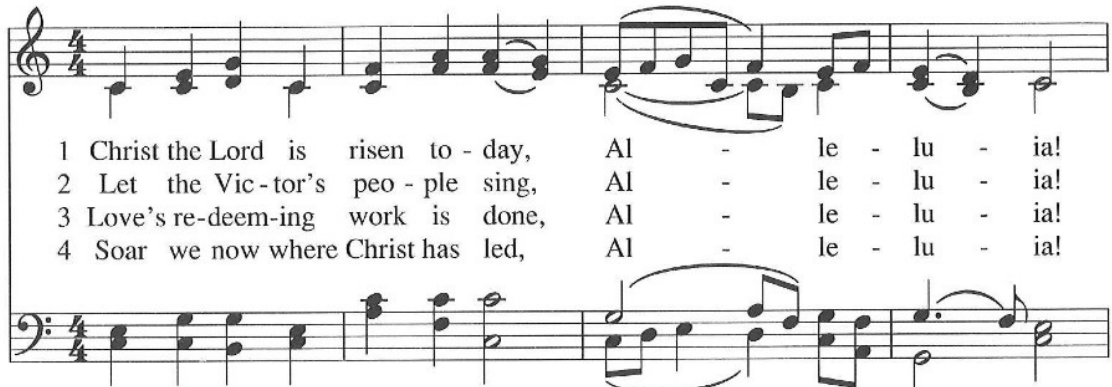
#### The Covenant of The Plymouth Church in Framingham

*We covenant with God and with one another and do bind ourselves in His presence to strive to know His will as taught in the Holy Bible, and to walk in His Holy Ways.*

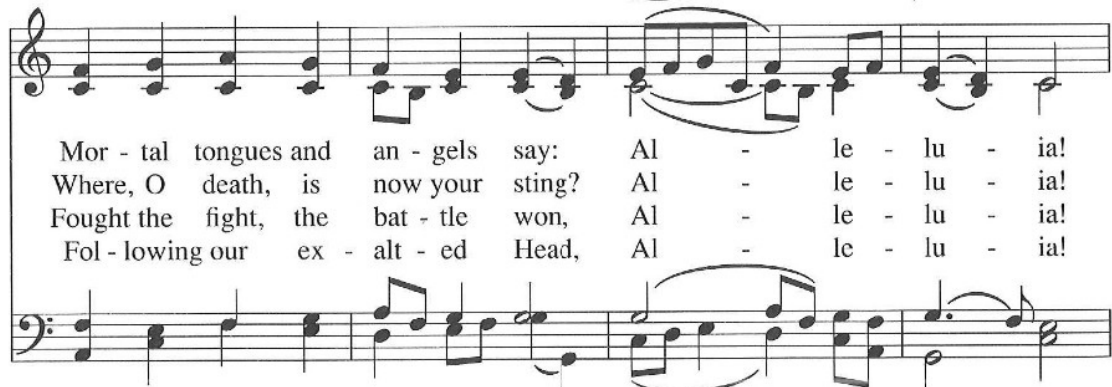
*We will strive to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. In the fellowship of this church, we dedicate ourselves to the building of the Kingdom of our Lord, Jesus Christ, here on earth. Recognizing the church as the living Body of Christ, we agree together to sustain its worship, its activities and its charities.*

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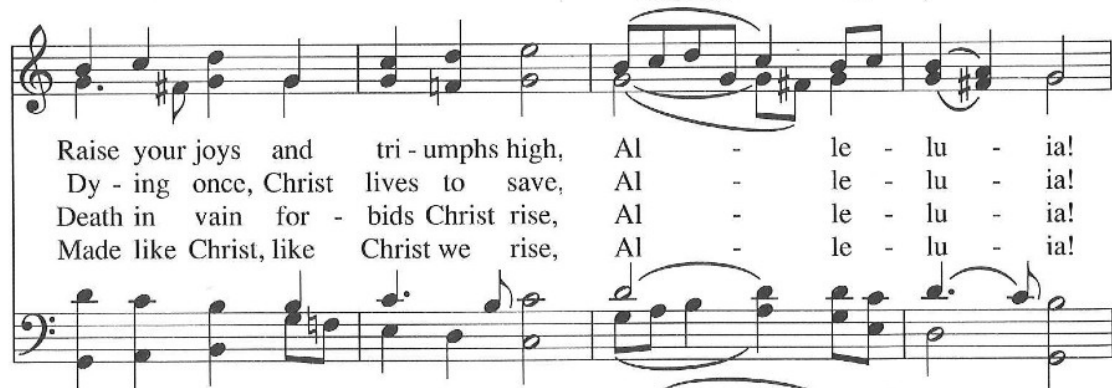
## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*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.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a treble and bass clef. It features three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

*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.*

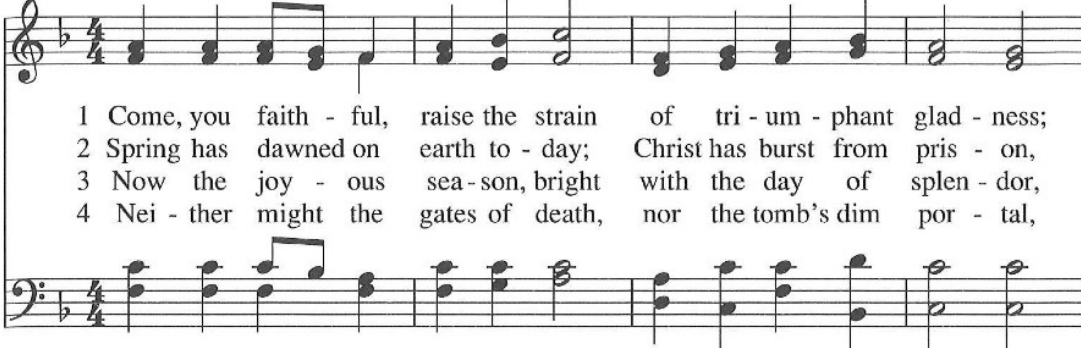
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Henry T. Smart, 1836

## Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

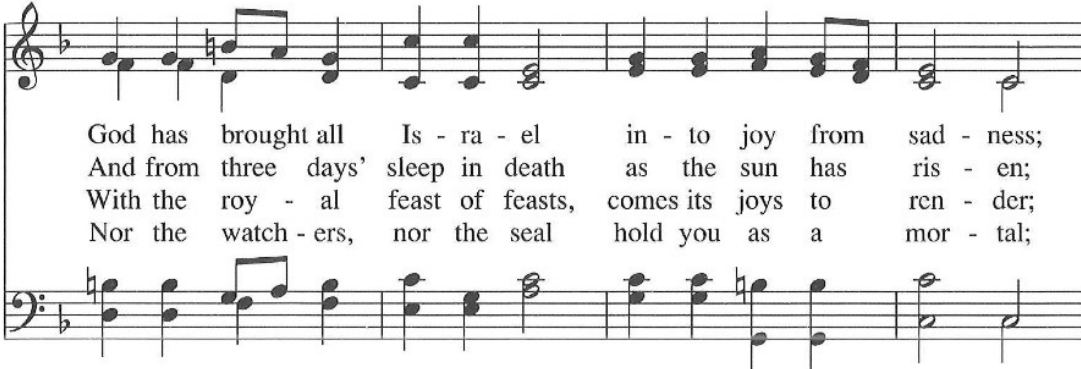
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Attrib. to John of Damascus (c. 696–c. 754 C.E.)  
 Transl. John Mason Neale, 1872; alt.


Exod. 15; Luke 24



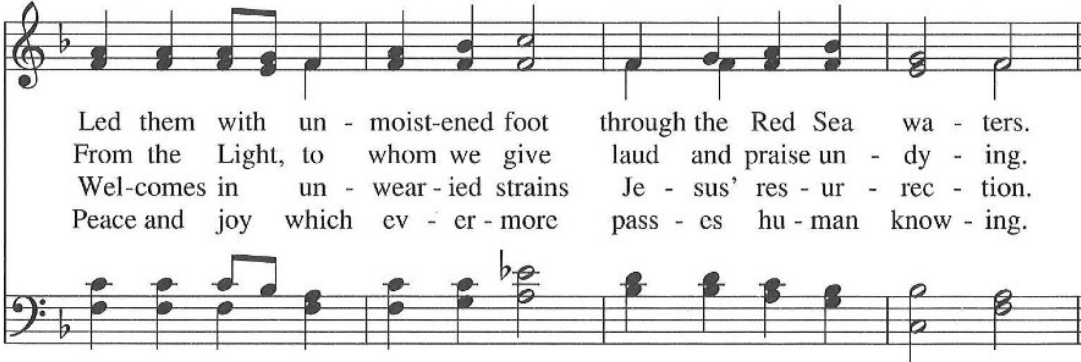
1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness;  
 2 Spring has dawned on earth to - day; Christ has burst from pris - on,  
 3 Now the joy - ous sea - son, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dim por - tal,



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.

# Plymouth Church Easter Flower Donors

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## **CAROLE BLACKMAN**

in memory of Warren Blackman and parents

## **VICKI & KIM BRUCE**

To Mac/Dad/Papa and all of our angels  
*Sometimes it is the things you can't see  
that are the most special.*

## **L.J. CARROLL**

in celebration of the hope  
and welcome of this congregation

## **LESLIE & MARK DOOLEY**

in memory of Leslie's uncle, Charles Randall

## **MEG DOUCETTE**

in memory of my parents,  
Rebecca L. and Roger A. Williams

## **SUE & JIM GAFFEY**

in memory of loved ones

## **THE HAMILTONS**

in memory of Richard & Delores Kleine

## **NANCY LAWSON & BETH MARASCIO**

in loving memory of Robert Lawson,  
with happy, loving memories of Kurt Lawson

## **THE LOMAS & ROTATORI FAMILIES**

in memory of Evelyn & Ken Hopkins

## **SUSAN LOUNSBURY**

in memory of Peter A. Lounsbury  
from your loving family

## **NANCY McALLISTER & FAMILY**

in memory of our loving son and brother,  
Michael McAllister

## **JOYCE MILLER & ROBERT BUSCH**

in memory of their parents,  
Robert and Winona Miller and  
A.J. and Mary Ellen Busch; and her brother  
Harvey Miller and his son Brian Miller

## **REBECCA REINER**

in memory of Van Reiner,  
beloved father and grandfather

## **COLLEEN ROCK**

in memory of Jacqueline M. Rock

## **MATTIE & ROB SCHADT**

in memory of Mattie's mom, Dolores Parker

## **NANCY SPENCE**

in celebration of the birth of my new  
great-grandson, Evan David Wells,  
born on March 4

## **THE SULLIVAN ANDREWS FAMILY**

in loving memory of William G. Sullivan,  
Cecil D. Andrews, and Elinor E. Sullivan

## **FAITH WEIS & LEO SETTODUCATO**

in memory of P. Frances Settoducato,  
who loved Easter flowers very much

## **MARY ROSE WELLS**

in memory of Rose & Francis Dittami

## **SARAH & DAVID WELLS**

in celebration of family,  
especially our grandsons, Levi, Luke, and Evan

## **MARY WHITEMORE**

in honor of Dave Whittemore's 70 years  
as a member of The Plymouth Church