

# *Easter Sunrise Service*

*March 31, 2013*



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31 March 2013

6:30 o'clock in the morning at Greenwich Point

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\*All who are able please stand

CALL TO COMMUNITY

*Rev. Mark D. Montgomery*

EASTER PROCLAMATION

*Charlotte Lorthioir*

*Leader: Praise the Lord! Christ is risen!*

*People: He is risen indeed!*

*Leader: For us the stone has been rolled away.*

*People: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

*Leader: Christ has been raised from death to new life.*

*People: Christ is risen indeed!*

\*OPENING HYMN:

*Christ The Lord Is Risen Today (words and music on next page)*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Jessie Aselin and Daniel Lepoutre*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

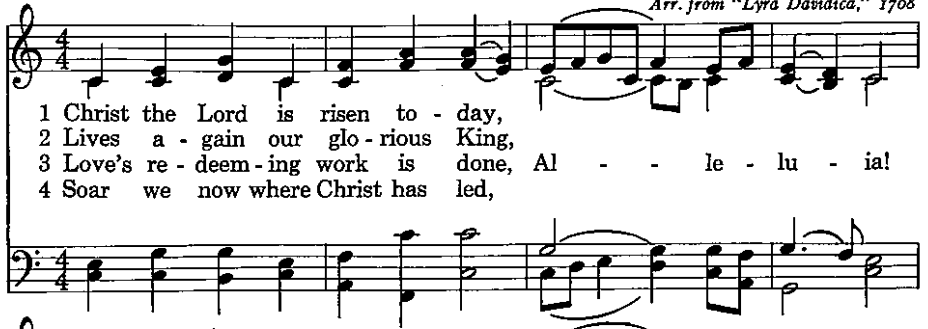
We gather here at the water's edge to join together in proclaiming that we believe that God is with us. In the midst of injustice, God be with us. In the midst of celebration, God be with us. In the midst of war, God be with us. In the midst of fear, God be with us. In the midst of joy, God be with us. God, surround us with your presence so that in our time of worship we may gain strength to be voices of justice, peace, celebration and hope. God be with us and hear our voices raised together...

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.

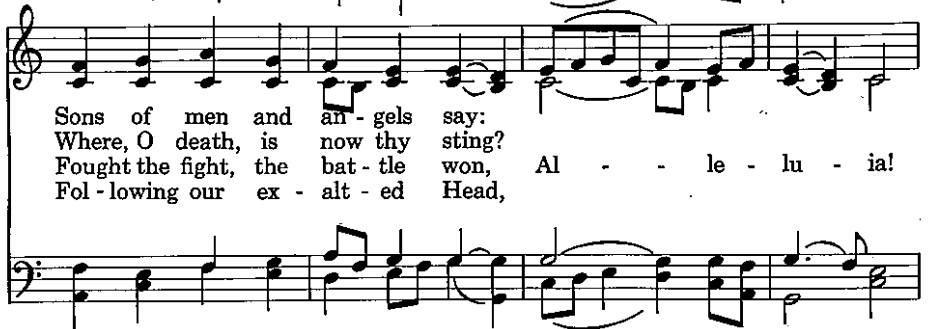
# Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788 alt.

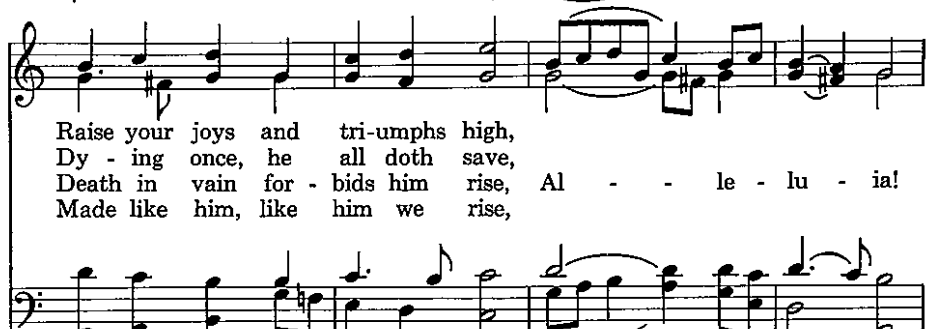
EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with Alleluias  
Arr. from "Lyra Davidica," 1708



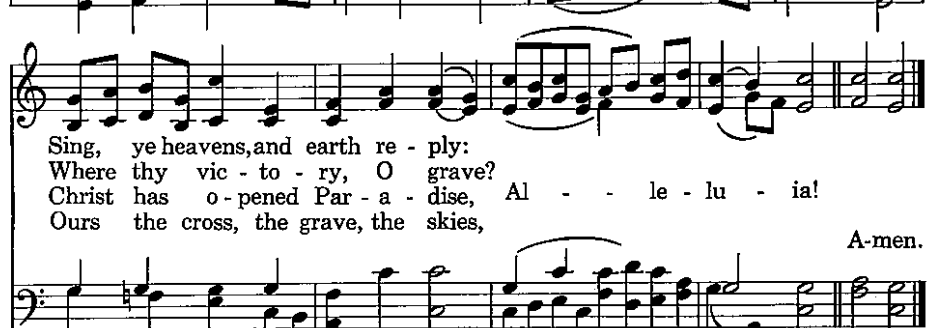
1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day,  
2 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,  
3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
4 Soar we now where Christ has led,



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,



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,



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,

A-men.

