

# **Easter Sunday**

Christ appears to Mary Magdalene

**If, because of one man's transgression,  
death reigned through that one man,  
much more will those who receive the abundance of grace  
and the free gift of righteousness reign in life  
through the one man, Jesus Christ.  
Romans 5:17**

The Expulsion from the Garden of God

**Old Orchard Church  
April 8, 2012 ---10:15-11:50 a.m.**

# The Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

from *Christ*, a poem by Cynewulf  
(early 9th century)

So to Zion's Hill there come up together a host,  
great, mighty, true to their Maker, bright and blithe; blessedness is their share.  
Then from the four far corners of earth, the uttermost ends of the world's kingdom, angels all-shining,  
together blow their clamorous trumpets; mid-earth trembles beneath men's feet.  
They sound together strongly, gloriously, in the star's pathway;  
they sing and run out from the south and the north, from the east and west over all creation.

They wake from the dead the sons of men, all mankind to the grim judgment, aghast from the old earth;  
they bid them stand up straightway from their fast sleep.  
There the sorrowing folk are heard: sad-hearted, hard-beset,  
lamenting their grief for deeds while living, sore afraid.  
This is the great fore-sign of all the portents which ever yet were shown to men.  
For there, mingling, is the mighty host of angels and devils, the brightest and darkest;  
both are there, the fair and the dark, and a home is shaped for them—  
but far unlike for angels and devils.

Then swiftly on Zion's hill from the south-east a gleam of sunlight comes from the Creator,  
shining more radiantly than any man may dream in his heart, bright-gleaming.  
Then God's Son through the arches of heaven comes ever onward,  
and Christ's face is gloriously seen, the King's presence from the eastern sky.  
He is sweet to hearts of His own folk, bitter to the wicked;  
varied wondrously, far unlike to the happy and wretched. The deep places din.  
Before Him there sweeps down a great fire whelming over the wide ground.  
Strong and bright are the stars falling.  
Then will the sun be changed to darkness, to blood's hue,  
which before shone bright over the old world of the children of men;  
and the moon herself who once in the night gave light to mankind shall fall low.  
And all the stars shall be shaken through heaven on strong winds, storm-beaten....

Then a mighty army, forever young, fares onward before the All-Wielder.  
They, called by name, must needs obey, bear their breast-secrets  
before God's Son, their spirit's treasure.



**To the one who is victorious,  
I will give the right to eat from  
the tree of life,  
which is in the paradise of God.**

**Revelation 2:7b**

## The World's Dark Night

from John 19

### Prelude

#### “Roll Away the Stone”

Greg Roig (2001)

The heart is deceitful above all things, desperately wicked.  
Who can know it? The Lord alone searches mind and heart.  
Now through the prophet the Lord declares this unto his people:  
    “I will give you a heart of flesh and put my spirit in you.  
    I’ll remove your heart of stone.  
    I’ll remove your heart of stone.  
    I’ll remove the stone and give you hearts of flesh.”  
*Roll away the stone. Roll away the stone.*

As evening approached Joseph carried Jesus where rock was hewn.  
Wrapped him in linen and placed him there deep inside the tomb.  
    Then he rolled a great stone,  
    Then he rolled a great stone,  
    Then he rolled a stone to cover up the grave.  
*Roll away the stone. Roll away the stone.*

The Law of old was written only outside, etched on tablets of stone.  
But now his broken heart (by thorns, by nails, by sword)  
inscribes my own.

