



# EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

APRIL 9, 2023

Colburn Park, Lebanon, NH

## Welcome and Easter Proclamation

### Call to Worship (Mindy Welton-Mitchell)

One: In emptiness of night,

**All: We wait for dawn to break open.**

One: In our grief and suffering,

**All: We weep and look for something to hold on to.**

One: In the finality of the tomb,

**All: We wait for the dead to rise.**

One: In the face of death,

**All: We declare that Christ is Risen!**

**Christ is Risen indeed!**

## Invocation

### A Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer (*Unison*)

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Hymn 182

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Easter Hymn

## Lesson from Scripture

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards

shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Easter Message

Stephen R. Silver

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

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.

Hymn 192

*The Day of Resurrection*

Lancashire

Benediction

***ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN! HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!***



*A free-will offering will support Listen Community Services. Please leave your contributions in the basket as you leave worship.*



*Immediately following the service, all are invited to gather in the Parish Hall at First Congregational Church for light breakfast and a time of fellowship.*



*Leading Worship This Morning*

The Rev. SangChurl Bae, Lebanon and White River United Methodist Churches

The Rev. Amanda Swoyer, West Lebanon Congregational Church

The Rev. Stephen R. Silver, First Congregational Church of Lebanon

# Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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Charles Wesley, 1707-1788 alt.

EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with Alleluias

Arr. from "Lyra Davidica," 1708

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day,  
2 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,  
3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
4 Soar we now where Christ has led,  
5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

Sons of men and an - gels say:  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,  
Praise to thee by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,  
Dy - ing once, he all doth save,  
Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Made like him, like him we rise,  
Thee we greet tri - um - phant now,

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply:  
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?  
Christ has o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,  
Hail, the Res - ur - rec - tion thou! A-men.

# The Day of Resurrection

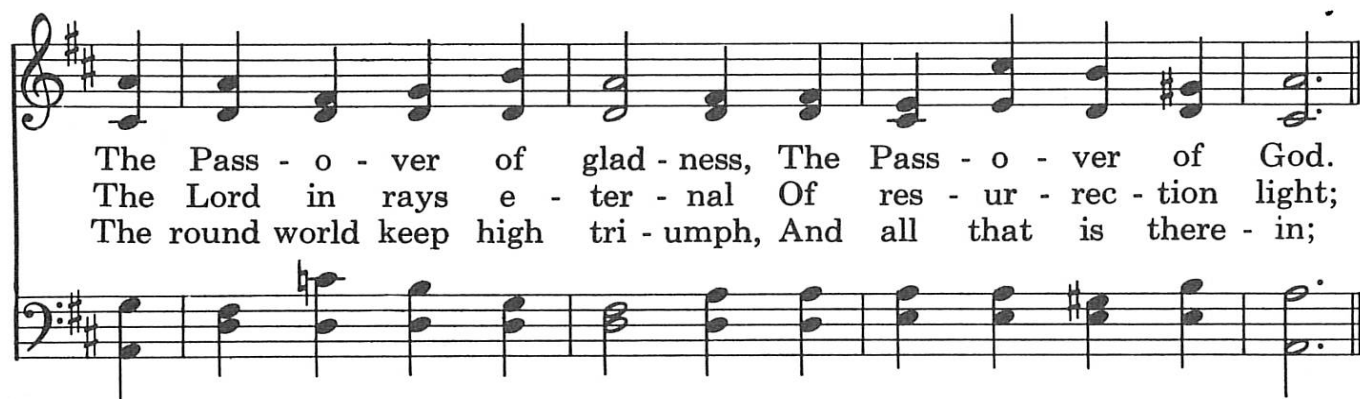
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*John of Damascus, c.696-c.754*  
*Tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.*

