



Easter 1944

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Dear Friends of Christ Church:

In the year 1889 Robert Browning, the British poet, died. An impressive funeral service was held in Westminster Abbey on the last day of that year; but Sir Edward Burne-Jones, who was present on that occasion, declares that it was all too somber. The note of grief and regret was dominant. "I would have given something for a banner or two," says Burne-Jones, "and much more would I have given if a chorister had come out on the triforium and rent the air with a trumpet." Who of us, remembering the unconquerable optimism of Browning, would disagree with the artist? It was the note of a trumpet, challenging, defiant, triumphant, that Burne-Jones wanted to hear that day.

That is exactly the note of the Easter Festival, for we are now celebrating a victory. Easter is not a day of a wistful hope; it is rather the feast of a blazing and glorious fact. The flowers of Easter are not the fragile symbols of a lovely sentiment; they are the triumphant banners of an actual event. The message of Easter is not an argument for the immortality of the soul; it is an announcement, "Christ is Risen!" The Lord is risen from the dead. The third day He rose! We saw Him dead and buried. And we saw Him, talked with Him, after He was risen from the dead, and behold, He is alive forevermore!

The Resurrection of Christ was not a mere survival of death; it was a definite triumph over it. He rose the complete Conqueror of death. And once we have entered into the experience of this Easter Gospel, we shall have no fear of death—for ourselves or for those we love. One does not ordinarily turn to the movies for illustrations of eternal life, but you will remember a film called "The Iron Mask" that had a great moment in it. D'Artagnan, having carried his arduous task to a triumphant conclusion only to be dealt a foul and fatal blow, staggers out to die alone. Then the clouds part and one sees his three dauntless comrades smiling down at him, and reaching down to welcome him to the new life. Then there flashes on the screen, not the conventional word "End," but the startling word "Beginning."

This is the word of Easter—Beginning. Have no fear. We shall see our friends again, in a country prepared, in a place called home, where we shall know as we are known, seeing no longer through a glass darkly, but face to face; where we shall never grow old; where we shall never grow weary; where the boatman with the silver oars leads us across the river that has no bridge; where "O sweet and blessed country" is no longer a hymn of hope, but an everlasting experience; where it is not taps but reveille! May God give us this blessed and joyous Easter Faith!

Faithfully yours,
 THOMAS N. CARRUTHERS
 J. FRANCIS McCLOUD
 W. ROBERT WEBB

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SERVICES FOR EASTER DAY

7:30 A. M.

Prelude—"Easter Morning".....	Malling
Processional Hymn No. 172, "Jesus Christ is risen today".....	
Kyrie.....	Eyre
Epistle.....	
Gradual—Hymn 555. "O sons and daughters, let us sing" (stanzas 1-2-3-9).....	
Gloria Tibi.....	Eyre
Gospel.....	
Laus Christo.....	Eyre
Offertory—"Allelujah".....	Mozart
Sursum corda.....	Eyre
Sanctus.....	Eyre
Agnus Dei.....	Eyre
Gloria in Excelsis.....	Old Chant
Recessional Hymn—No. 179, "He Is Risen, he is risen".....	
Postlude—"Jesus Christ is risen today".....	Snow

11:00 A. M.

Prelude—"The Resurrection Morn".....	Johnston
Processional Hymn—No. 169—"Welcome, happy morning!".....	
Kyrie.....	Parker
Epistle.....	
Gradual—"Christ our Passover".....	Vogrich
Gloria Tibi.....	Parker
Gospel.....	
Laus Christo.....	Parker
Sermon Hymn—No. 173—"The strife is o'er, the battle done".....	
Easter Sermon.....	Dr. Carruthers
*Offertory—"If Christ be not raised".....	Macpherson
Sursum corda.....	Parker
Sanctus.....	Parker
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Gloria in Excelsis.....	Old Chant
Recessional Hymn—No. 170—"Come, ye faithful, raise the strain".....	
Postlude—"O Filii et Filiae".....	Farnam

*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.

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11:00 A.M. Choral Celebration of Holy Communion, Special Easter Music, and Sermon.

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EASTER MEMORIALS

The flowers in the Altar vases are given by members of the family in memory of Mr. Harold Joy. Those on the Lectern are in memory of Mr. A. G. Brandau, 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 left hymn board 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. The tulips around the cross are given by Mrs. Irene Chipman in memory of her mother, Mrs. Mary E. Crittenden.

ACOLYTES

7:30 A.M. Hillard Brown (Crucifer)
E. Dandridge Milam (Church Flag Bearer)
Overton Lea (American Flag Bearer)

9:30 A.M. Tommy Carruthers
Spencer Strowd

11:00 A.M. Tommy Lee (Crucifer)
Louis Davis, III
(Church Flag Bearer)
Douglas Wright, Jr.
(American Flag Bearer)

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, Seawell Brandau, Jack White, Charles Johnstone, Tom Woodward, and Herbert Moses.

9:30 A.M. George Hillman, J. E. Britt, Earl Roach, Jack Blake, Charles Turner, and Walton Barker.

11:00 A.M. Dudley Gale, Charles Nelson, Vernon Tupper, Vivian Tupper, Charles Mitchell, Brownlee Currey, Neil Cargile, Vernon Sharp, Albert Rose, and Dr. Philip Davidson.

CHURCH SCHOOL EASTER SERVICE, APRIL 16

There will be no Church School Easter Service on Easter afternoon as there has been in the past. This service will be on April 16, at 11 o'clock, for all departments of the Church School. Further details will be carried in next week's *Bulletin*.