

THE FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION



NEW S^T PETER'S

APRIL 20, 2025

*“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
I will dwell in you and walk among you; and I will be your God,
and you shall be My people.”*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please be seated as we gather to sing. Congregants read the bolded text aloud.

GATHERING

“Rejoice, The Lord Is King”

Darwall

**Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

Psalm 16
John 20

THE KING REJOICES IN THE PATH OF LIFE — THE TOMB IS EMPTY!

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away 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.”

My heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure! For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had 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 went back to their homes.

You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Church, the eternal Son of God became a man, lived in perfect righteousness, called us to believe in Him, endured the scorn of division that our wretched hearts had wrought, and suffered the death that we deserved. Yet death could not hold Him! So now, on this Easter morning and on all days, what do you believe?

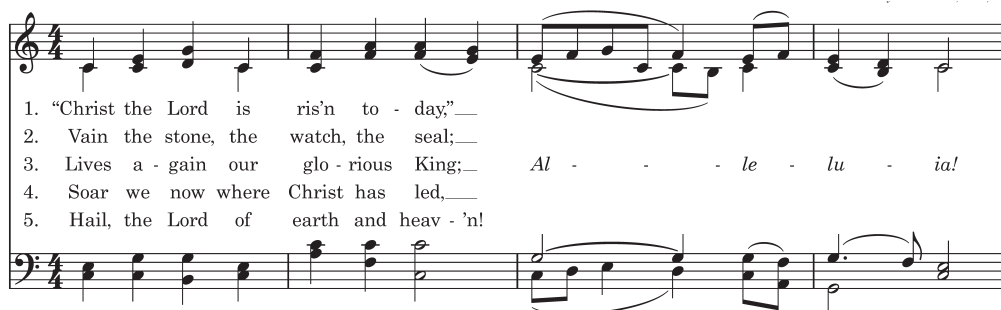
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell...

Silence

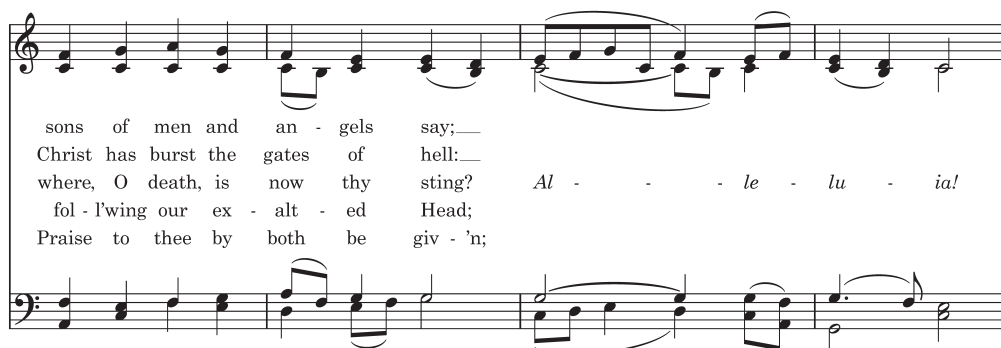
In order to bring death to death, an end to sin, and a permanent overthrow of the devil's kingdom, the Lord Jesus did not stay dead. And so... **the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge 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.**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

