



April 17, 2022

Resurrection Sunday

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Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 17, 2022

Opening Hymn *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

Call to Worship

One: Your steadfast love...

All: ...endures forever! Hallelujah!

Luke 24:1-12

The Peace of Christ

Hymn *The Day of Resurrection*

Procession *The Heavens Declare The Glory Of God* *Marcello*

We follow the Cross into the Sanctuary to find our pews and continue worship.

Welcome

Prayer of Consecration

One: God of the rolled away stone, Spirit of the open gate, Christ of the resurrection, we return to You with shouts of Joy!

All: When we were distant from each other, You were always near.

Two: When we were lonely for our church, the multitude of Your Spirit surrounded us.

All: When we were wandering and adrift, Your wings overshadowed and protected us..

One: Creator God, bless our church that these walls might ring with joyful song once again.

All: Calling Spirit, bless the sabbath morning that we might remember the joy found in keeping it holy,

Two: Consecrated Christ, bless our congregation, the friends here today, the friends we still miss, and those who have joined the cloud of saints. May we walk boldly together into the richness and promise you set before us:

All: Life returned, Life restored, Life abundant! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Amen.

John 20:11-18

Choir Anthem

Canticle for Easter

arr. Williams

Message for All Ages

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

arr. Hopson

Doxology #514

Praise God from whom all blessing flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that love has done.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

Sermon

Closing Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Benediction

Postlude

Allegro from Concerto in B minor

Walther



COFFEE HOUR

Treats

Easter Egg Hunt

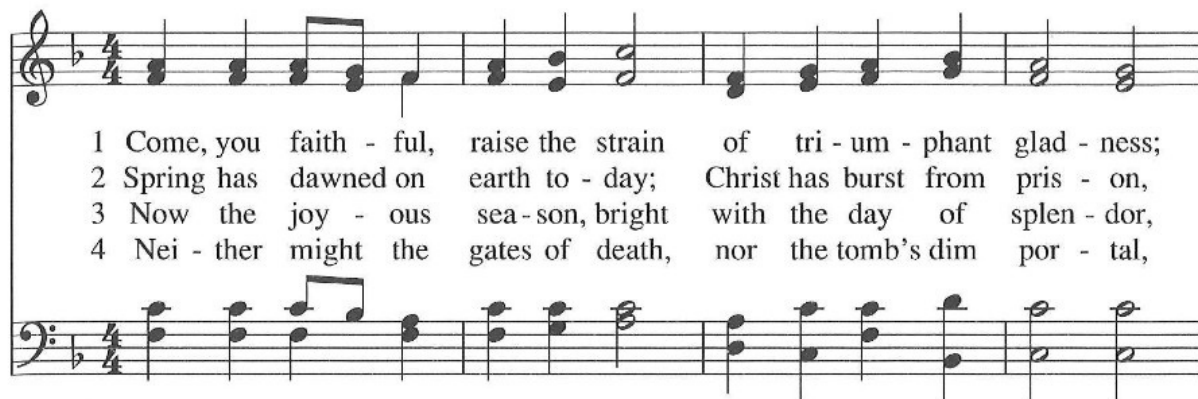


Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

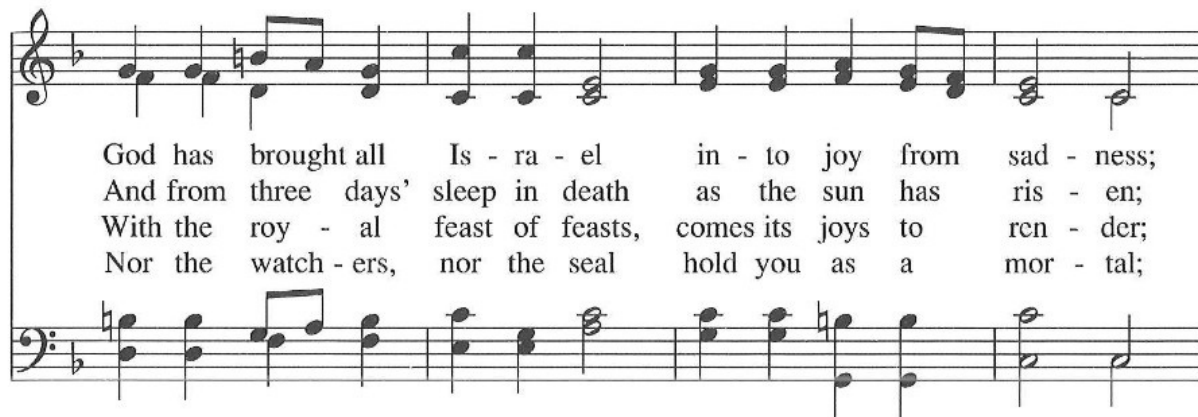
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Attrib. to John of Damascus (c. 696–c. 754 C.E.)
 Transl. John Mason Neale, 1872; alt.