Behold! I stand at the door and knock, can you hear my voice?  
Open the door, I’ll come in and eat with you, what’s your choice?  
    I open what no one can close.  
    I close what none can open.  
    I am the Key of David, let me in.  
*Roll away the stone. Roll away the stone.*

### Proclamation of the Good News

John 20:1-18

### Response

Leader: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again! Alleluia!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### Greeting of Peace

Greet one another in the name of Christ:

**“The peace of the risen Lord be with you.”**

**“And also with you.”**

# **Thine is the Glory**

**Prayer**

**Catastrophe in the Garden of Eden**

from Genesis 2 & 3

**Victory in the Garden of Gethsemane**

John 18:1; Matthew 26:36-40

**Song of Triumph**

## Litany of Deliverance and Hope

(from Isaiah 25, Psalm 16, & I Corinthians 15)

**Leader:** On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine — the best of meats and the finest of wines.

**People:** **On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;**

**L:** he will swallow up death forever.

**P:** **The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces;**

**L:** he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth.

**P:** **The LORD has spoken.**

**L:** But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**P:** **Therefore my heart is glad, and my tongue rejoices; my body also rests secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.**

**L:** Listen to this mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

**P:** **For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.**

**L:** For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true:

**P:** **“DEATH HAS BEEN SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY!”  
“O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY?  
O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?”**

**L:** The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**P:** **In that day they will say,  
“Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us.  
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;  
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”**

**ALL:** **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!  
Alleluia! Praise the Lord.**

**Song of Joy**

## Confession of Faith

(adapted from various orthodox creeds)

I believe that the man Jesus:

was crucified, was dead, and was buried;  
that the third day he rose again from the dead;  
that he ascended into heaven,  
and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there in due time, he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe that this same Jesus:

was promised beforehand in the sacred Scriptures;  
was born son of Mary, of the seed of David according to the flesh;  
was declared with power to be the Son of God  
by his resurrection from the dead,  
according to the Spirit of holiness.

I believe that this man Jesus:

is Christ, Israel's Messiah, our Lord and God.  
And I confess that you Lord Jesus—  
not despising the womb of a virgin, to become human—  
overcame death,  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to the faithful.

I believe that this same man Jesus,

the one Lord Christ, is both God and man.  
I believe that he now rules the universe,  
and will come again in glory  
to judge both the living and the dead,  
and that his kingdom will have no end.

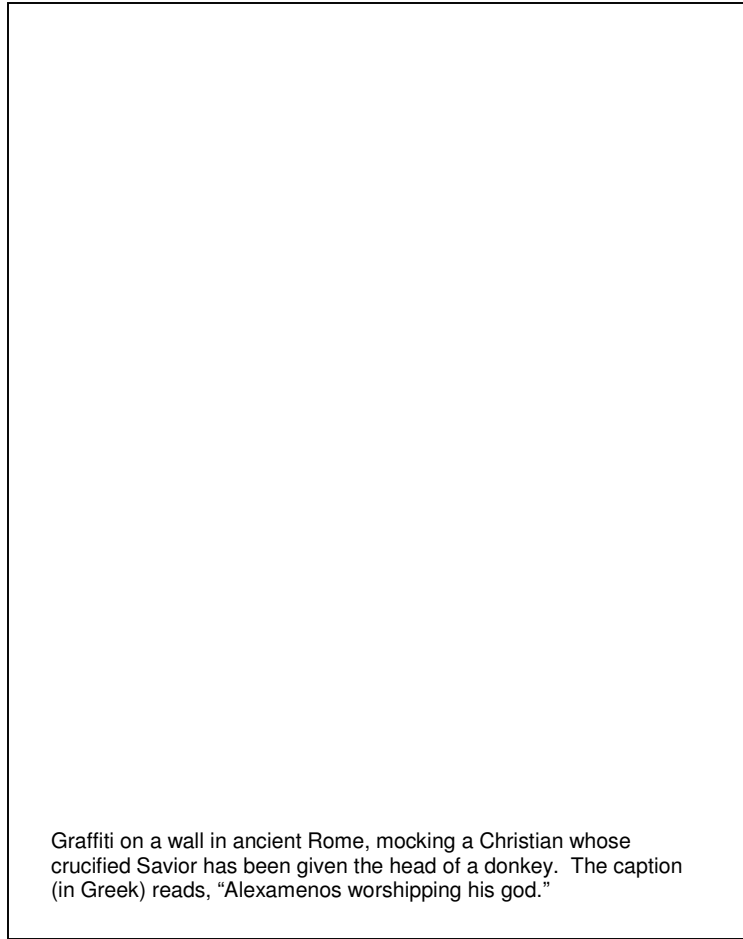
O Lord: with all eagerness now,

I look for the resurrection of the dead—  
for myself, and for all who love you—  
and I look for everything promised in the world to come,  
so that what is mortal in me  
may be swallowed up by Life.  
Lord I believe; help my unbelief.  
Praise God in the highest! Amen.

## Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.





## The Good News of the Kingdom Spreading

Moment for Missions

### Tithes and Offerings

#### **“The Heavens Are Telling”**

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)  
(from *The Creation*)

The heavens are telling the glory of God.  
The wonder of his work displays the firmament.

The day that is coming speaks to the day,  
The night that is gone to the following night.

The heavens are telling the glory of God.  
The wonder of his work displays the firmament.

In all the lands resounds the word,  
never unperceived, ever understood.

The heavens are telling the glory of God.  
The wonder of his work displays the firmament.

## The Amazing Story of the World Ruined and Restored in 4 Gardens: 2 Commands and 3 Questions; a Plea and a Declaration; A Declaration and 2 Questions; A Declaration and an Invitation

### The Garden of Eden: 2 Commands and 3 Questions (Genesis 2 & 3)

Genesis 2:7 Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord God **planted a garden in Eden**, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup> And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. **The tree of life was in the midst of the garden**, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.... <sup>15</sup> The Lord God took the man and **put him in the garden of Eden** to work it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> **And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”**

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. <sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of **the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day**, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the **presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.** <sup>9</sup> But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “**Where are you?**” <sup>10</sup> And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup> He said, “**Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?**” <sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate....”

<sup>22</sup> Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of **the tree of life** and eat, and live forever—” <sup>23</sup> **therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden** to work the ground from which he was taken. <sup>24</sup> **He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden** he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to **guard the way to the tree of life.**

### The Garden of Gethsemane: A Plea and a Declaration (John 18 & Matthew 26)

John 18:1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, **where there was a garden**, which he and his disciples entered....

Matthew 26:36 ...a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” ....  
<sup>37</sup> And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, “**My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.**” <sup>39</sup> And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “**My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.**” <sup>40</sup> And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour?”

## The Skull Hill/Tomb Garden: A Declaration and 2 Questions (John 19 & 20)

John 19:16 So he [Pontius Pilate] delivered him [Jesus] over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup>and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.... <sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier.... <sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst...." <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "**It is finished,**" and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit....

<sup>38</sup>After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body.... <sup>41</sup>**Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb** in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup> So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

John 20:1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup>So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" <sup>3</sup>So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup>Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup>as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup>Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup>(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples went back to their homes, <sup>11</sup>but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup>and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

<sup>13</sup>They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." <sup>14</sup>At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup>"**Woman,**" he said, "**why are you crying? Who are you looking for?**" **Thinking he was the gardener,** she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

<sup>17</sup>Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

<sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!"

## The City-Garden to Come: A Declaration and an Invitation (Revelation 2, 21 & 22)

Revelation 2:7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant **to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.**

Revelation 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.... <sup>2</sup>**And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.** <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "**Behold the dwelling of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.**" <sup>4</sup>**He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."**

<sup>5</sup>And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

Revelation 22:1 Then the angel showed me **the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb** <sup>2</sup>**through the middle of the street of the city;** also, on either side of the river, **the tree of life** with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. **The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.** <sup>3</sup>**No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.** <sup>4</sup>**They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.** <sup>5</sup>**And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever....** <sup>12</sup>**"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done.**" <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." <sup>14</sup>Blessed

are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to **the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.** <sup>15</sup> Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. <sup>16</sup> “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” <sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the Bride say, **“Come.”** And let the one who hears say, **“Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.**

## Songs of Confidence and Longing

### “The Great Storm is Over”

Bob Franke (1982)

(Congregation joins on the chorus after each stanza)

The thunder and lightning gave voice to the night;  
the little lame child cried aloud in her fright.  
“Hush, little baby, a story I will tell,  
of a love that has vanquished the powers of hell.”

