# Resurrection



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# 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	3	
Responsive Prayer of Invoca	tion	
One: Christ is Risen	!	
All: He is risen, inc	leed!	(Dealer Z1)
The Peace of Christ		(Psalm 31)
One: The Peace of	f Christ be with you.	
All: And also with	n 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		
thy will be done, on e Forgive us ou And lead us	in heaven, hallowed be thy name. arth as it is in heaven. Give us this ur sins, as we forgive those who si s not into temptation, but deliver u kingdom, the power, and the glory	s day our daily bread. n against us. us from evil.

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

Invitation to the Offer	ing	
Offertory	Sarabande from French Suite # I	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

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.

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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.

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

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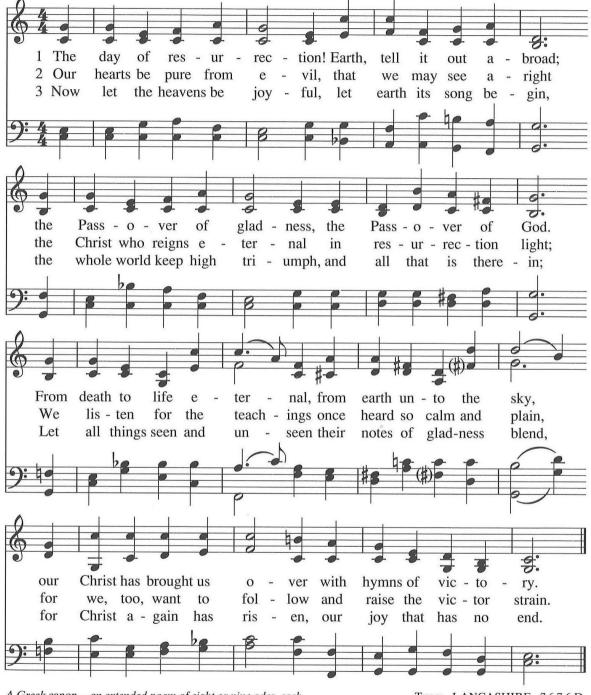
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

ia! Al lu 1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, le 2 Let the Vic-tor's peo-ple sing, Al le lu ia! 3 Love's re-deem-ing work is le lu ia! Al done, -Al le lu ia! 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, \_ Al ia! Mor - tal tongues and an - gels lu say: le le lu ia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Al ia! bat - tle A1 le lu Fought the fight, the won, ia! Fol - lowing our alt - ed Head, Al le --lu ex -Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al le lu ia! lu ia! Al le Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, ia! Death in vain for bids Christ rise, Al le lu ia! Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al le lu 0 lu ia! A1 Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: le lu ia! Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al le o - pened par - a - dise, lu ia! God has Al le ia! grave, the skies, Al le lu Ours the cross, the

## The Day of Resurrection

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



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

Mark 16:1–6

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### Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Attrib. to John of Damascus (c. 696–c. 754 c.e.) Transl. John Mason Neale, 1872; alt. Exod. 15; Luke 24

faith - ful, raise the strain 1 Come, you of tri - um - phant glad - ness; Christ has burst from pris - on, 2 Spring has earth to - day; dawned 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; sleep in death And from three days' as the sun has ris - en; With the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joys ren - der; to Nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold you as mor - tal; a 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. laud and praise un - dy - ing. From the Light, to whom we give Wel-comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion. Peace and which ev - er - more joy pass - cs 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

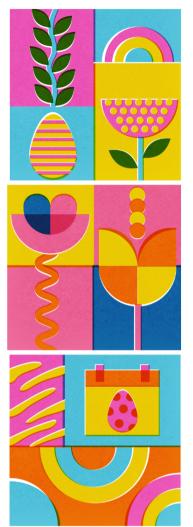
The Plymouth Church Annual Perennial Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, **May 18**, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in front of the church. The Plant Sale seeks volunteers for setup and staffing. All gardeners, interested novices, and anyone willing to help is welcome. Please join the fun! Volunteers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