



Wilton Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020

Welcome To Wilton Presbyterian Church

We are glad that you found us and that you are here. We are a progressive, welcoming and inclusive congregation seeking both to know Christ and to make Christ known to people from all walks of life. We pray that we will become better acquainted with you.

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EASTER SUNDAY

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Rev. Shannon White

Leader: Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

PROCLAMATION IN SONG

Rick Hilsabeck and Sarah Pfisterer

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Here in this garden where many we have loved were laid to rest, we trust the Easter promise...

All: Death never had the final word. Love is stronger than death!

Leader: In these days when our world has seen and experienced so much sorrow, pain, and fear, we remember the Easter promise...

All: God is alive and has not abandoned us!

Leader: When many are feeling isolated and alone, we remember God's promise...

All: Our God reaches out to us and partners with us to be agents of love to one another! Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" (*verses 1, 4*)

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above Alleluia!

Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

Brandon Bone

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:1-6 (NRSV)

Nicole Carta

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

SECOND READING

Matthew 28:1-10 (NSRV)

Anna Carta

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 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." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

SERMON

ANTHEM

"Now Glad of Heart Be Everyone"

Wilton Presbyterian Choir

Al Galletly, Composer and Conductor

Easter, 2019

Now glad of heart be everyone! The fight is fought, the day is won. The Christ is set upon His throne. Now glad of heart be everyone. Who on the cross was crucified; who rose again as at this tide in glory to His Father's side; now glad of heart be everyone. Who baffled death and harrowed hell and led the souls that loved Him well; all in the light of lights to dwell; now glad of heart be everyone.

To Him we left our heart and voice, and in His paradise rejoice with harp and pipe and happy noise. Now glad of heart be everyone.

Now rise, all Christian folk set free, and carol forth the One in Three that was, and is, and is to be. Now glad of heart be everyone. By faith, the shield of heart and mind, through love, which suffers and is kind; in hope that rides upon the wind; now glad of heart be everyone. Cheer up, friends and neighbors, now it's Eastertide. Stop from endless labors, worries put aside. We should rise from sadness, evil, folly, strife. When God's mighty gladness brings the earth to life. Jesus Christ is risen today, our triumphant holy day. Who did once upon the cross suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah! The strife is o'er, the victory won. The Christ is risen from the dead. Hallelujah!

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

CLOSING HYMN **"The Day of Resurrection"** (verses 1, 3)

*1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness, the passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.*

*3 Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.*

BENEDICTION



A Moment of Thanks

Many thanks to our participants this morning, including **Nancy Gorkin** for providing our Easter lilies and for making sure our garden looks gorgeous! Thank you to all who sent in pictures for the service. We are all connected!

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