



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



April 17, 2022

FESTIVAL PRELUDE (9:30 am - 9:55 am)

RINGING OF THE BELLS

'Trumpet Tune'

Henry Purcell,
arr. Marth Lynn Thompson

Handbell Ensemble: Doug Anderson, Carol Bradford, Dani Kardisco, Leigh-Ann Larson, Leo Larson, Lisa Sparling

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE HYMN

'This is the Day'

No. 286

Sung by the Youth & Chancel Choirs

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: We gather today to shout Alleluia! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed!

Leader: Out of the doom of death and despair, victory comes, glory appears.

People: We gather today to shout Alleluia! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed!

Leader: We shall live, witness, and recount the deeds of the God whose love endures forever.

People: We gather today to shout Alleluia! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed!

OPENING PRAYER

YOUTH CHOIR

'God Sent Jesus'

arr. Jennifer S. Porter

Director of Youth Choir, Lisa Sparling

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God, you call us to step out of the tombs that aim to consume us, and more intentionally into the fullness of life that abounds in your presence. In stillness and in silence, let us acknowledge the ways we have been separated from the richness of who you have called us to be.

Silent Reflection

ALL: We admit, O God, that we have not always remembered the creative power of resurrection. In a world where dreams and joy have been entombed, where chaos is celebrated and normalized, we have not always considered the divine ingenuity at work that calls us toward the ways of peace, love, and hope. Although we may have strayed from the places where we meet you, we trust that not even death can separate us from you and the creative ways you show your love for us. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

'The Strife is O'er'

No. 221

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 28:1-10*

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the tomb. Look, there was a great earthquake, for an angel from the Lord came down from heaven. Coming to the stone, he rolled it away and sat on it. Now his face was like lightning and his clothes as white as snow. The guards were so terrified of him that they shook with fear and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He isn't here, because he's been raised from the dead, just as he said. Come, see the place where they laid him. Now hurry, go and tell his disciples, 'He's been raised from the dead. He's going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.' I've given the message to you."

With great fear and excitement, they hurried away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples. But Jesus met them and greeted them. They came and grabbed his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid. Go and tell my brothers that I am going into Galilee. They will see me there."

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

HYMN

'Christ the Lord is Risen Today'

No. 216

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Molly Goodale, Trumpet

'Crown Him With Many Crowns'

arr. John A. Behnke

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

'Majesty'

Jack Hayford

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: For the wondrous ways this offering will bless this community, help us nurture caring relationships with our neighbors, and do our part to liberate all who are experiencing oppression, we dedicate these gifts.

ALL: Let this offering, and the works of our hands and feet, be the resurrection we need to see in the world. Amen.



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God whose grace endures forever.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Leader: This table is open to all who seek nourishment from God's eternal abundance. This table does not belong to any single one of us, or only to this Beloved Community - this table is God's table, extending beyond this place and throughout the entirety of time and space. This table is grace and love. This table is welcome and acceptance. Come to the table and join in this meal not because you must, but because you have been invited extravagantly by the one who created you. Let us pray,

COMMUNION PRAYER

SANCTUS

'Santo, Santo, Santo'

No. 111



C G7 Am F G C

San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My

F G7 C Am F G7 C

co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res Señ - or!
heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord!

REMEMBERING THE STORY

Leader: In this meal we remember Jesus, his promises, and the price he paid for who he was, what he said, and what he did; for our benefit.

In sharing this meal we live out the mystery of our faith,

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE PRAYER OF JESUS *(in unison)*

Our Creator (Father) who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kin-dom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE POURING OF THE CUP

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Please wait to consume the bread and the cup until the whole congregation is directed to do so at the same time by the pastors. Communion in the sanctuary will be served in the pews by members of our Deacons' board. Worship participants who are joining us from home may use elements readily available to them; such as bread or crackers and juice or water.

SPECIAL MUSIC

'Lift Thine Eyes'

from Elijah

Trio: Carol Bradford, Alisa Cassola, and Danielle Kardisco

Leader: The Body of Christ,

People: The Bread of Life.

Leader: Take and eat.

CHOIR ANTHEM

'Sunrise, Resurrection'

arr. Martin Williams

Leader: The lifeblood of Christ,

People: The Cup of Blessing.

Leader: Take and drink.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(together)*

Leader: Almighty God, we thank you for this feast of life. Fed by your love, and strengthened by your life; we humbly accept your call to go into this world to live with hope and to share your joy.

ALL: You commission us to feed as we have been fed, to forgive as we have been forgiven, and to love as we have been loved. Thank you for your nourishment here and throughout our lives. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

'Lift High the Cross'

No. 108

BENEDICTION

Now, friends, go forth into the world and serve God with gladness. Be of good courage, hold fast to that which is good, and render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted. Honor all people. Love and serve God rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit to resurrect, to redeem, and to transform.