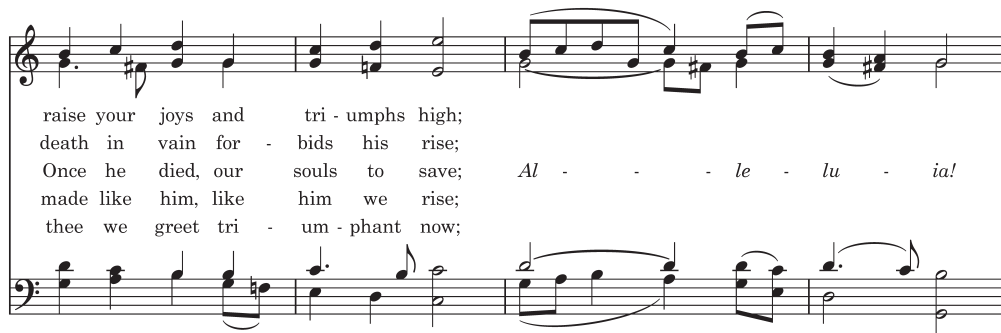
Easter Hymn
Charles Wesley, 1739



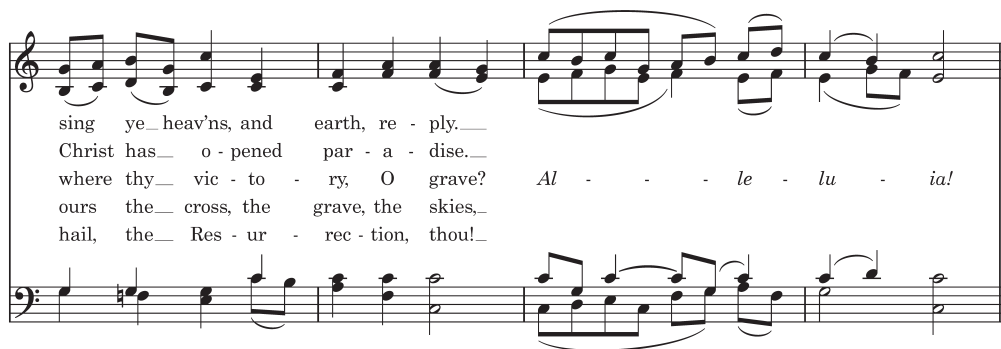
1. “Christ the Lord is ris’n to - day;” —
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; —
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; — *Al - - - le - lu - ia!*
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, —
 5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav - ’n!



sons of men and an - gels say; —
 Christ has burst the gates of hell: —
 where, O death, is now thy sting? *Al - - - le - lu - ia!*
 fol - l’wing our ex - alt - ed Head;
 Praise to thee by both be giv - ’n;



raise your joys and tri - umphs high;
 death in vain for - bids his rise;
 Once he died, our souls to save; *Al - - - le - lu - ia!*
 made like him, like him we rise;
 thee we greet tri - um - phant now;



sing ye heav’ns, and earth, re - ply. —
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. —
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? *Al - - - le - lu - ia!*
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, —
 hail, the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou! —

"Psalm 104 (Oh, Rejoice in All Your Works)"

Wendell Kimbrough, 2014
alt. Ben Weldy



1. Eve - ry mouth that cries for food, Eve - ry lung that yearns for breath, Eve - ry
2. Eve - ry tree that thirsts for rain, Eve - ry bird that seeks its nest, Eve - ry
3. May the pon - derings of my heart And the song up - on my lips With the



eye that search - es through the dark for light: All cre - a - tion looks to
heart that waits in hope to be made glad: All cre - a - tion looks to
cho - rus of cre - a - tion join in praise To the God who made all



you For its breath and for its food. From the good - ness of your hand we're sat - is - fied.
you For its breath and for its food. From the good - ness of your hand we're sat - is - fied.
things, To the Spir - it who sus - tains, To the Son who o - ver all cre - a - tion reigns.

Refrain



Oh, re - joice in all your works, King of Heav - en, King of earth. Eve - ry



crea - ture you have made de - clares your praise. We re - joice in all you've made, God of



all - sus - tain - ing grace. With the moun - tain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise.

CONFESSING OUR SIN — OUR DENIAL OF THE KING

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Yet we confess that we plot in vain. We set ourselves against the LORD and against His Anointed, our King. We run after other gods, and our sorrows multiply. We chase our addictions, our personal banquets in the grave. We have denied the King and denied His ways, though He has made known to us the path of life. We reject His counsel and fear man. We have sinned and strayed like sheep. Forgive us, Lord. Renew us after the image of the Risen Christ.

