



CHRIST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
MILFORD

April 24, 2022  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

## REFLECTION

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### **Celebrating the Risen Christ as the Resurrection Community of Witness**

From Mary Magdalene on Easter morning,  
To the ten disciples on Easter night,  
To the 500 who saw him at one time,  
Jesus' followers came to understand One Great Thing:  
They had been chosen to bear witness  
To the greatest thing the world had ever seen—  
A dead man resurrected to the energy of an indestructible life!

And this is how the power of the gospel is manifested:  
As we bear witness to the witness  
Of those who saw Jesus alive after his death,  
God confirms the truth of Christ's resurrection  
In the minds and hearts of all those he reconciled to himself  
In the death of his eternal Son.

O Jesus, we are grateful for the privilege of bearing witness,  
Of being a living letter from you  
To someone in despair; To someone who grieves,  
To someone alone; To someone self-satisfied.  
Blessed be your Name for calling us to take up our place  
In the outer edge of that great cloud of witnesses.  
Alleluia and Amen!

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### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Advent + Christmas + Epiphany + Lent + **Easter** + Pentecost

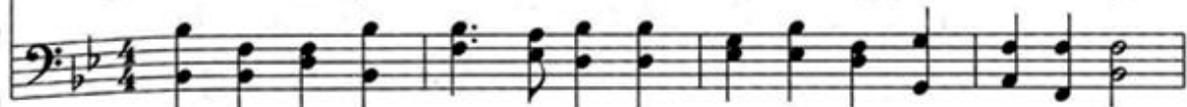
**Gathering Hymn**

Worship Christ the Risen King

— God + calls + cleanses + speaks + strengthens + sends —



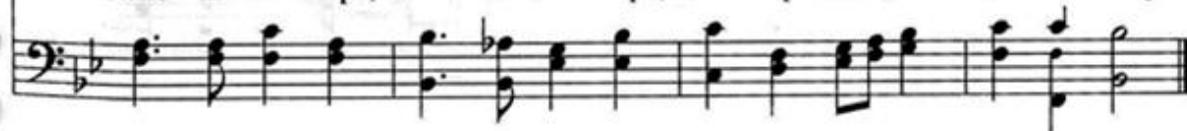
1. Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.
2. See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:
3. Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with power;
4. Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
5. We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;



- Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.  
 "Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares."  
 • all hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour.  
 but the truth proclaims a wonderful thought: faithful hearts receive with cheer.  
 sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.



- Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!  
 Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!  
 • He has conquered, he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!  
 He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!  
 Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!



## Call to Worship

from Hebrews 2 & Psalm 22

For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."

**For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.  
From you comes my praise in the great congregation!**

## Invocation

### Praise Hymn

Christ is Risen

Let no one caught in sin remain  
Inside the lie of inward shame  
But fix our eyes upon the cross  
And run to Him who showed great love  
And bled for us  
Freely You've bled for us

### Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead  
Trampling over death by death  
Come awake come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave  
Christ is risen from the dead  
We are one with Him again  
Come awake come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave

Beneath the weight of all our sin  
You bowed to none but heaven's will  
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown  
No burden great can hold You down  
In strength You reign  
Forever let Your church proclaim

## **Chorus**

O death where is your sting  
O hell where is your victory  
O church come stand in the light  
The glory of God has defeated the night  
Singing O death where is your sting  
O hell where is your victory  
O church come stand in the light  
Our God is not dead He's alive He's alive

## **Chorus**

### **Old Testament Lesson**    Isaiah 19:19-25

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### **Confession of Sin**

Almighty God and Eternal Father,  
in whose heart the quality of mercy is never strained,  
we confess now, that we have not loved you  
    with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength;  
    nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
We ask you O Lord,  
    to forgive what we have been, amend what we are,  
    and grant hope for what we yet will be.  
Then by the power of His spirit, we will follow till we die  
    the example of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
    the bearer of all our guilt, and lover of our inmost soul. Amen.

### **Absolution**                      Romans 4:20-25

No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n 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 heav'n - 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 heav'n - 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!