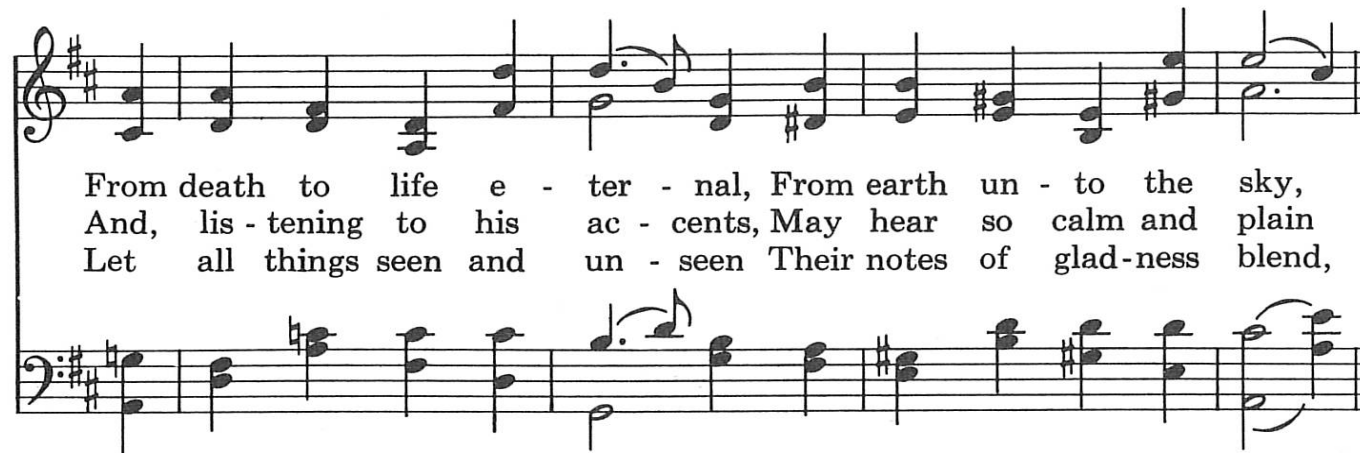
LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.  
*Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879*



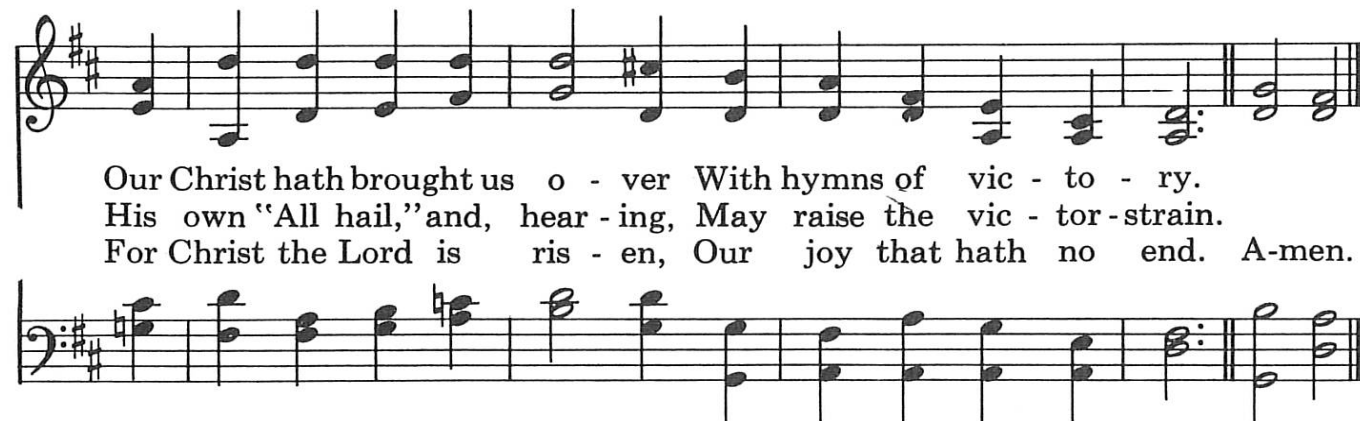
1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, That we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, Let earth her song be - gin,



The Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The Pass - o - ver of God.  
The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light;  
The round world keep high tri - umph, And all that is there - in;



From death to life e - ter - nal, From earth un - to the sky,  
And, lis - tening to his ac - cents, May hear so calm and plain  
Let all things seen and un - seen Their notes of glad - ness blend,



Our Christ hath brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.  
His own "All hail," and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor - strain.  
For Christ the Lord is ris - en, Our joy that hath no end. A-men.