



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The Church on Main Street...
where love begets love

Welcome to St. Stephen's Church. We are delighted that you are here, whether you are with us in the building or joining us from home. We invite you to enter fully into worship by joining in the prayers and responses. If you are with us in the building, we ask that you join us in showing our love for each other by refraining from any singing and by following the current health and safety guidelines. Streaming music is by permission under OneLicense.net A-707966.

An Easter Celebration in Word and Music

April 4, 2021



ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Church of England

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

FANFARE

*“Alleluia, alleluia, the strife is o’er”
St. Stephen’s Handbell Choir*

Victory; Palestrina, arr. Robert Demmert

HYMN 207

Jesus Christ is risen today

Easter Hymn

Descant

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749, alt., desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1950 Copyright © Hymns Ancient and Modern Limited. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

EASTER COLLECT

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might
save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118: 1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

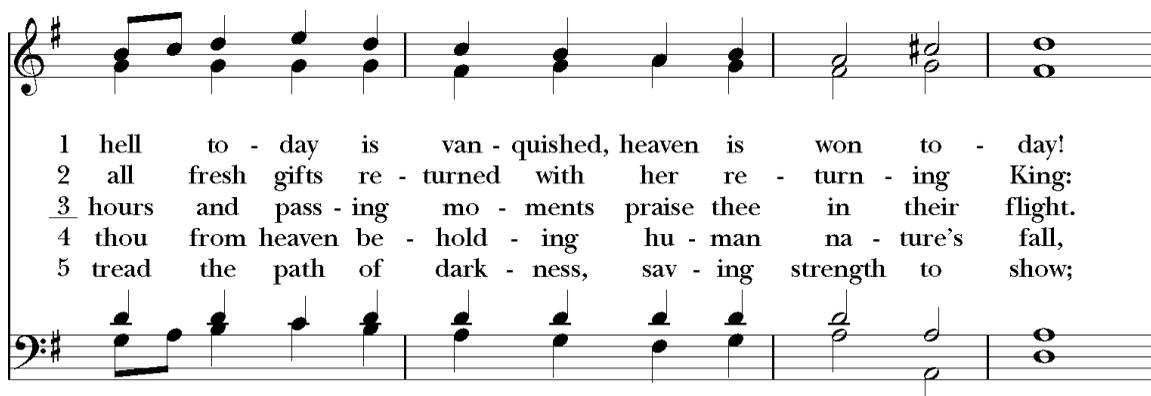
The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.



1 “Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!” age to age shall say:
 *2 Earth her joy con - fess - es, cloth - ing her for spring,
 *3 Months in due suc - ces - sion, days of length - ening light,
 4 Ma - ker and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,
 5 Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go,



1 hell to - day is van - quished, heaven is won to - day!
 2 all fresh gifts re - turned with her re - turn - ing King:
 3 hours and pass - ing mo - ments praise thee in their flight.
 4 thou from heaven be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,
 5 tread the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;



1 Lo! the dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!
 2 bloom in ev - ery mea - dow, leaves on ev - ery bough,
 3 Bright - ness of the morn - ing, sky and fields and sea,
 4 of the Fa - ther's God - head true and on - ly Son,
 5 come then, true and faith - ful, now ful - fill thy word,

1 Him their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore!
 2 speak his sor - row end - ed, hail his tri - umph now.
 3 Van - quish - er of dark - ness, bring their praise to thee.
 4 man - kind to de - liv - er, man - hood didst put on.
 5 'tis thine own third morn - ing! rise, O bur - ied Lord!

Refrain

“Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!” age to age shall say.

6 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!

Refrain

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: *Fortunatus*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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' 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 hold on to 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 Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

The Rev. Paula J. Toland

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

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1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of crea - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
 Now we shall live for ev - er. joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

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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:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.**

**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.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP, Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, including our siblings in the Evelyn Underhill District: St. George's, Maplewood; Grace, Madison; St. Paul's, Chatham; Christ Church, Short Hills; and Calvary, Summit.

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you. We pray for Cross Roads, a place of formation and transformation;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, including Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Carlye, our Bishop Diocesan; Paula, our Rector; and Karen, Deacon in your Church;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, including Joe, our President, Kamala, our Vice-President; and Philip, our Governor;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake. We pray for our partners in ministry: Family Promise of Essex County, North Porch, Apostles' House, and First Friends;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially

Ian Janeczko
The Blanchard Family
The Fitzgerald Family
Lucille B.
Grisette B.
Sue K.
Mary Jo Zarance

The McManus Family
Bernard and Nathan
Felder Dorn
Jack Moreno
The May Family
Alexandra Shuss

Donna Riggi
Peggy Thompson
Hailey Rose Fout
Jim Freeman
Walter Fields
Addie Cassar

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Please add your intercessions, either silently or aloud.

