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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

April 4, 2021

Sunday of the Resurrection/Easter Day

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Organ This Is the Feast of Victory (Festival Canticle) Richard Hillert, 1978

Bells Christ the Lord Is Risen Today Easter Hymn
Grace Notes Hand Bell Choir Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 123 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today Easter Hymn

Easter Greeting

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the Amen.)

Almighty God, who raised Christ Jesus from the grave, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ that we may grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you; through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn 115 Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain St. Kevin

Pastor: The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Passing of the Peace

(Worshippers safely greet one another with the peace of Christ
and then sit for the announcements.)

Welcome, Announcements, and a Word to Children

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 118:1a,2, 14-15,17,22-24

Unison

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

Let Israel say, God's love endures forever.

The Lord is my strength and my song; God is my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous.

The right hand of the Lord has done mighty things.

I shall not die, but I shall live, and proclaim the deeds of the Lord.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn Welcome, Happy Morning

Fortunatus

"Welcome, happy morning," age to age shall say.

Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today.

Lo, the dead is living, God forevermore.

Him their true creator all his works adore.

Welcome, happy morning, age to age shall say.

Months in due succession, days of lengthening light,

Hours and passing moments praise Thee in their flight.

Brightness of the morning, sky and fields and sea,

Vanquisher of darkness, bring their praise to Thee.

Welcome, happy morning, age to age shall say.

Thou, of life the Author, death didst undergo,

Tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show;

Come, then True and Faithful, now fulfill Thy Word;

'Tis Thine own third morning; rise, O buried Lord!

Welcome, happy morning, age to age shall say.

Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;

All that now is fallen raise to life again;

Show Thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;

Bring again our daylight: day returns with Thee!

Welcome, happy morning, age to age shall say.

(--Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, c. 600; tune – Arthur Seymour Sullivan, 1872)

The congregation sits.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

Sermon

Sudden Victory

Mike Krech

"He has been raised; he is not here, ... he is going ahead of you to Galilee;" Mark 16:6b,7b

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 119

The Strife Is O'er

Victory

An Affirmation of Faith for Easter

Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Unison: That I belong, body and soul, in life and in death,

not to myself, but to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,

who at the cost of his own blood, has fully paid for all my sins

and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;

that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven

not a hair can fall from my head.

Indeed, everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life

and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Gloria for Easter Season Refrain of Hymn 122

Judas Maccabeus

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son.

Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Alleluia/Come Fill Our Hearts (Confitemini Domino)

Jacques Berthier, 1982

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology for Easter Season (to the tune of Hymn 455) Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Benediction

Hymn 122

Thine Is the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

The congregation is encouraged to be seated for the postlude,

or you may depart the sanctuary quickly and quietly now if you need to.

Organ Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn Arr. Anna Laura Page

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant, holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Text: stanzas 1-3, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740;

Tune: EASTER HYMN;

Lyra Davidica, 1708; Adapted from *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought forth Israel Into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them, with un-moistened foot, Through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst His prison,
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun hath risen.
Now rejoice, Jerusalem, And with true affection
Welcome in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection!

Text: John of Damascus (c.675-749); Trans. John Mason Neale, 1859; alt.;

Tune: ST. KEVIN; Arthur Seymour Sullivan, (1842-1900); alt.

Welcome, Happy Morning – text is printed in the bulletin (order of worship)

The Strife Is O'er

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done, The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun, Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst, But Christ their legions hath dispersed:
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped, Christ rises glorious from the dead:
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia.

Lord, by your wounds on Calvary From death's dread sting Your servants free,
That we may live eternally, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Text: Latin, c. 1695; Trans. Francis Pott, 1861;

Tune: VICTORY;

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1591; Adapt. William Henry Monk, 1861

Thine Is the Glory

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes Where Thy body lay.

Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing.
For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without Thee; Aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors Through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan To Thy home above.

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

Text: Edmond Louis Budry, 1884; Trans. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923, alt.;

Tune: JUDAS MACCABEUS; George Frederick Handel, 1748