

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i
Service of Worship April 20, 2025
Seventh Sunday in Lent
Easter Sunday

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Diane Weible, Sabbatical Interim Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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Prelude: Fanfare and Statement on "Llanfair"

Kayleen Yuda

Lighting of the Candles

Ringin of the Bell

Welcome Rev. Dr. Diane Weible

***Call to Worship** Jennifer Tanouye

Leader: This is the day that God has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: We gather today to shout Alleluia!
Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.

Leader: Out of the doom of death and despair,

People: Victory comes, glory appears.

All: We gather today to shout Alleluia!
Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.

Leader: We shall live, witness, and recount the deeds

People: Of the God whose love endures forever.

All: We gather today to shout Alleluia!
Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.

*** Hymn #233:** Christ the Lord is Risen Today

***Invocation**

Jennifer Tanouye

O, Redeeming God, Like Mary of Magdala weeping at the tomb, we, too, have witness the wonders of your work with our own teary eyes. In this hour, O God, elevate us in Christ and with the power of the Holy Spirit, so that others may be awakened through our preaching and proclaiming the good news: news of healing, peace, justice, and community for all people. Amen.

Please be seated

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: Low in the Grave He Lay Kayleen Yuda

Time with the Children Rev. Dr. Diane Weible

Scripture: Romans 6:3-11 Jennifer Tanouye

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came 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 sinners, 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.

Sermon: Remember Rev. Dr. Diane Weible

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Diane Weible

Please join in 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 and ever.
Amen**

*** Hymn #237: I Come to the Garden Alone**

Please be seated

Call to Offering

Jennifer Tanouye

The gifts that we bring to this community compound and create resurrection power, helping us to awaken wholeness in the broken, strength in the weakened, and liberation for all living in the midst of injustice. Let us share our generosity with each other and the community.

Offertory: Easter Joy Kayleen Yuda

*** Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost – Amen**

***Offertory Prayer** Jennifer Tanouye

For the wondrous ways this offering will bless this community, help us nurture caring relationships with our neighbors, and do our part to liberate all who are experiencing oppression, we dedicate these gifts.

Let this offering, and the works of our hands and feet, be the resurrection we need to see in the world.

***Hymn #240: Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Diane Weible

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Diane Weible

Postlude: Risen to Victory Kayleen Yuda

*** Please stand if you are able.**

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Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Charles Wesley, 1739

Tune: EASTER HYMN

Arr. From Lyra Davidica, 1708

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Low in the Grave He Lay

Robert Lowry

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I Come to the Garden Alone

C. Austin Miles, 1912

Tune: GARDEN

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Easter Joy

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Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Tune: LLANFAIR

Robert Williams, 1817

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Risen to Victory

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Important Dates

Today—April 20, 2025 – Deacons Meeting after worship services

Mondays, 11:30 a.m. –Pickleball lessons; contact Connie 808-936-7534 or Ruth at rnduponte07@gmail.com to sign up.

Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m. Bible Study in person and via Zoom in the Pastor's Study:
→ John 20:19-31

Wednesdays, 12 noon –Pickleball lessons; contact Connie 808-936-7534 or Ruth at rnduponte07@gmail.com to sign up.

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We welcome you to worship this day. Church of the Holy Cross seeks to help its members, friends, and visitors follow the guidance of God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit, encouraging all people to love one another according to the teachings of Jesus. We live and teach the faith, speak good news, minister to people near and far, and work with other households of faith and helping agencies to improve our community and our world. To learn more visit our website at holycrosshilo.com.



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Other Faith Groups that meet at Church of the Holy Cross

- **The United Church of Christ, Pohnpei** – Sanctuary, 12 noon
Rev. Bensis Henry
- **Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa** – Sanctuary, 2:00 p.m.
Rev. Sitau Ofoia, Jr.
- **The Bedesta Church** – Sanctuary, 4 p.m.
Rev. Edmes Edwin

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Matt. 28:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.



1 Christ the Lord is risen to-day, Al-le-lu-ia!
 2 Let the Vic-tor's peo-ple sing, Al-le-lu-ia!
 3 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al-le-lu-ia!
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al-le-lu-ia!

Mor-tal tongues and an-gels say: Al-le-lu-ia!
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al-le-lu-ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat-tle won, Al-le-lu-ia!
 Fol-lowing our ex-alt-ed Head, Al-le-lu-ia!

Raise your joys and tri-umphs high, Al-le-lu-ia!
 Dy-ing once, Christ lives to save, Al-le-lu-ia!
 Death in vain for-bids Christ rise, Al-le-lu-ia!
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al-le-lu-ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth re-ply: Al-le-lu-ia!
 Where your vic-to-ry, O grave? Al-le-lu-ia!
 God has o-pened par-a-dise, Al-le-lu-ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al-le-lu-ia!

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The unknown editor of *Lyra Davidica* wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the first of a new popular style.

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with alleluias
 Arr. from *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708

I Come to the Garden Alone

(In the Garden)

John 20:14-18

C. Austin Miles, 1912

1 I come to the gar-den a - lone, while the dew is still on the
 2 He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their
 3 I'd stay in the gar-den with him, though the night a-round me be

ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, the
 sing - ing; And the mel - o - dy that he gave to me with -
 fall - ing; But he bids me go; through the voice of woe his

Refrain

Son of God dis - clos - es.
 in my heart is ring - ing. And he walks with me, and he
 voice to me is call - ing.