#### Chorus

**Alleluia, the great storm is over, lift up your wings and fly!**  
**Alleluia, the great storm is over, lift up your wings and fly!**

Sweetness in the air and justice on the wind,  
laughter in the house where the mourners have been,  
The deaf shall have music, the blind have new eyes,  
the standards of death taken down by surprise.

Release for the captives, an end to the wars,  
new streams in the desert, new hope for the poor.  
The little lame children will dance as they sing,  
and play with the bears and the lions in the spring.

“Hush little baby, let go of your fear:  
the Lord loves his own, and your mother is here.”  
The babe fell asleep and the lantern did burn.  
The mother sang on till her Bridegroom’s return.



**“The Tree of Life”**

Pécselyi Király von Imre (1961)  
Paraphrased by Erik Routley (1974)  
K. Lee Scott (music-1987)



## Communion in the Body and Blood of Christ

**For our guests this morning:** We celebrate the Lord's Supper in a circle at the end of worship. A word of direction is given, and with this everyone stands and moves to the walls. The cup is passed in two forms: in a chalice and then in small individual cups. You are free to choose. And as this is the Supper of the Lord Christ, please listen to the instructions we give as to what qualifies a visitor to participate. **But whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle.**

## Song of Victory

### "Christ Is Risen"

Matt Maher (2004)

**Choir:** Let no one caught in sin  
Remain inside the lie of inward shame,  
But fix our eyes upon the cross,  
And run to him who showed great love,  
And bled for us, freely you've bled for us.

**All/Chorus:** Christ is risen from the dead  
Trampling over death by death  
Come awake, come awake, Come and rise up from the grave.  
Christ is risen from the dead  
We are one with him again  
Come awake come awake, Come and rise up from the grave.

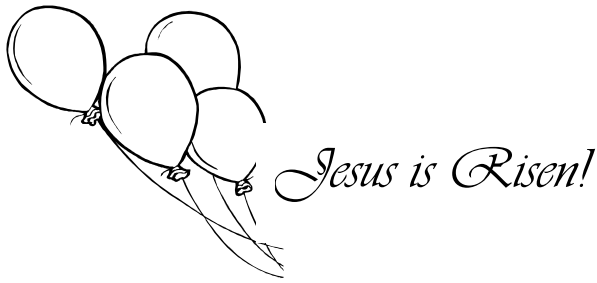
**Choir:** Beneath the weight of all our sin  
You bowed to none but heaven's will;  
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown,  
No burden great can hold you down;  
In strength you reign, forever let your church proclaim:

**All/Chorus:** (see above)

**All:** O death where is your sting?  
O hell where is your victory?  
O church come stand in the light;  
The glory of God has defeated the night.  
Singing, O death where is your sting?  
O hell where is your victory?  
O church come stand in the light,  
Our God is not dead. He's alive! He's alive!

**All/Chorus:** (see above)

## Blessing on the People of God



*A warm welcome to those who are guests with us today. Please join us after worship in the front yard of the church as the children send off their balloons, a symbol and a message to our neighborhood—and to those who find the balloons—that Jesus truly rose and destroyed death!*

*If you would like to know more about Old Orchard Church, please call us at 314-962-3795. We'd be happy to talk with you.*

### **Credits**

#### **Art**

Cover [top]: *Christ Appears to Mary Magdalene*. From the Antiphony of St. Peter. Salzburg, Germany (12<sup>th</sup> century).

Cover [bottom]: *The Expulsion From Paradise*. By German artist, Lovis Corinth. Woodcut on Japan paper (1919).

On page 13: Drawing from a student at Freedom School, New City Fellowship (c. 1990)

#### **Music**

Thanks to the choir and all the musicians for helping us to worship this morning and to our Music Director, Greg Roig, for bringing them together!

#### **Songs**

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