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Thomas Cranmer's
Pascha Nostrum
1 Corinthians 5
Romans 6
1 Corinthians 15

REJOICING IN THE DEATH & LIFE OF CHRIST, OUR KING

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

**Alleluia! Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over Him.
The death that He died, He died to sin, once for all;
but the life He lives, He lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin,
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia!
Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death,
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!**

"And Can It Be"

Scott Roley, 1994
Charles Wesley, 1738



1. And can___ it be that I___ should gain An in - terest in the Sav-
2. He left___ His Fa - ther's throne a - bove, So free,___ so in - fi - nite
3. Long my___ im - pris - oned spir - it lay,___ Fast bound in sin and na -
4. No con - dem - na - tion now___ I dread; Je - sus,___ and all in Him,



- ior's blood! Died He___ for me who caused___ His pain! For me
___ His grace! Emp - tied___ Him - self of all___ but love,___ And bled
- ture's night; Thine eye___ dif - fused a quick - ening ray;___ I woke,
___ is mine; A - live___ in Him, my liv - ing Head, And clothed



___ who Him to death___ pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!___ How___ can
___ for A - dam's help - less race. 'Tis mer - cy all,___ im - mense
___ the dun - geon flamed with light; My chains___ fell off,___ my___ heart
___ in right - eous - ness___ di - vine, Bold I___ ap - proach the e - ter -



___ it be,___ That Thou,___ my God,___ should die___ for me?___
___ and free,___ For O___ my God,___ it found___ out me!___
___ was free,___ I rose,___ went forth,___ and fol - lowed Thee.
- nal throne, And claim___ the crown, through Christ___ my own._

Refrain



A - maz - ing love! How can___ it be,___ That Thou, my God, should die___ for me?



A - maz - ing love! How can___ it be,___ That Thou, my God, should die___ for me?

Hear, O Israel:

The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Acts 2.38-39

Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of His Holy Spirit.

For this promise is for us and for our children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.

**WORDS OF
INSTRUCTION**

Rev. Alex Dean

**SIGN OF GOD'S
COVENANT IN
BAPTISM**

Mr. Mark Ratliff and Mr. Dean

1. *Do you acknowledge your son's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?*
2. *Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation as you do for your own?*
3. *Do you now unreservedly dedicate your son to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of your holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?*

The Baptism of Wyatt Benjamin Clay

Will you the people of New St. Peter's pray for Wyatt that this water will be to him the joyful sign of the Father's gracious election, the covenant faithfulness of the Son, and the washing of regeneration by the Spirit? And will you pray that this remembered sign will stir in him and his parents lively Gospel faith and abundant Gospel fruit? Will you?

We will pray these covenant promises for the Clay family.

And will you pray for all our recently baptized—Samson Hall, Ross Martin, Arthur Goetsch, and Sebastian Gile—and for yourselves, that this sacrament would preach to our souls the Covenant of Grace, that we are washed in Christ, engaged to be His, and eagerly look for His return as a watchful bride? Will you?

We will pray these covenant graces for our church family.

"Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You"

Michael Card

1. Je - sus, let us come to know You; let us see You
2. Je - sus, draw us ev - er near - er, hold us in Your

face to___ face. Touch us, hold us, use us,
lov - ing___ arms. Wrap us in Your gen - tle

mold us, on - ly let us live___ in You.
pres - ence, and when the end comes bring___ us home.

**SHARING THE
PEACE OF
CHRIST**

Church, this is of greatest importance: Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures. He was buried, and then He was raised from the dead on the third day as the Scriptures had said He would be. May we, together, know Him and the power of His resurrection, share in His sufferings, and become like Him in His death, that by any means possible we may attain the resurrection of the dead! This is your hope! And this is your peace! So may the peace of the risen Lord be with you!

And also with you.

*The musicians will play for a moment before singing so that you
can share the peace*

“Rejoice, The Lord Is King”

**Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains He took His seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.**

“The Return of the King”

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ 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.*” ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “*Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?*” 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.*” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “*Mary.*” She turned and said to Him in Aramaic, “*Rabboni!*” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “*Do not cling to Me, for 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.’*” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “*I have seen the Lord*”—and that He had said these things to her.