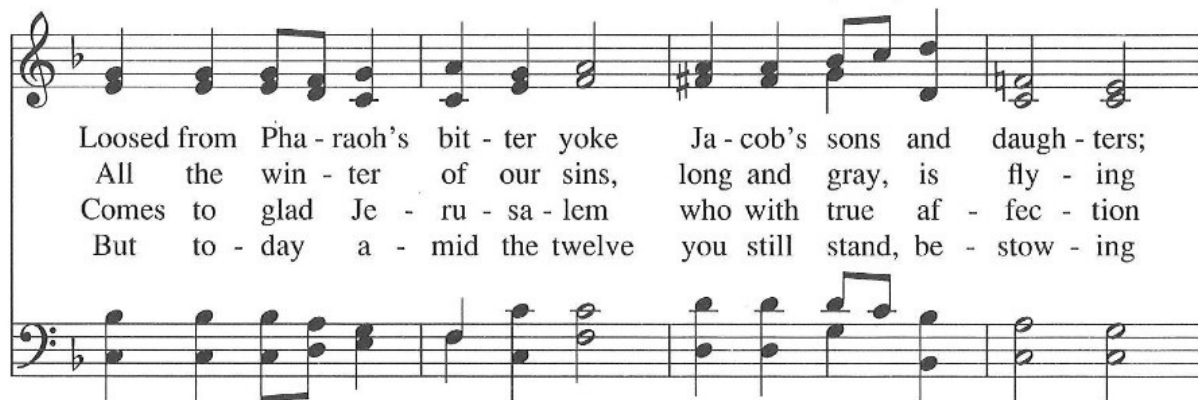
Exod. 15; Luke 24



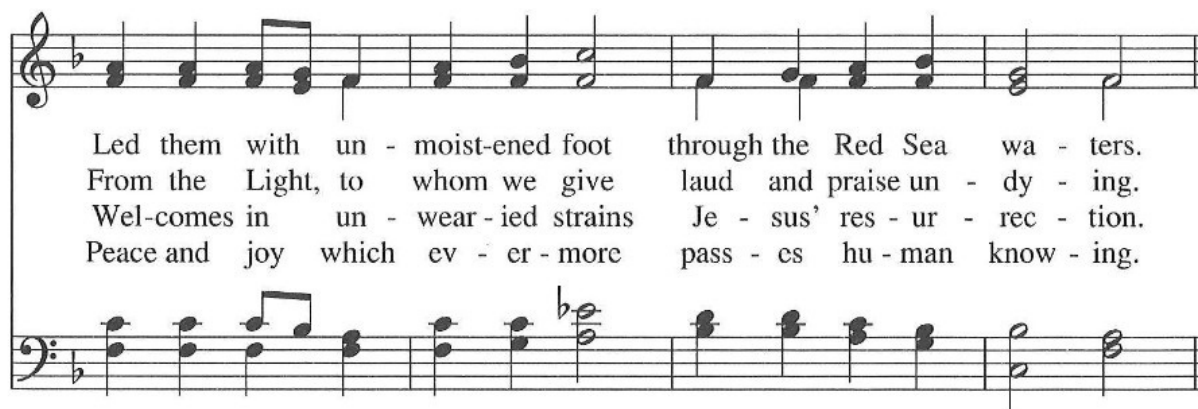
1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness;
 2 Spring has dawned on earth to - day; Christ has burst from pris - on,
 3 Now the joy - ous sea - son, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dim por - tal,



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.

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.

