



Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

"Stay with us."

Luke 24:29

Sunday, April 23, 2023
The Third Sunday of Easter

Tolling of the Bell

Prelude

A Morning Prelude

Wesley

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

At the Font We Start Our Journey

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

One: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought rest, God appeared to them from far away.

All: Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Holy One our God.

One: God announces: "I will love you with an everlasting love;
again I will build you, and you shall be built."

All: Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Holy One our God.

One: "Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.
Again you shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit."

All: Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Holy One our God.

31:1-6

Jeremiah

*The Peace of Christ

One: "The Peace of Christ be with you."

All: And also with you!

Luke 24:13-35

Choir Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

Rutter

Children's Message

Sermon

"Paying closer attention than normal"

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

*Hymn

The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

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

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Adagio from First Organ Sonata

Mendelssohn

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that Love has done.

Creator, Christ, & Spirit one. Amen.

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

*Closing Hymn

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

*Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

Fanfare

Lemmens

*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.*

At the Font We Start Our Journey

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Jeffery Rowthorn, 1992

Col. 3:15; Acts 10:36-43

1 At the font we start our jour - ney, in the Eas - ter
 2 At the pul - pit we are fash - ioned by the Eas - ter
 3 At the al - tar we are nour - ished with the Eas - ter
 4 At the door we are com - mis - sioned, now the Eas - ter

faith bap - tized; doubts and fears no long - er blind us,
 tale re - told in - to wit - nes - ses and proph - ets,
 gift of bread; in our break - ing it to piec - es
 vic - tory's won, to re - store a world di - vid - ed

by the light of Christ sur - prised. Al - le - lu - ia,
 by the power of Christ made bold. Al - le - lu - ia,
 see the love of Christ out - spread. Al - le - lu - ia,
 to the peace of Christ as one. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Hope held out and re - al - ized.
 al - le - lu - ia! Faith pro - claimed, yet still un - told.
 al - le - lu - ia! Life em - braced, yet free - ly shed.
 al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter's work must still be done.

This text was written for a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut, where the author served as bishop suffragan. Born and educated in Britain, Rowthorn has held positions at Union Theological Seminary and Yale University Divinity School, and more recently was appointed bishop in charge of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe.

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 Henry Purcell, c. 1680
 Arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1842

The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young

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R. Deane Postlethwaite, 1980

Deut. 32:11-12a; Exod. 19:4

1 The care the ea - gle gives her young, safe in her
2 As when the time to ven - ture comes, she stirs them
3 And if we flut - ter help - less - ly, as fledg - ling

loft - y nest, Is like the ten - der
out - to flight, So we are pressed to
ea - gles fall, Be - neath us lift God's

love of God for us made man - i - fest.
bold - ly try, to strive for dar - ing height.
might - y wings to bear us, one and all.

This text was originally titled "For a Recognition of God's Feminine Attributes." The author explains: "I find a deep meaning and power in the image of a God who, like a mother eagle, pushes me from her nest, but who catches me, bears me up, when I fall."

Tune: CRIMOND C.M.
Jesse Seymour Irvine, 1872
Harm. T. C. L. Pritchard, 1929

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Children & Youth Sunday Sunday, May 21, 2023

Our children and youth have been studying the parable of the Good Samaritan. And who is our neighbor? Make sure to be there for this

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

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*Christopher Wordsworth, 1872; alt.**Matt. 28:5-8; Rom. 5:21; 6:4-11; 1 Cor. 15:20-22*

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heaven and voic - es raise;
 2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born;
 3 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en; shed up - on us heav - en - ly grace,
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry to the God of joy;

Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
 Glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal on this ho - ly Eas - ter morn;
 Rain and dew, and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of your face;
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who came death's bonds to de - stroy;

Je - sus on the cross as Sav - ior for the world's sal - va - tion bled;
 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by God's lib - er - at - ing deed;
 That we, with our hearts in heav - en, here on earth may fruit - ful be,
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;

But the cru - ci - fied Re - deem - er now is ris - en from the dead!
 Now the Christ with us a - bid - ing to e - ter - nal life shall lead.
 And by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be yours e - ter - nal - ly.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

Christopher Wordsworth, gifted nephew of poet William Wordsworth, served the Church of England successively as canon at Westminster, parish priest in Berkshire, and, finally, bishop of Lincoln. This Easter hymn is one of his most enduring.

Tune: WEISSE FLAGGEN 8.7.8.7.D.
 Tochter Sion, Cologne, 1741
 Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL

Bulletin Reminders for April 23, 2023

Great Framingham Cleanup 3.0

TODAY, after Coffee Hour

All ages invited! We'll carpool from the church parking lot to Clark and Birch Street. Bring a pair of work gloves, grabber (if you have them), and a snack/beverage. We'll provide the trash bags.

Postponed

BREAKFAST CHURCH

NEXT Sunday, April 30, 2023

Worship is in the Parish Hall at tables, with pancakes and fruit provided! Come with your completed homework (from today's sermon):

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Hearing, Sunday, May 7

Meeting, Sunday, May 14

This Spring several important items will come before the congregation for discussion: updates to our Church By Laws, a proposal for Solar Panels on the Sanctuary roof, and nominations for Officers and Committee members. There will be a presentation on May 7 to allow for expanded discussion; the formal meeting will take place on May 14. (Note, the meeting is a week earlier than in previous years to make space for Children and Youth Sunday, May 21.)

SPRING CLOTHING SALE

Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3

The Rummage Sale is now: "Clothing Sale: New and Pre-Loved items for the Whole Family!" We are encouraging donations of nicer quality items to provide our shelters and schools with the head start they need for success! Please sort and label your donations of men's, women's, teens, babies, boy's and girl's items. We can receive donations beginning Sunday, **May 28** and the following week. As always, we will look for your help and fun participation in the execution of this community service. Details will follow as our plans unfold!

Contact Mattie, (774) 217-3477

AFRICA EXCHANGE PROJECT SPRING GALA

Saturday, May 6, 6:00 p.m.

Featuring Crocodile River Music, a non-profit organization of African artists and educators working with underserved audiences in Massachusetts. The night will be filled with good food and great music. Invite your friends. Learn about the Africa Exchange Project Center for the Study of Science. Tickets are on sale now at www.africaexchangeproject.org/gala. Visit us on *Facebook* and *Instagram*.

Volunteers Needed

We need helpers at all levels. Contact Mattie Schadt (mattieschadt@gmail.com, 774.217.3477).

Tickets on Sale Now

Checks are appreciated, but folks can also use credit cards. \$50.00 per person.

ANNUAL PERENNIAL PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 20, 9:00am - 2:00pm

Please check your perennial beds for seedlings and/or plants to be divided for potting up and donating. All gardeners, interested novices, and anybody willing to help, please join the fun. Volunteers are needed for set-up and staffing. Donated perennial plants can be left the week of the sale. Additionally, extra empty pots (at least 6 inches in diameter) may be left next to the shed at your earliest convenience.

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KINDNESS IN ACTION CAMPAIGN

The Plymouth Church "Kindness in Action" campaign wrapped up on Easter Sunday with the congregation flowering the cross with **550 kindness hearts!** Over the coming weeks, the Social Action Committee will be working to display our kindness hearts in such a way as to remind us all to "Be Kind" throughout the year. Stay tuned!