



Christ is Risen

Christ Church

EASTER, 1943

Dear Friends of Christ Church:

Have you not heard people in perplexity or sorrow say wistfully; "If only we had some clear, unmistakable word?" Idealists confronted with the apparent defeat of righteous causes, people standing beside the grave of father, mother, wife, husband, or child, men and women facing the sunset of their own lives—all of us at some time or other cry out, "If only we had some clear, unmistakable word about the continuing life."

Easter comes as such a clear, unmistakable word. There had been hints and suggestions of eternal life before our Lord's Resurrection: the widespread desire for immortality, the fragmentary character of our lives on earth, the "resurrection" in the springtime in the world of nature, the rebellion of our consciences at the thought of annihilation. But these were after all only intimations. They needed confirmation by some clear word from God.

We hear that word on Easter Day. Our Risen Christ stands beside the tomb, the Victorious Lord of Life and Death. After the first overwhelming defeat of Napoleon the Congress of Vienna met to rearrange the map of Europe. But one day there was a muttering in the corridors. And soon the whisper ran around the table where sat the men who imagined they were masters of Europe—"He is coming back, he is coming back." The Congress of Vienna faded away when the Little Corporal landed in France. Napoleon returned for just one hundred days. Today we remember One who had been consigned to oblivion by his foes. The map of the world had all been arranged with no place Him. But He came back. After scorn and hatred and brutality and death had done their worst, He returned, and He returned to stay. He brought life and immortality to light. "Because I live" He said Ye shall live also." "Let not your heart be troubled." "The world passeth away and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." That is the clear, unmistakable word of Easter.

It ought to make a profound difference in our daily living—in our sense of values, our attitude toward death, our confidence in the victory of goodness, our trust in the future. Shortly before his death one of the grand old men of American letters, Lyman Abbott wrote: "I look forward to the Great Adventure, with awe but not with apprehension. I enjoy my work, my home, my friends, my life. I shall be very sorry to part with them. But always I have stood in the bow looking forward with hopeful anticipation to the life before me. When the time comes for my embarkation and the ropes are cast off and I put out to sea, I think I shall be standing in the bow and still looking forward with eager curiosity and glad hopefulness to the new world to which the unknown voyage will bring me."

May such a glad triumphant faith be yours at this Easter Season!

Faithfully yours,

THOMAS N. CARRUTHERS
J. FRANCIS McCLOUD

SERVICES FOR EASTER DAY

- 7:30 a.m. Choral Celebration of Holy Communion.
 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion.
 11:00 a.m. Choral Celebration of Holy Communion, Special Easter Music,
 and Sermon.
 4:00 p.m. Church School Easter Festival and Pageant, "An Easter Mys-
 tery," presented by twenty-one members of the Church School.
 Presentation of Mite Box Offering and flowers for cross.

7:30 A. M.

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| Prelude—"The Resurrection Morn"..... | <i>Johnston</i> |
| Processional Hymn No. 172, "Jesus Christ is risen today" | |
| Kyrie | <i>Eyre</i> |
| Epistle | |
| Gradual—Hymn 555. "O sons and daughters, let us sing" (stanzas 1-2-3-9) | |
| Gloria Tibi | <i>Eyre</i> |
| Gospel | |
| Laus Christo | <i>Eyre</i> |
| Offertory—"Come see the place where Jesus lay....." | <i>Parker</i> |
| Sursum corda | <i>Eyre</i> |
| Sanctus | <i>Eyre</i> |
| Agnus Dei | <i>Eyre</i> |
| Gloria in Excelsis | <i>Old Chant</i> |
| Nunc Dimittis..... | <i>Plain Song</i> |
| Recessional Hymn—No. 179, "He Is Risen, he is risen" | |
| Postlude—"Jesus Christ is risen today"..... | <i>Snow</i> |

11:00 A. M.

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| Prelude—"Allelujah" | <i>Loret</i> |
| Processional Hymn—No. 169—"Welcome, happy morning!" | |
| Kyrie | <i>Parker</i> |
| Epistle | |
| Gradual—"Christ our Passover"..... | |
| Gloria Tibi | <i>Parker</i> |
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| Sermon Hymn—No. 173—"The strife is o'er, the battle done" | |
| Easter Sermon..... | <i>Dr. Carruthers</i> |
| Offertory—"If Christ be not raised"..... | <i>Macpherson</i> |
| Sursum corda | <i>Parker</i> |
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| Gloria in Excelsis | <i>Old Chant</i> |
| Nunc Dimittis..... | <i>Plain Song</i> |
| Recessional Hymn—No. 170—"Come, ye faithful, raise the strain" | |
| Postlude—"O Filii et Filiae"..... | <i>Farnam</i> |

EASTER MEMORIALS

The flowers in the Altar vases, in memory of Mr. Harold Joy, are given by members of his family. Those on the Lectern are in memory of Mr. A. G. Brandan, given by the family. The cross of flowers is in memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bransford and Mr. Spence McGavock, given by Mrs. McGavock. Those on the hymn board over the pulpit are given by Mrs. McGavock in memory of her sister, Bessie Lee Bransford. The flowers at the base of the cross are given by Mrs. W. G. Simmons in memory of her daughter, Catherine, and Mrs. Joseph A. Gray in memory of her husband, Mr. Joseph A. Gray.

ACOLYTES

- 7:30 a.m. Hillard Brown (Crucifer)
Clarence Hunt (Church Flag Bearer)
John Whalley (American Flag Bearer)
- 9:30 a.m. Douglas Wright, Jr.
Harry Cook
- 11:00 a.m. Guy McComas (Crucifer)
Tommy Lee (American Flag Bearer)
Maclin Davis, Jr. (Church Flag Bearer)
- 4:00 p.m. John Katz
Tommy Carruthers

SERVICES FOR EASTER WEEK

MONDAY—10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

TUESDAY—10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

THURSDAY—10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

PRIVATE COMMUNIONS—Your ministers will be glad to arrange for private administration of Holy Communion at the home of any members of the congregation who by reason of sickness or infirmity are prevented from coming to Church. Please telephone the parish office and arrange a convenient time.

USHERS

- 7:30 a.m. Fyke Farmer, K. G. Hussey, W. K. Kershaw, Henry Morrow,
H. H. Moses, Thomas Woodward.
- 9:30 a.m. Paul Davis, Jr., Richard Drew, George Hillman, Charles
Johnstone, John F. Krieg, S. B. Seiferd.
- 11:00 a.m. Maxwell E. Benson, Robert H. Chilton, Brownlee Currey,
Frank Fletcher, Minos Fletcher, W. Dudley Gale, Wilson
Green, R. B. C. Howell, Jr., Charles Martin, Albert Rose.

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*The words of the Offertory Anthem will be found on the back of this program.

If Christ be not raised.—Macpherson

If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.

Never dawned a brighter morning
Than that day, the best of all,
When the Victor rose triumphant,
Bursting death's all binding thrall.

When the Sun that hath no setting
Cast abroad His endless light,
Through the resting place of ages,
Through the sombre realms of night

Lo, the throne of death is empty,
And the doors are open wide,
Where in still and awful silence,
Long forgotten souls abide.

Lo, they gather wond'ring round Him,
As He telleth unto them,
How He suffered, and was buried,
In His own Jerusalem.

From His Form a radiance shineth,
Bright'ning all those mystic halls,
As with joyful adoration,
All that hast before Him falls, Hallelujah!

Them which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?
Death is swallowed up in victory. Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! Amen.