

EASTER SUNDAY

Northampton Presbyterian Church

Easter Worship Service
April 17, 2022
10:00 AM



INTROIT

The Strife Is O'er

VICTORY

PRELUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ARR. MELODY BOBER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Session Meeting, Tuesday (4/19) at 7 PM.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: The silence breaks into morning.

MANY: That One Star lights the world.

ONE: The lily springs to life and not even Solomon...

MANY: Let it begin with singing and never end!

ONE: Oh, angels, quit your lamenting!

MANY: Oh, pilgrims, upon your knees in tearful prayers,

ONE: Rise up and take your hearts and run!

MANY: We who were no people are named anew God's people,

ONE: For he who was no more is forevermore.

MANY: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

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!

LITANY OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**When our faith stands at the grave,
Grieving for a stone that's rolled away, forgive us.
When our faith is short of understanding
Though the truth is there to see, forgive us.
When our faith, beset by doubt,
Sees no further than an empty tomb today, forgive us.
Bring to mind the cry of Mary, 'I have seen the Lord!'
And grant us faith to believe.**

(We pause for a moment of silent, personal confession).

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Do not dwell on your grief, your doubt or your wounds any longer: for he has risen to heal you, he has risen to forgive you; he has risen to change us all and bind us together now. Christ has risen to forgive us.

MANY: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

SONG OF RESPONSE

In Christ Alone

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.**

**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 pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 20:1-18

SERMON

Bit Players?

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH— THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ain't No Grave

AIN'T NO GRAVE

EASTER PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

**Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of love;
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends their burning eye
At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,
The potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.**

**All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.**

RESPONSIVE CHARGE

ONE: The stone has been rolled away!

MANY: The tomb is empty!

ONE: He is not here!

MANY: Let us go and tell others. Christ is risen. Hallelujah!

POSTLUDE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

ARR. HEATHER SORENSON

WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Call to Worship** is written by Ann Weems and part of her collection in *Kneeling in Jerusalem*.

KY: Louisville, Westminster/John Knox Press, 1992, 94.

The **Prayer of Confession** is written by John Birch, and posted on Faith and Worship.

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