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “*Peace be with you.*” ²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “*Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you.*” ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “*Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.*”

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “*We have seen the Lord.*” But he said to them, “*Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe.*”

²⁶ Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “*Peace be with you.*” ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, “*Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.*” ²⁸ Thomas answered Him, “*My Lord and my God!*” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “*Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.*”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

*Worshippers may bring gifts and offerings to the Lord with thanksgiving
and joy for His faithfulness and favor.*

“No, Not One!”

*Harper Memorial
Johnson Oatman Jr., 1895
arr. Paul Zach, 2021*



1. There's not a friend like the low - ly Je - sus, No, not one!
2. No friend like Him is so high and ho - ly, No, not one!
3. There's not an hour that He is not near us, No, not one!



No, not one! None else could heal all our soul's dis - eas - es,
No, not one! And yet no friend is so meek and low - ly,
No, not one! No night so dark but His love can cheer us,

Refrain



No, not one! No, not one!
No, not one! No, not one! Je - sus knows all a - bout our
No, not one! No, not one!



strug - gles, He will guide till the day is done; There's not a



"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin,
Matt Merker, Matt Papa, 2020
arr. Ben Weldy



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a - lone, Christ a - lone.
2. What truth can calm the trou - bled soul? God is good, God is good.
3. Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives!" "Christ, He lives!"



What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to him be - long.
Where is his grace and good - ness known? In our great Re - deem - er's blood.
And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with him.



Who holds our days with - in his hand? What comes, a - part from his com -
Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? who stands a - bove the storm - y
There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be de -



- mand? And what will keep us to the end? The love of
trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Un - to the
- stroyed, And we will feast in end - less joy, When Christ is

Refrain



Christ, in which we stand._____
shore, the rock of Christ?_____
ours for - ev - er - more._____

O sing ha - le - lu - ia! Our



hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing ha - le - lu - ia! Now and



ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for assuring us in these holy mysteries of the Resurrection – that we are living members of the body of Your Son, and heirs of Your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work You have given us to do, to love and serve You as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever.

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.

ABOUT NSP



In a city that pursues arrival, New St. Peter's exists to make disciples by inviting pilgrims and skeptics into life on the road with Jesus.

CORE VALUES

Worship



Calling



Suffering



Membership



THE ROOSTER

The rooster is a common Christian symbol, used throughout the history of the church to tell the story of St. Peter's denial of Christ on the night He was betrayed. Peter was a brash and bold disciple, and a dear friend of Jesus, but in his doubt and fear he denied his Lord three times before the rooster's crow early on that Good Friday morning. But the rooster clutches the cross, clinging to the hope of Jesus' great mercy for doubters and deniers like us. Because Jesus Christ has died as if He were the worst of doubters, the worst of deniers, we are free to cling to His cross and to follow Him on the pilgrim road. Jesus forgave and restored Peter shortly after His resurrection, and it was in the hope of this restoration that our church—New St. Peter's—was born in 2003.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

- **Youth** - Next large group is Wednesday, 4/23, at the Oasis, beginning at 6:30 pm.
- **College Boxes** - Reminder that they will be mailed on April 28, so please bring your cookies and written notes next Sunday. Details on how to help are in Tuesday's email. Notecards and a collection box will be provided in the lobby of DCT through April 27. For questions, please contact Stephanie Clemmons, Tricia Horne, Arleen Ratliff, Sharissa Murray, or Kelley Bruss.

UPCOMING

- **VBS Registration** - Now open for everyone attending (link is in Tuesday's email).
- **Property Opportunity Important Dates:**
 - Saturday, April 26 - Site Tour at 11 am
 - Sunday, April 27 - Focus Group #1 at DCT (after worship)
 - Sunday, May 4 - Focus Group #2 at DCT (after worship)
 - Sunday, May 25 - Due Diligence Presentation, 9 am
 - Sunday, June 8 - Congregational Meeting & Vote, 9 am

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