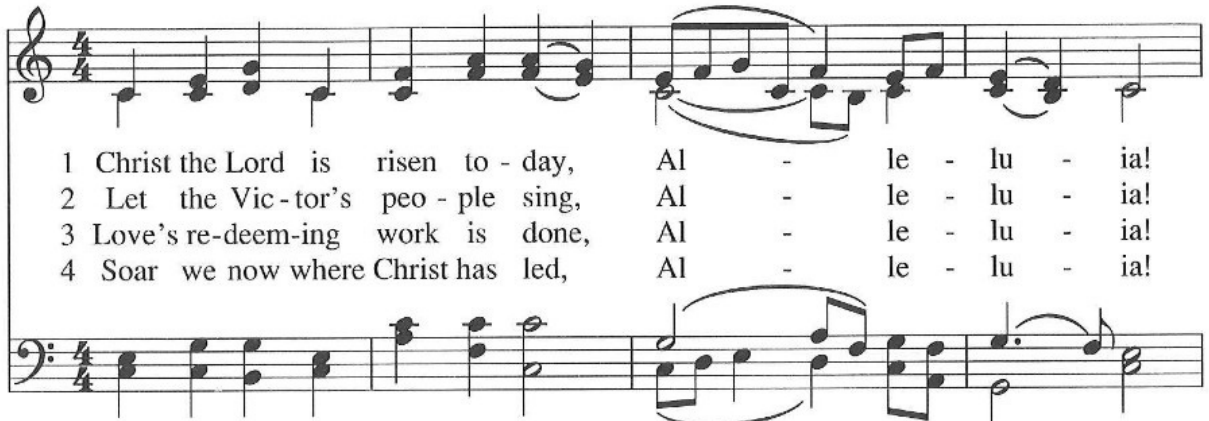
A Greek canon—an extended poem of eight or nine odes, each based on a scriptural canticle—was the source of this hymn. John of Damascus gave up a high government position to enter a monastery.

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

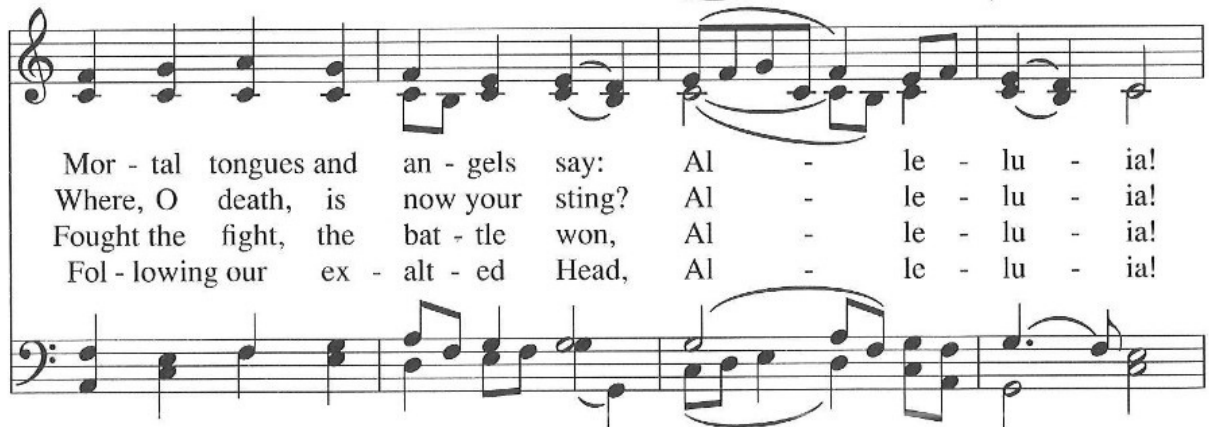
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.



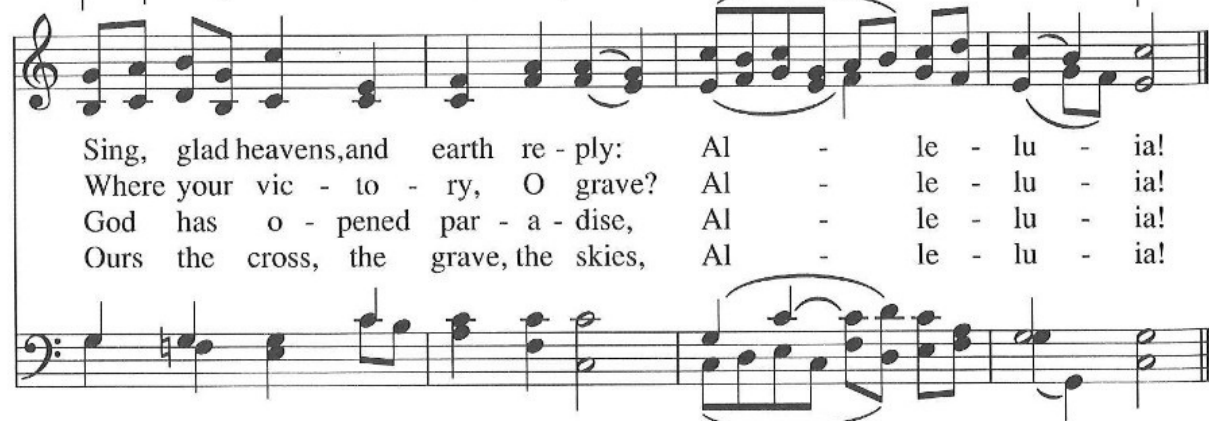
1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!