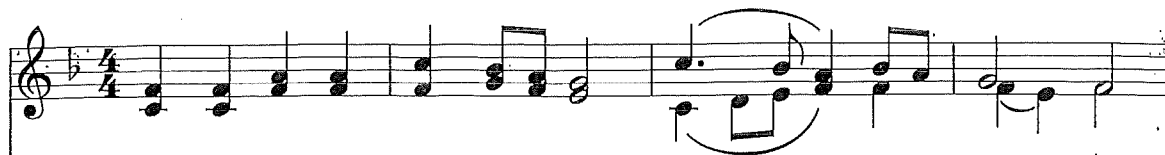
talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, And the

joy we share as we tar - ry there, none oth-er has ev-er known.

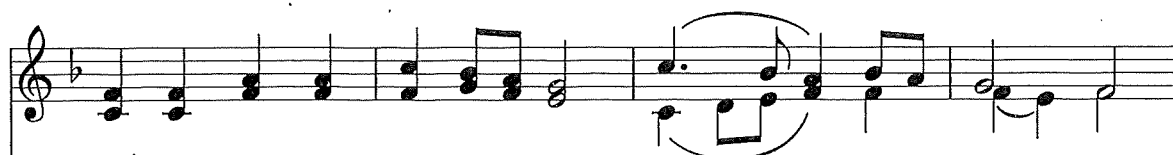
C. Austin Miles wrote this hymn and its music to tell the story of Mary Magdalene's encounter with Jesus at the tomb, when she recognizes him and calls him "Rabboni" ("Teacher").

Tune: GARDEN 8.9.5.5.7. with refrain
 C. Austin Miles, 1912

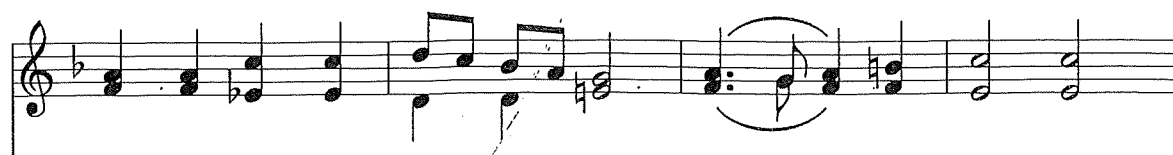
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

*Matt. 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-10**St. 1 transl., Lyra Davidica, London, 176**St. 2-5 transl., The New Century Hymnal, 199*


1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 To the tomb the wom - en bring, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 There the an - gel clothed in white, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 "Has - ten now to Gal - i - lee," Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 Christ ap - pears in full ar - ray, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Spic - es rich, an of - fer - ing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Tells the news with great de - light, Al - le - lu - ia!
 "Tell the oth - ers what you see!" Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sing with joy this Pas - chal day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ask - ing where might Je - sus be, Al - le - lu - ia!
 This the news the an - gel gives, Al - le - lu - ia!
 With ex - cite - ment trem - bling, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ now from the dead is raised, Al - le - lu - ia!

In 1749, an English translation of this fourteenth-century Latin hymn dropped all but the first stanza of the original. Most hymnbooks have used that (1749) version. In this new translation the original Latin verses of the medieval text are restored, thus bringing to life the original Easter narrative.

Tune: LLANFAIR 7.7.7.7. with alleluias
 Robert Williams, 1817
 Harm. John Roberts (1822-1877)

EASTER

Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of two staves, a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music is divided into two main sections by a double bar line. The first section contains five lines of lyrics, and the second section contains one line of lyrics. The word 'Unison' is written above the treble staff at the beginning of the second section.

Suf-fer to re - deem our loss, Al - le - lu - ia!
Sav-ior come to set us free, Al - le - lu - ia!
That the Sov-ereign glo - rious lives, Al - le - lu - ia!
Off they run, good news to bring, Al - le - lu - ia!
Ho - ly Trin - i - ty be praised, Al - le - lu - ia!

E A S T E R S U N D A Y

April 20, 2025

John 20:1-18

Resurrection Joy

The morning sun was peeking over the hills of the cemetery where the faithful had gathered to sing the first alleluias of Easter. As the sky turned from black to gray to an orangey pink, casting a warm glow on the sleepy headstones, the pastor spoke of a stone rolled away, an empty tomb revealed, and angels in bright clothing asking the living among the dead, “Who are you looking for?”

It was then a young woman attending the sunrise service could no longer hold back her tears. With them flowing freely, she offered no apologies but rather she proclaimed the message of Easter more eloquently than any pastor ever could.

It's amazing that Easter joy begins in a graveyard! There is resurrection all around! We live because He lives!

Those around her smiled. Some even joined her in the tears she shed.

Yes, isn't it amazing, my friends, that Easter joy begins in a graveyard. Isn't it amazing that God brings new life from what has passed away? Death does not have the last word. Endings are new beginnings. Good-byes are followed by blessed hellos.

And yet, how many times do we fully embrace the Easter promise, believing beyond belief that the end is never the end with God?

The late Episcopal Bishop John Shelby Spong once said that “the Easter moment is a call to life, to love and to the courage to be all that God created us to be.” We will never get to that Easter life, though, if we linger among that which is dead. For what are we hoping to revive? What are we clinging to? Who are we looking for?

As the angels proclaimed that first Easter morning, Jesus is alive. He is waiting to meet us on our paths where we discover the Risen Christ in the care shown to us from strangers as well as the compassion we give in return. We might not always recognize Jesus, but He is indeed there. Our cynical eyes just need to see through the lenses of faith.

May this Easter we stop our woeful gaze into the tomb of dead dreams and hopes and shout to the world, as Mary did, “I have seen the Lord!” For you have. He is alive among us — within all our hearts.

God of Easter new life, we thank You and praise You for fresh beginnings. May we begin to live as Easter people, holding tightly to the promise that death is no more. With our Risen Lord by our sides, there is always hope and amazing possibilities. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

