

Easter Sunday (April 4, 2021)

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Prelude

Prelude in D Major

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Christ has risen!

This is the day when angels bring light into our shadows!

Christ has risen!

This is the day when God awakens us to unexpected grace!

Christ has risen!

This is the day when life triumphs over death, love shoves fear aside, and hope is resurrected!

***Hymn**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

(see insert, #232)

*Confession and Assurance of Grace

The grace of God overflows for us through the Risen Christ who came into the world to save humanity. Trusting in God's grace, let us pray:

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Sung Response

*"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia! All creation join to say:
Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 25:6-9

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Mark 16:1-8

Anthem

My Lord, What a Morning

African-American spiritual

Sermon

“Fairy Tales and a Laughing Universe”

***Hymn**

Thine Is the Glory

(see insert, #238)

Morning Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Easter Litany

Leader: We pray to God

People: Hear us, O God

Sung Response

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me (twice).

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Sharing our Gifts

Sarabande

Carl Bohm

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

*** Congregation stands (*live-streamers, feel free to lift your hearts!*)**

Sharing the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Teach us, O God, to follow the example of Christ's sacrifice in this holy meal: to hand ourselves over in love for you, for one another, and for all people. May we take part in your work of suffering and redeeming love by lifting up the oppressed, binding the brokenhearted, challenging the powerful, and drawing all into a community of love.

We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

(Adapted from the UCC *Book of Worship*)

***Hymn**

The Strife Is O'er

(see insert, #236)

***Benediction**

Postlude

Toccata *from* Organ Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor

Participating Today

Rev. Dr. David A. Kaden, Senior Minister

Susan Fast, Director of Caring Ministries, sustfast@yahoo.com

Dr. William Cowdery, Director of Music

Frank Campos and Colin Erb, trumpets

Conrad Alexander, timpani

Paul Viscuso, accordion

Andrea Dietrich, soprano soloist

David J. Kaden, Tech Support

Easter Spring Flowers

Amy Stoll

In loving memory of my mother, Jackie Stoll.

Joyce Billing

In memory of Michael Billing and our parents.

Misao & Len Johnson

In memory of all those who perished this past year due to Covid-19.

Pam Hanna & Grep Menzenski

In memory of Patricia Hanna, and other beloved family & friends.

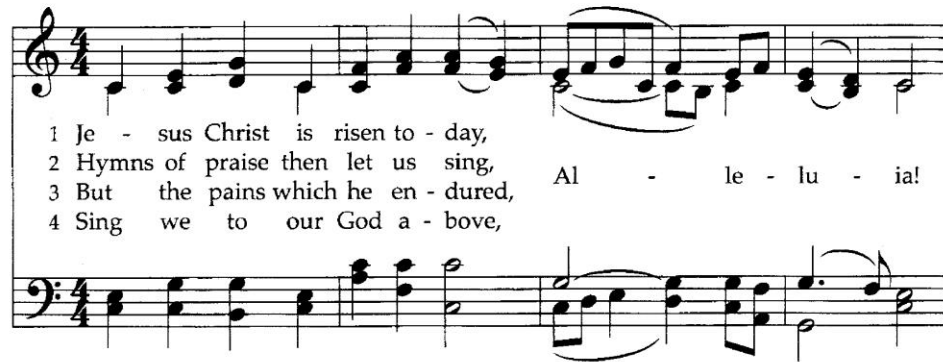
Patricia Baxter

In memory of many loved ones.

Siu-Ling Chaloemtiarana

In memory of Rev. David S. Wong and Mrs. Shet-fai Wong, from the Wong's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

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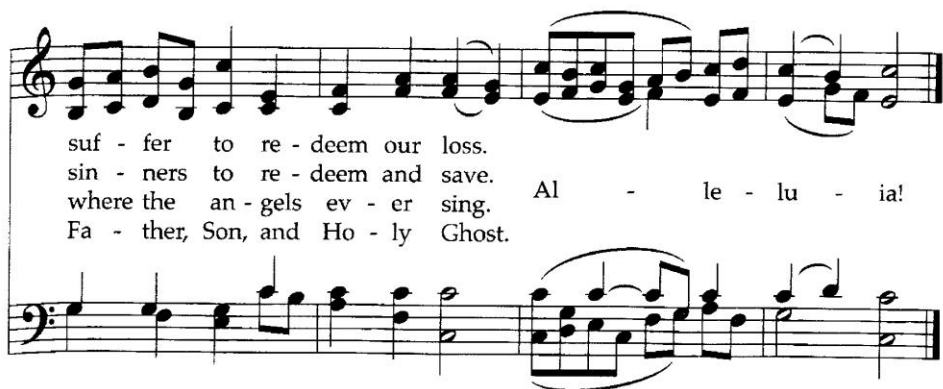
1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



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



who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,



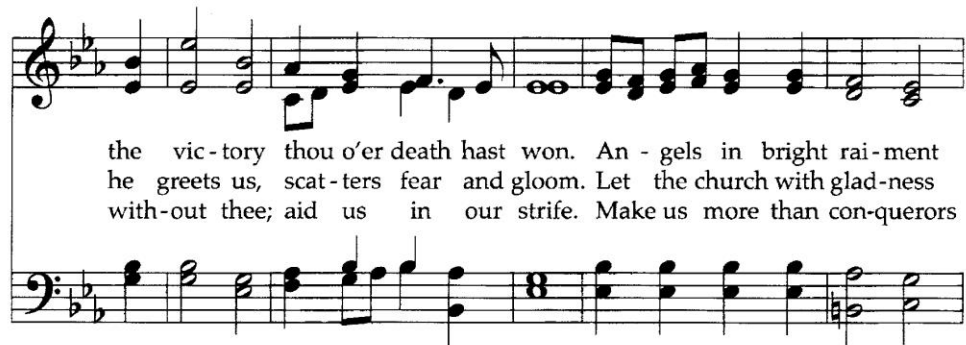
suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

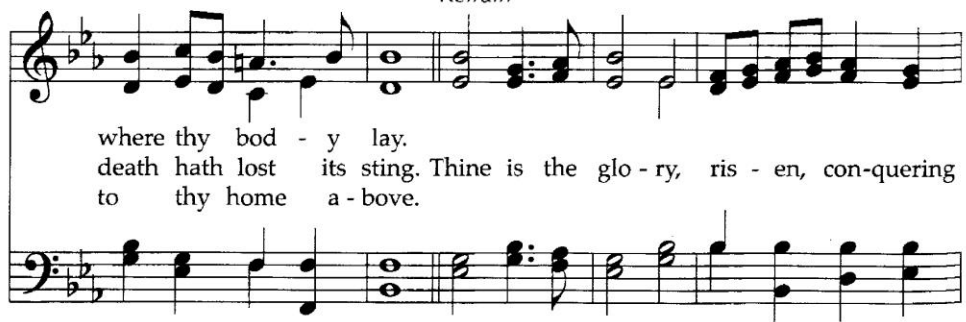


the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai-ment
 he greets us, scat-ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad-ness
 with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death-less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing
 to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

The Strife Is O'er

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Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)

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

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to -
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped; Christ ris - es
4 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
le - gions hath dis - persed: let shouts of ho - ly
glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
sting thy ser - vants free, that we may live, and

has be - gun.
joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
ris - en Head!
sing to thee:

The Latin text from which this hymn has been translated may well be older than its earliest printing in a 17th-century collection published in Cologne. It is set to an adaptation of a portion of the Gloria Patri section from a 16th-century choral version of the Magnificat.