LORD'S PRAYER

"The Lord's Prayer"

Albert Hay Malotte

EASTER BLESSING

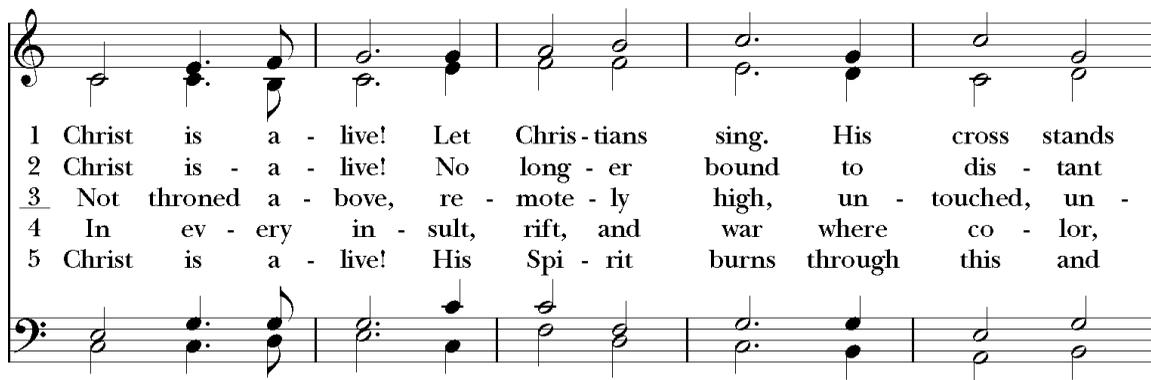
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May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

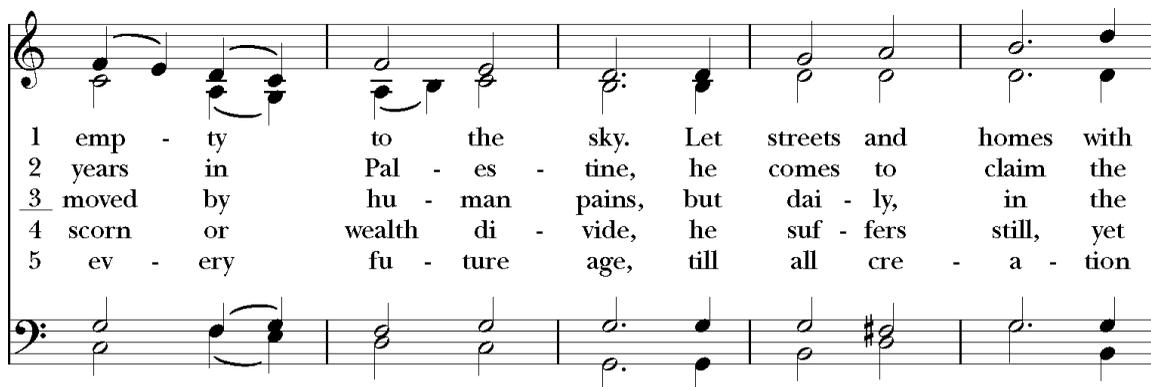
May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and everlasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

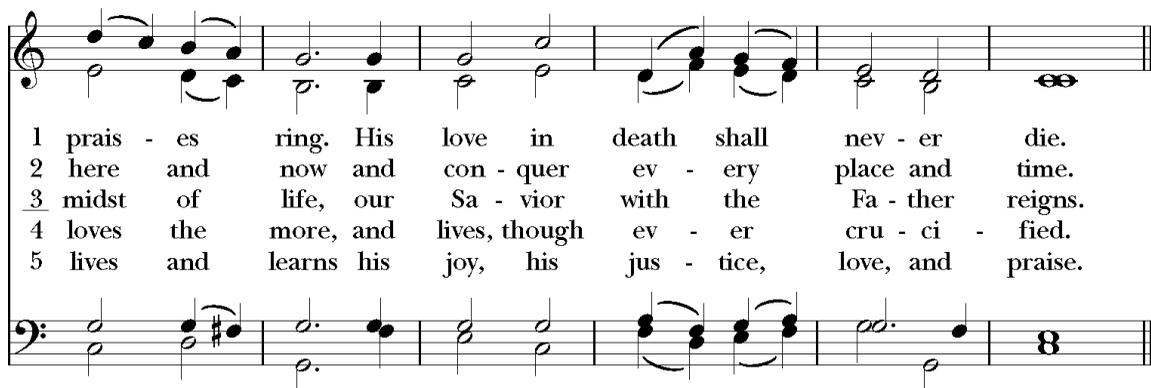
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and



1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion



1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

The Rev. Paula J. Toland, Officiant
Karen Eberhardt, Deacon

Kim Williams, Music Director
John Schucker, Organist

St. Stephen's Senior Choir

Alex Cole
Julia Dorn
Kira Hanson
Harriet Jernquist
Steve Moran
Barbara Riedel
John Soughan
Peter Wick

St. Stephen's Handbell Choir

Alex Cole
Julia Dorn
Harriet Jernquist
Steve Moran
Barbara Riedel
John Soughan
Fran Taber
Peter Wick

Soloists

Kira Hanson
Peter Wick
Kim Williams

Trumpet

Peter Wick

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"A diverse Episcopal parish, a life-giving sanctuary, a place where love begets love. Seekers, doubters, and believers find a comfortable place in our midst."

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Kira Hanson: Parish Life & Personnel; Eugene Foley: Programs & Cemetery;

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