

Worship Celebration: April 1, 2018, 11:15 a.m. (TRADITIONAL)

EPWORTH: *a United Methodist Church*

Easter Sunday

***Hymn of Resurrection**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and haven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave?
Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Prayer Response

Thine Be the Glory (v.1)

1. Thine be 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 the body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Anthem

In Christ Alone

Chancel Choir & Ensemble

Written by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,

when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath.
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Singing in Response

The Day of Resurrection

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All Hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

Offertory

Rejoice, He is Alive!

By Jean Anne Shafferman
Chancel Choir & Ensemble

Rejoice, He is alive! Jesus crucified, Jesus Christ is risen!
Rejoice, He is alive! Death has been denied, Christ, our Lord is risen!

O sing joyfully, Shout joyfully, clap your hands in praise,
for Jesus crucified, cannot be denied! Sing glad songs of joy!
Sing songs of joy!

Rejoice, He is alive! Death has been denied, Jesus Christ, is alive!
Sing praise to the Lord, the Almighty! Sing praise, o my soul, to the King!
For He is my strength and salvation! Rejoice, rejoice and sing!

Rejoice, He is alive! Jesus crucified, Jesus Christ is risen!
Rejoice, He is alive! Death has been denied, Jesus Christ is alive!

with Congregation...

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, Rejoice give thanks and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.
Rejoice give thanks and sing.. REJOICE, HE IS ALIVE!

Hymns during Communion

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

1. Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing
2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.
3. Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!
2. The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath
dispersed;
let shouts of holy joy outburst: Alleluia!
3. The three sad days are quickly sped; he rises glorious from the dead;
all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!
4. Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants
free,
that we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Up from the Grave He Arose

1. Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

(Refrain)

Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2. Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior; vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

{Refrain}

3. Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior; he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! *{Refrain}*

***Sending Forth**

The Hallelujah Chorus (from Handel's Messiah)

Chancel Choir & Ensemble

By George Fredrick Handel

Sung in rounds and echoes

Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah

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For the lord God omnipotent reigneth

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For the lord God omnipotent reigneth

Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah

For the lord God omnipotent reigneth (Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah)

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Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah (Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah)

For the lord God omnipotent reigneth (Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah)

Hallelujah

The kingdom of this world

Is become

The kingdom of our Lord,

And of His Christ

And of His Christ

And He shall reign forever and ever

And He shall reign forever and ever (And He shall reign forever and ever)

And He shall reign forever and ever (And He shall reign forever and ever)

And he shall reign forever and ever (And He shall reign forever and ever)

King of kings (Forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah)

And lord of lords (Forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah)

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And lord of lords (Forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah)

King of kings (Forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah)

And lord of lords

King of kings and lord of lords

And he shall reign forever and ever (And he shall reign)

And he shall reign forever and ever (And he shall reign)

King of kings forever and ever

And lord of lords hallelujah hallelujah

And he shall reign forever, forever and ever

King of kings and lord of lords

King of kings and lord of lords

And he shall reign forever and ever (And he shall reign forever and ever)

Forever and ever, forever and ever (King of kings and lord of lords)

Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah

Hallelujah