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 oncc, 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 CHURCH FAIR GIVES BACK

Inspired by Social Action's Golden Ticket initiative, church leadership set aside a portion of this year's proceeds and challenged the Fair Chairs to give it away. Here's what they chose:

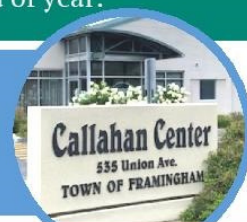


Native Plant Trust - Seed Ark Endowment Fund

A program associated with Garden in the Woods, in Framingham with a "dollar for dollar" matching grant in place through end of year.

Friends of Callahan

to provide support to Framingham area seniors in need of housing, food, transportation, or companionship



Mass Equality Education Fund

to support efforts to protect and expand LGBTQ rights in MA

World Central Kitchen

providing meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises while working to build resilient food systems.



Ascentria Care Alliance

supporting Afghan refugees, assisting resettlement with housing, furniture and neighborhood support

Veterans Inc.

offering housing and meals, outreach, and support Services to veterans, service members and their families.



Call2Talk/Mass211

Suicide Prevention services, Domestic Abuse counseling, Early Education Child Care Services, Runaway Assistance, and Veterans assistance

And this isn't even a complete list! Additional gifts were made to Home2Homes in Ashland, United Church of Christ Environmental Justice Ministries, and support for Ukrainian refugees.

Plymouth Church Easter Flower Fund Donors

CAROLE BLACKMAN,

in memory of my loving husband and parents.

LESLIE & ROBERT CLARK,

in memory of Everett, Peter, Mark, and Nick Shepard

SANDY CLARKE,

In celebration of our amazing ministers, teaching and leading us through life's many struggles, and in celebration of our church individuals, our church families, and the shared ministry of supporting each other in the loss of so many loved ones this past year.

SANDY CLARKE,

in memory of Ann Toll, and in honor of Bill, Katie, and family.

BETSY COOPER,

in memory of Warren Cooper.

MARK & LESLIE DOOLEY,

in memory of church friends we have lost.

SUSAN ELLIS,

in celebration of those who grow.

JANE & BILL FADDEN,

in memory of those who have died in the pandemic, and for those struggling to heal from its impact.

DAWN & STEVEN GEISER

in celebration of our Plymouth Church community. The best members and most fabulous ministers!

KATIE HEALEY,

in memory of several beloved, recently-departed Plymouth Church friends.

BETTY JOST,

in memory of beloved son and daughter, Bob and Deb, and of dear Dana.

NANCY LAWSON,

in memory of Bill Spence.

ELAINE LOWELL

In memory of Edith Davis and Earl Lowell.

BETH MARASCIO,

in memory of Bob Lawson, by Beth, Frank, Nick and Stefan Marascio.

KATHY MOORE,

in memory of Stella and George Moore, and Bill O'Keefe.

REBECCA REINER,

in memory of Van R. Reiner, much loved Dad and Grandpa

LARAINÉ & JOHN SNOOKS,

in celebration of our children and grandchildren.

NANCY SPENCE & FAMILY,

In loving memory of Bill Spence, and in celebration of the birth of her great-granddaughter, Maeva White, daughter of Chance and Emily Spence White and sister of Bentley and Ashton.

THE SULLIVAN/ANDREWS FAMILY,

in memory of William G. Sullivan and Elinor E. Sullivan.

SUE & JOHN TONKISS,

in memory and in celebration of Elsie DeGarmo-Smith, a woman of deep faith and boundless positive energy and love. You'll be in our hearts forever.

SUE & JOHN TONKISS,

In memory of Ivy and Ron Tonkiss, dearly loved and greatly missed.

BERN WILLIAMS & FAMILY,

In loving memory of Marshall Williams.