**Thanksgiving Hymn**      Jesus Christ is Risen Today

**New Testament Lesson**    Luke 24:1-12

**Peace of Christ**            The peace of the Lord be with you!  
**And also with you!**

**Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; World, without end; Amen, Amen.

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**Sermon Text**                Mark 2:1-17

**Sermon**                      Mark: The King and the Cross | Pastor Curran Bishop

**Response Hymn**            Jesus Is Alive

There is now a hope that lasts beyond our days  
For the One that once was buried lives again  
Now the tomb is bare and empty  
And the stone is rolled away  
Praise the risen One who overcame the grave

**Chorus**

Let there be dancing in the darkness  
And let our song break through the night  
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King  
For Jesus is alive

All you brokenhearted all you worn and weak  
Come find living water everlasting streams  
To the wandering spirit  
Lost and searching wanting something more  
Find the risen King who overcomes the world

## Chorus

No more condemnation no more doubt and fear  
For our sin and shame they have no power here  
In His resurrection  
Perfect love has set the captives free  
Praise the risen King who stands in victory

## Chorus

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## Bringing Our Life to God

Prayers | Collection | Profession

## Prayers of the People

### Collection

Text **MNA 1708** to **76959** and follow the prompts  
or visit [give.pcamna.org/to/1708/](http://give.pcamna.org/to/1708/)

## Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.  
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me! Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

## Confession of Faith

Membership Vows of the Presbyterian Church in America

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save [except] in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

## **Communion in Christ Jesus**

*All Christians are invited to receive Christ's presence of bread and wine. When directed please take your bulletin, stand and form a circle around the worship space. Whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle. If you are not able to stand, please move your chair into the circle. We serve wine in the outer rings of the tray in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the Biblical element used. We provide grape juice in the inner rings for those who, out of conscience or for health, do not drink wine.*

## **Communion Hymn**

We Will Feast in the House of Zion (vs 1-2)

### **Chorus**

We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the Lord our God  
We are not consumed by the flood  
Upheld protected gathered up

### **Chorus**

In the dark of night before the dawn  
My soul be not afraid  
For the promised morning oh how long  
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

## **Prayer for those searching**

*Oh God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have, the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved, the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to satisfy me. Could it be, as someone once said, that "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." Dear God, if this is true, and if as the Bible teaches there is life and life eternal in Christ alone, please guide me to Him. Open me to the reality of the One who alone can satisfy my restless heart. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see but can understand, feel and touch through the Word, sacraments and church family. Lord I want to believe, help my unbelief! Amen.*

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**Coronation Hymn**

We Will Feast in the House of Zion (vs 3)

**Chorus**

We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together bring shalom

**Chorus**

**Benediction**

Philippians 2:9–11, 4:23

God has highly exalted Jesus and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

## REFLECTION

“It is my hope that, in telling my own story, [of conversion to faith in Jesus Christ] I will show my own people—Palestinian followers of Islam who have been used by corrupt regimes for hundreds of years—that the truth can set them free.... So if you meet me in the street.... Instead of looking at me as a spiritual trophy, pray for me, that I will grow in my faith and that I won't step on too many toes as I learn to dance with the Bridegroom.”

—Mosab Hassan Yousef in *Son of Hamas* (2010)

## Mark 2b

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P P K C R Q R N M A Q X W Y N L H L Q J  
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DAYS  
HOME  
ROOM  
PREACHING  
NEAR  
ROOF  
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SPEAK  
SPIRIT  
HEARTS  
RISE  
WALK  
LEVI  
SICK  
SINNERS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Community Group** | Meeting tonight at 5:30 at the Bishop house for Bible study and a community meal. Signup to bring a dish, drink, or side on the link in the weekly email.

**Men's Breakfast** | Wednesdays at 7am, Pop's Restaurant (134 Old Gate Ln.). A space for community, important questions, and understanding. Feel free to invite friends, coworkers and neighbors.

**Thursday Night Prayer Meeting** | 7-7:50pm. Please join us as we follow a short prayer and scripture liturgy and pray for each other. [Zoom link](#) | Meeting ID: 899 5618 6470 | Passcode: 355978

**Men's & Women's Bible Studies** | Men meet next on Saturday 5/14, women on 5/28, from 9-10:30am. Email questions for either study to [info@cpcmilford.org](mailto:info@cpcmilford.org).

**Men's & Women's Monthly Fellowship** | Generally 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays, rotating months: the men will meet May 27<sup>th</sup>. Additional details TBD. RSVP to [info@cpcmilford.org](mailto:info@cpcmilford.org).

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