



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

APRIL 9, 2023
EASTER SUNDAY

10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

Jeremiah Clarke
Arr. Head and Wallace

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

G.F. Handel
Arr. Head and Wallace

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

INTROIT

That Blessed Easter Morn

Mary E. Caldwell

Now sing we all on Easter morn to Christ our Lord of Mary born,
who showed us by the steps He trod the way to find and love our God.
His life was pure and wholly good, for truth and right He always stood.

But cruel men unloosed their hate, and neath His cross did watch and wait.
Then lovely friends with hearts of gloom laid Him to rest in Joseph's tomb.
And soldiers watched three nights and days, so none could steal our Lord away.

Then on that blessed Easter morn came friends His body to adorn.
"He is not here" the Angel said "For Christ has risen from the dead!"
Alleluia!

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Day has dawned and shadows are left behind.
The stone is rolled away and hope is reborn.

**This is the day that our God has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

God opens to us the gates of righteousness.
We enter to give thanks to our God.

**We give thanks, for our God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Set your minds on things that are above.
Look up and welcome Christ's appearing.

**We have been raised with Christ.
Glory is being revealed to us on this holy day.**

* INVOCATION PRAYER

God of amazing surprises,
the story of Easter is ever new.
Suddenly we are aware of your presence with us.
We had lost touch with you.
Our minds were full of worries and distractions, set on things of this earth.
Our spirits felt the grip of death.
Jesus seemed a legend from the past,
not a real person who shared our common lot.
But today, you awaken something new within us.
We hear the cry, Christ is risen, and we want to respond.
Dry our tears and call our name.
We need the good news of Easter.
Amen.

* HYMN #245

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

LLANFAIR

1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"
2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre - a - tion, join to say:
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise to you by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Je - sus died, our souls to save,
Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.
MUSIC: Robert Williams, 1817; harm. David Evans, 1927
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LLANFAIR
7.7.7.7 with alleluias

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Harriet Niles

Amid our Easter celebrations,
it is well to pause for moments of reflection.
How can we share the joy of new life
if we have not taken time to examine old ways that lead to death?
How will we recognize the risen Christ
if we have not walked with the earthly Jesus?
Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
followed by time for personal silent confession.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God,
the message of Easter has come again before we were ready to receive it.
The Palm Sunday parade demanded very little of us.
We could join in the hosannas.
But the betrayal and denial, the suffering and the shame,
the agony and death, have left us fearful and shaken.
We have become enemies of Jesus without intending to be disloyal.
We have left him in the tomb, lest he upset our daily lives.
The Jesus of long ago seems more comfortable to us
than the Christ who is risen today in our midst.
We confess our reluctance to let Christ claim us and change us.
O God, we need forgiveness!

(moment of silent confession)

* KYRIE ELEISON

John Merbecke

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God raised Jesus from death.
Disciples who had deserted Jesus felt the embrace of forgiveness.
The spirit of Christ has come among us today, claiming us for new life together.
God wants to forgive us. God intends that we move from death to life.
All of us are invited to share in the promise of the Easter season.

Alleluia and Amen!

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Let us offer a sign of peace to one another.

* GLORIA #581

Glory be to the Father

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please be seated.

We have come together today to give thanks for God's steadfast love.

Each one of us is an expression of that love.

By the way we live and the way we give,
that love is carried into the lives of others
who have had little experience of God's care.

May our offerings represent an outpouring of thanksgiving.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Easter Anthem

William Billings

The Lord is risen indeed! Hallelujah! The Lord is risen indeed! Hallelujah!
Now is Christ risen from the dead; And become the first fruit of them that slept.
Now is Christ risen from the dead; And become the first fruit of them that slept.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
And did he rise? And did he rise? Did he rise? Hear it, ye nations! hear it O ye dead!
He rose, he rose, he rose, he rose; He burst the bars of death;
He burst the bars of death; He burst the bars of death:
And triumphed o'er the grave.

Then, then, then I rose; Then I rose, then I rose, then I rose.
Then first humanity triumphant Past the crystal ports of light;
And seized eternal youth; And seized eternal youth;
Men all immortal hail, hail, heaven;
All lavish of strange gifts to man.
Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.

* DOXOLOGY #607

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Harriet Niles

Let us pray together:

By your hand, O God,
we have been blessed with life, with food, with refreshment, with hope.
Day by day you are saving us,
healing our brokenness,
calling forth our gifts,
granting us strength to serve with Christ
as part of your revelation to the world.
Thank you, God, for times of resurrection.
Thank you for this day of celebration.
We dedicate ourselves anew with our offering.
Amen.

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE

All Things Come of Thee

Herbert C. Peabody

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life;
breathe into us that we may hear a word of truth this day.
Draw us into communion,
enable us to love,
conspire to make us one with You
for the world You so deeply love. Amen.

THE READINGS

Psalm 118 (*Congregation joins in the response.*)

This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.