A descant may be found at No. 582  
Alternative tune, LLANFAIR, No. 187

RESURRECTION

**John 20:1-18**

**E**arly on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed 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.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who 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 returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 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.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” 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.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because 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.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

SERMON:

*The Green Fuse*

*Rev. John W. Collins*

ANTHEM

*Crown Him Now With Alleluias*

*The Youth Choir*

James Brighton

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Ingrid Thalheim, Senior Youth Intern*

*Jeff Aselin, Junior Youth Intern*

*Rev. Mark Montgomery*

HYMN

*The Day of Resurrection (words and music on next page)*

\*BENEDICTION

*Donald Haviland, Youth Ministry Assistant*

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

“Finale” from *Godspell*

Stephen Schwartz



**Youth Choir of  
The First Congregational Church of Greenwich**

*Carolyn Paulus, director*

*Jon Hunt, pianist*

*Jadesola Ariyibi*

*Matthew Baptist*

*Amy Cass*

*Ellie Garnett*

*Yevgeniya Golodinskii*

*Ivan Golodinskii*

*Olivia Hartwell*

*Alexa LaVersa*

*Daniel Leboutre*

*Charlotte Lorthioir*

*Alex Mair*

*Drew Mohn*

*Sarah Morris*

*Melanie Pfetsch*

*Shaw Speer*

*Gillian Woodman*

*Stephanie Woodman*

# The Day of Resurrection

John of Damascus, c.696-c.754  
r. 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 - ening 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.



1 lower setting may be found at No. 375  
|| alternative tune, GREENLAND, No. 190

**Our offering this morning** will be received at the close of the service. All undesignated contributions will benefit the 2013 Lenten Offering of our church. Below is more information about the agencies benefiting from this year's offering:

Our Lenten Offering has, again this year, shown that we are a compassionate congregation seeking to help out where we can. Because of your generosity, we are able to support both NicaHOPE and the Young Mariners Association with substantial gifts that will make a difference in their Outreach efforts.

As you have learned, NicaHOPE works with the populations living around the garbage dumps in Managua, Nicaragua. Offering opportunities for employment, education, nutrition and psychological services, NicaHOPE has given hope to many children and families. Our support to them will allow these projects to continue, schools to be built, programs to be administered, teachers to be empowered and lives to be changed.



Young Mariners happens right in our own back yard. Based out of Stamford, this agency works with young people to teach mathematical, problem solving and independence skills that enable self-esteem and self-improvement. Young Mariners is geared to encourage young people to believe in themselves so that they may accomplish any task put before them. Their success rate for improved learning, increased self-awareness and college admission is testimony to their wonderful efforts. Our gifts will enable more children to be able to be a part of this amazing program.



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**At the conclusion of the service this morning,** you will receive a tulip. These tulips are a gift from the Speer Family for this Easter Sunday.



This Sunrise Service is sponsored and supported by The First Congregational Church of Greenwich, United Church of Christ, and has been a project of the Youth Ministry Program of this church for over 60 years.

Please join us as our Easter Sunday Celebration continues in the Meetinghouse at 9:00 and 11:00 am with Festival Services, including choirs, brass and timpani. Child care is available.

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## *First Music and Arts 2012-2013 Series Continues*



### *Friday, April 26 through Sunday, April 28*

First Music and Arts will add visual arts to their community offerings when they partner with *The Art Society of Old Greenwich* who will have artwork on display in the Auditorium and a few pieces in the back of the Meetinghouse. One hour before and after each performance throughout the weekend, you will have a chance to view artwork from the membership of the Art Society. Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors about this wonderful opportunity to experience the talents of our local artists.

### *Friday, April 26, 8:00 pm - Organ Recital*

Our wonderful Austin pipe organ will be heard in an organ recital by many Greenwich organists, including Jamie Hitel, Craig Scott Symons, Jon Hunt, Frederick Tripodi, Alistair Reid, and Sean

Jackson.

Suggested donation is \$20 per person.

***Sunday, April 28, 4:00 pm – Requiem by Johannes Brahms***

The First Church Festival Chorus will be using Brahms' own 4-hand piano version, with Jayson Engquist and Jon Hunt at the keyboard. Our soloists will be soprano Hanna Golodinskii and  
bass Samuel Hepler,

all under the direction of Craig Scott Symons.

Suggested donation is \$20 a person.

***Looking Ahead:***

***Sunday, May 19, 7:00 pm – Jubilate Ringers***

The Meetinghouse will be filled with the sounds of bells as we welcome the Jubilate Ringers from Wilton. This group is conducted by Ellen Dickinson, Director of Music at Norfield Church in Weston. Jubilate Ringers is comprised of ringers from the Norfield Church and the Unitarian Church in Westport as well as the surrounding community.

***Next Week at First Congregational Church***

Music from  
The Chancel Choir  
*Rev. John Collins, preaching*

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