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Easter Sunday



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Easter Sunday, April 20 2025

Auditoire de Calvin

Prelude *Dextera Domini*

César Franck (1822–1890)

Introit *Day of delight and beauty unbounded*

Delores Dufner, OSB (b. 1939), *In dir ist Freude*

Welcome

Call to worship

Jesus Christ, in your triumph over the grave
and your resurrection from death, the heavens
and earth rejoice!

**We praise you, O God! For you have made us
victorious over sin!**

On the mountain of the Lord, all people will
feast and all wine shall be poured!

**We praise you, O God! For you have
prepared a table before us and our cups
overflow!**

The Lord has swallowed up death forever; the
Lord has wiped away the tears from all faces!

**We praise you, O God! For you have brought
us from death to life!**

The disgrace of God's people has been taken
away from the earth because the Lord has
spoken!

**We praise you, O God! For you have given us
joy and gladness!**

The Lord has said, "I am the Lord your God,
beside me there is no other."

**We praise you, O God! For you have
proclaimed your Word to all creation!**

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;

Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!

from Isaiah 25 and 43

CH4 410 *Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!*

Easter Prayer

When everything was dark and it seemed that
the sun would never shine again,
your love broke through.

Your love was too strong,
too wide, too deep, for death to hold.

The sparks cast by your love
dance and spread
and burst forth
with resurrection light.

Gracious God,
We praise you for the light of new life
made possible through Jesus.
We praise you for the light of new life
that shone on the first witnesses of
resurrection.
We praise you for the light of new life
that continues to shine in our hearts today.

We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and
joy, will live in us each day;
and that we will be bearers of that light
into the lives of others.

*Michaela Youngson
Superintendent Minister
Ealing Trinity Methodist Circuit*

The Lord's Prayer

Easter Solo *Hallelujah, Christ is Risen*

Easter Acclamation:

When warmth breaks through the cold
And light comes to the dark places

Christ is risen!

When sadness turns to joy and fear turns to
rejoicing

Christ is risen!

When we take courage and share the good
news.

Christ is risen!

When shroud is left behind
And the banner of Christ is unfurled.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

CH4 412 *The strife is o'er, the battle done*

Gospel *Luke 24:1-12*

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn,
they went to the tomb, taking the spices that
they had prepared. They found the stone rolled
away from the tomb, but when they went in
they did not find the body. While they were
perplexed about this, suddenly two men in
dazzling clothes stood beside them. The
women were terrified and bowed their faces to
the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do
you look for the living among the dead? He is
not here but has risen. Remember how he told
you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son
of Man must be handed over to the hands of

sinner and be crucified and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Offering *Christ our Lord is risen today*
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

CH4 807 (as the offering is brought forward)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Meditation

The Lord Jesus has gone
from the darkness of the tomb
to the glittering light:

It is Easter!

Death barred his way,
but Jesus repelled death;
through him the way to life has been opened:

It is Easter!

With you, risen Lord,
I take the path of life;
I leave behind the death of spiteful words,
and I take on kindness;
I abandon the dark lies
for the light of truthful words;
I forsake blows and mockery,
and I hold out my hand to ask forgiveness;
I push sin far away from my hand
and my heart.

Conqueror of death!

With you Lord, I am already on the path of life:
I go forward on the road to Easter!

Charles Singer (1941–2023)

CH4 415 *This joyful Eastertide*

Sermon

CH4 417 *Now the green blade riseth*

The Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

CH4 419 *Thine be the glory*

Prayer

Now the picture is complete.

Now the story is fully told.

The jigsaw is finished:

the trinity of grace –

the cradle – the cross – the rising
dovetail together.

The cradle of the birthing:

our God come among us,

in flesh to share the life we lead.

The cross of sacrifice:

our God loving us to death.

The rising of hope:

our God embracing us to eternity.

Our new day rises in resurrection light,

the long wilderness walk of Lent behind,

the darkness of the cross ended.

We approach you now, loving God

with renewed joy in our song

and strengthened hope in our hearts.

We worship in the name and for the sake

of our living Lord, Jesus Christ.

Seasons and Celebrations

We sing

May the God of peace go with us

as we travel from this place;

may the love of Jesus keep us

firm in hope and full of grace (CH4 786)

Benediction & threefold Amen

Postlude *Farewell to Stromness*

Peter Maxwell Davies (1934–2016)

Join us upstairs in the

*Salle Théodore de Bèze for
refreshments!*

Welcoming elder Alex Craeye
Ushers Georgina Cofie, Arthur Griffith
Reader Jane McKenzie
Organ Rebecca Dirks MacDonald
Solo Georgina Cofie
Choir Páraic Réamonn

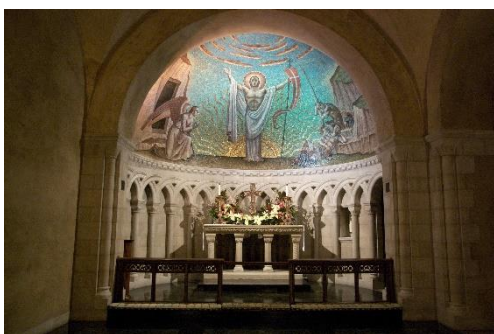
Flower rota If you would like to donate flowers on a particular date (or dates!), please email Rosemary Hill (hillrosemary@yahoo.co.uk) or fill in your name on the sheet in the Salle.

Partage Collection on the first Sunday of each month. A list of suitable items can be found at the back of the church. Crates are available in the Salle for your donations. Thank you!

May 4, Laurence's last service in the Auditoire; followed by a farewell event for Laurence and Lindy. RSVP to Christine Buhler (buhlerchristine@hotmail.com) before May 1!

May 8-11, Cursillo weekend, Le Cénacle, Promenade Charles-Martin 17, Geneva 1208. See <https://bit.ly/3F6URDy> and (to apply) <https://bit.ly/3Xt5IOl>

June 1, Preacher, Rev Graham Austin (Rotterdam), followed by the Annual Congregational Meeting.



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