Capo 3: (C) Eb (Dm⁷) Fm⁷ (Em⁷) Gm⁷ (D/F[#]) F/A (G) B^b (D⁷) F⁷ (G^{SUS4}) B^bSUS⁴ (G) B^b

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.
Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."
"The right hand of the Lord has struck with power;
The right hand of the Lord is exalted.
I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

"He's Calling Your Name"

* THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

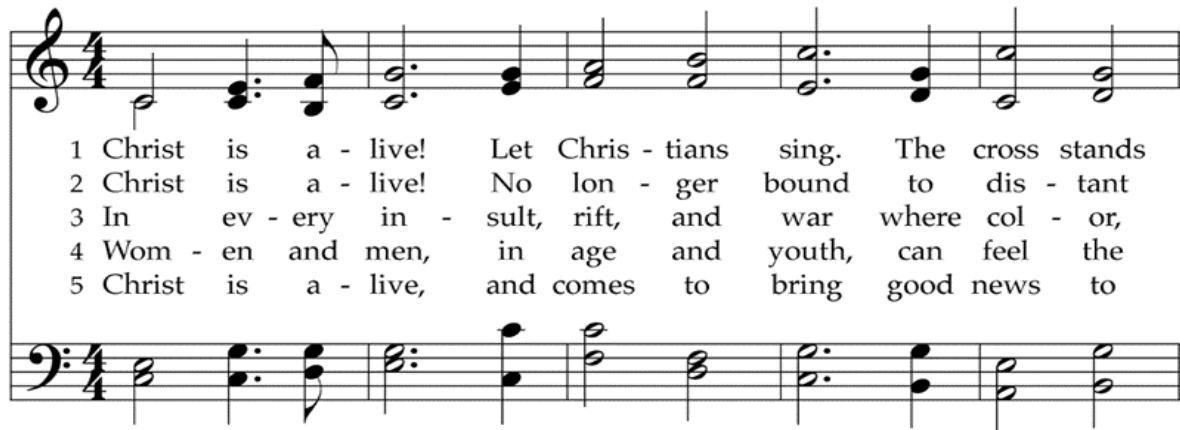
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* LIGHTING OF CANDLES, PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray...

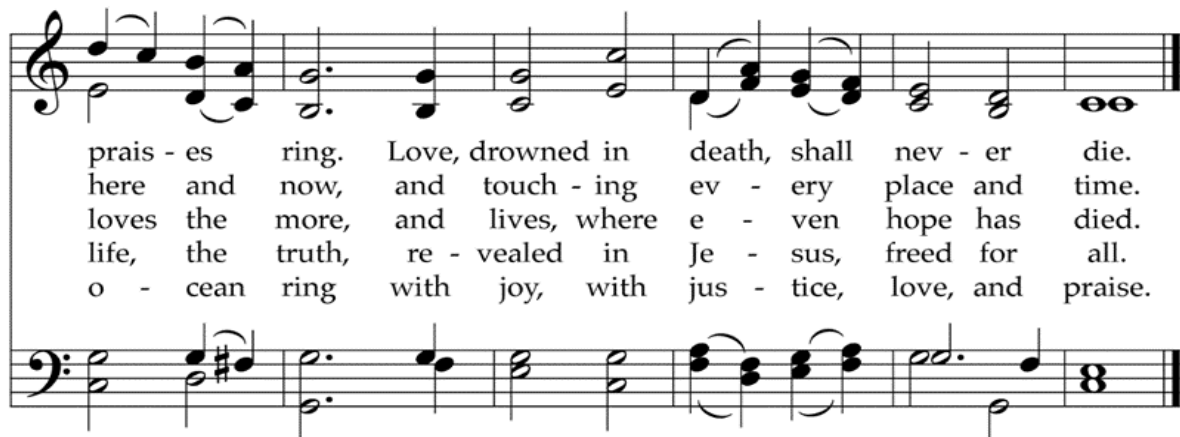
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

With hope reborn, we go out to proclaim good news.

The brightness of this day is meant to be shared.

We have seen the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the One we have come seeking.

Run to tell others that Christ is alive.

Spread the message through the land.

Beyond the cross is a message of peace.

Beyond death is the promise of new life.

God is our strength and our might.

God answers our prayers and equips us for living.

We have been raised with Christ to fuller life.

May God's reign be evident in us!

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Hallelujah Chorus

George Frideric Handel

Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth

Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth

Hallelujah!

King of kings and Lord of lords

King of kings and Lord of lords

And He shall reign forever and ever

Forever and ever

Hallelujah!

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Symphony for Organ No. 5 (Widor's Toccata)

Charles-Marie Widor

*“My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”*

Psalm 73:26



We continue to keep in our prayers:

Tammie Buchanan, Jean English, Bruce Arnoff, Margaret Bell,
the Griebel Family, Kim Williams and Family

Names are generally removed after four weeks unless there is a continuing need.

Greetings this Blessed Easter Sunday,

May all be filled with the resurrecting love,
light and power of God, through Jesus Christ our Savior!
The darkness of death has been defeated for all time;
you need never fear nor doubt.
Fullness of life awaits each and every one, listen closely,
for Jesus is calling your name.

You are a beloved child of God, freed from sin and death.
Give yourself permission to live into the newness of life that God awaits to
awaken within you.

Blessings,
Pastor Stephen



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