As you go from our worship today may God be in your going, may Christ be in your doing, and may the Spirit be in your learning. Go in peace to love and serve God, proclaiming the good news of God's resurrecting love! Amen.

POSTLUDE

by Richard Spicer

Prelude and Fugue in C Major (BWV 553)
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor
Rev. Ann-Marie Illsley, Associate Pastor
Murray Kidd, Music Director
Anton Faynberg, Pianist
Richard Spicer, Guest Organist
Alisa Cassola, Soloist
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter
Lisa Sparling, Director of Youth Choir
Molly Goodale, Trumpet

Handbell Ensemble:

Doug Anderson
Carol Bradford
Dani Kardisco
Leigh-Ann Larson
Leo Larson
Lisa Sparling



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are
in remembrance of Sally Cutting on
this 10th anniversary of her passing.
The memories fade, but never go
away.

Love,
Bob & Sharron

This Is the Day

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Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice and piano accompaniment. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has made; we will re-joyce and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.' There is a '(b)' marking in the piano part of the third system.

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Lord has made; we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be
glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the
Lord has made; we will re-joyce and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

WORDS: Psalm 118:24, para. Les Garrett, 1967
MUSIC: Les Garrett, 1967

THE LORD'S DAY
Irr.

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The Strife Is O'er

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1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done,
 2. The powers of death have done their worst,
 3. The three sad days are quick - ly sped,
 4. Lord, by your wounds on Cal - va - ry

the vic - to - ry of life is won; the song of
 but Christ their le - gions has dis - persed: let shouts of
 Christ ris - es glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry
 from death's dread sting your ser - vants free, that we may

tri - umph has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 live e - ter - nal - ly. Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1861
 MUSIC: Giovanni P. da Palestrina, 1591; adapt. William Henry Monk, 1861

VICTORY
 888 w. alleluia

Descant

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, A - le - lu - ia!

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,
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led,

Fol - low - ing our Head, A - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say,
 Where, O death, is now your sting?
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,

A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise,
 Made like him, like him we rise,

A - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.
 MUSIC: *Lyræ Davidica*, 1708; desc. Charles H. Webb

EASTER HYMN
 77.77 w. alleluias

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Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, A - le - lu - ia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
 Christ has op - ened par - a - dise.
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,

A - le - lu - ia!

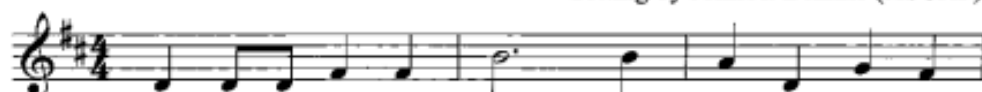
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Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Matthew Bridges, 1800–94, sts. 1–3, 5, alt.
Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4

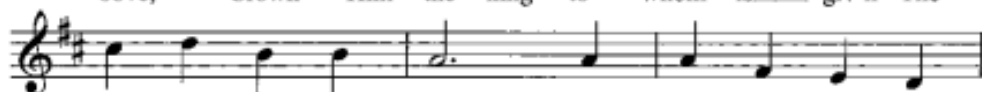
George J. Elvey, 1816–93
Setting by John A. Behnke (ASCAP)



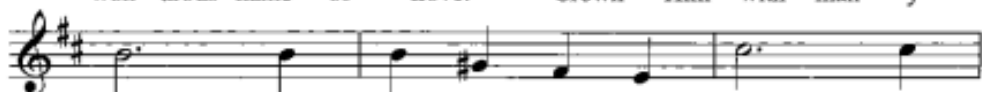
All 1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His
Women 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate
Choir 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and
Men 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the
All 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a -



throne; Hark how the heav'n - ly an - them - drowns All
born, Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies - won Which
side, Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In
grave And rose vic - to - rious in the - strife For
bove, Crown Him the king to whom is - giv'n The



mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and
now His brow a - dorn: Fruit of the mys - tic
beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No an - gels in the
those He came to save. His glo - ries now we
won - drous name of Love. Crown Him with man - y



sing Of Him who died for thee, And
rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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Lift High the Cross

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Refrain (Unison)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim

till all the world a-dore his sa-cred name.

Fine

Harmony

1. Come, Chris-tians, fol-low this tri-um-phiant sign. The
2. Each new-born ser-vant of the Cru-ci-fied bears
3. O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree, your
4. So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be: praise

hosts of God in u-ni-ty com-bine.
 on the brow the seal of Christ who died.
 death has brought us life e-ter-nal-ly.
 to the cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry.

D.C.

WORDS: George William Kitchin and Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916, alt.
 MUSIC: Sydney H. Nicholson, 1916

CRUCIFER
 10.10 w. refrain

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