



CHRIST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
MILFORD

October 31, 2021  
24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

## REFLECTION

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### **Celebrating Jesus Christ, Conqueror of Death**

The sin of Adam means the kiss of death  
For every human being alive.  
War, terrorist bombings, sniper bullets;  
Cancer, heart attacks, car wrecks—  
Sooner or later there will be a funeral for every one of us.

But thanks be to God!  
A new man has appeared on earth;  
A God-man, himself murdered,  
Now is risen from the dead  
Into the glory of an indestructible life!

He holds the key to the Prison-house of Death,  
And all who turn to him shall be set free;  
All who repent of their death-deserving sin shall be given  
new bodies in the Life to come!  
All who love Jesus, having once died, shall live forever.  
Alleluia!

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### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Advent + Christmas + Epiphany + Lent + Easter + Pentecost

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1. Rise, O church, and lift your voic-es, Christ has con- quered death and hell.
2. See the tomb where death had laid him, emp- ty now, its mouth de- clares:
3. Hear the earth pro- test and trem- ble, see the stone re- moved with pow'r;
4. Doubt may lift its head to mur- mur, scoff- ers mock and sin- ners jeer;
5. We ac- claim your life, O Je- sus, now we sing your vic- to- ry;



- Sing as all the earth re- joic- es; res- ur- rec- tion an- thems swell.  
 "Death and I could not con- tain him, for the throne of life he shares."  
 • all hell's min- ions may as- sem- ble, but can- not with- stand his hour.  
 but the truth pro- claims a won- der thought- ful hearts re- ceive with cheer.  
 sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your con- quest keeps us free.



- Come and wor- ship, come and wor- ship, wor- ship Christ, the ris- en King!  
 Come and wor- ship, come and wor- ship, wor- ship Christ, the ris- en King!  
 • He has con- quered, he has con- quered, Christ the Lord, the ris- en King!  
 He is ris- en, he is ris- en, now re- ceive the ris- en King!  
 Stand in tri- umph, stand in tri- umph, wor- ship Christ, the ris- en King!



## Call to Worship

Revelation 21:1–4:

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

**“Behold, the dwelling place 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. 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.”**

## Gathering Hymn

Worship Christ the Risen King

## Invocation

## Praise Hymn

Christ is Risen

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

## 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

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

### **Chorus**

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

### **Chorus**

## **Old Testament Lesson**    Psalm 110

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### **Confession of Sin**

Holy God,

**you created us in your likeness, but through original sin, the image of God was utterly defaced in man, and we became by nature hostile to God, slaves to Satan, and servants to sin.**

And thus everlasting death has had, and shall have, power and dominion over all who have not been, are not, or shall not be born from above.                      *The Scots Confession*

O LORD,

**do not rebuke us in your anger, or discipline us in your wrath. For your arrows have sunk into us, and your hand has come down on us.**

There is no soundness in our flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in our bones because of our sin. For our iniquities have gone over our heads; they weigh like burdens too heavy for us.

**Forgive our sins, pardon our iniquities, and restore our communion with you, we ask through our blessed Lord Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, who by your grace tasted death for everyone. Amen.**

*Based on Psalm 38 and Hebrews 3*

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Al - le - lu - ia!

Sons of men and an - gels say, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise to Thee by both be giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Once He died, our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Thee we greet tri - um - phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ hath o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hail, the Res - ur - rec - tion Thou! Al - le - lu - ia!

**Absolution**            Psalm 32:3–5

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**Thanksgiving Hymn**            Christ the Lord is Risen Today

**New Testament Lesson**    Luke 24:1–7

**Peace of Christ**

The peace of the Lord be with you!            **And also with you!**

**Trinity Song**

Holy Father Son and Spirit; Holy Communion Three in One  
Come with Your peace with Your invitation; Bind us together in holy love  
Holy Father Son and Spirit; Holy Communion Three in One

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**Sermon Text**                    Hosea 14:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord!            **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**                    A Marriage (Almost) Made in Heaven | Pastor Curran Bishop

**Response Hymn**            Christ is Risen He is Risen Indeed!

How can it be the One who died  
Has borne our sin through sacrifice  
To conquer every sting of death  
Sing sing hallelujah

For joy awakes as dawning light  
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes  
Alive He stands their Friend and King  
Christ Christ He is risen

## **Chorus**

Christ is risen He is risen indeed  
Oh sing hallelujah  
Join the chorus sing with the redeemed  
Christ is risen He is risen indeed  
Where doubt and darkness once had been  
They saw Him and their hearts believed  
But blessed are those who have not seen  
Yet sing hallelujah

Once bound by fear now bold in faith  
They preached the truth and power of grace  
And pouring out their lives they gained  
Life life everlasting

## **Chorus**

The power that raised Him from the grave  
Now works in us to powerfully save  
He frees our hearts to live His grace  
Go tell of His goodness

## **Chorus**

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## **Bringing Our Life to God**

Prayers | Collection | Profession

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Collection**

text **MNA 1708** to **76959** and follow the prompts  
or visit [give.pcamna.org/to/1708/](http://give.pcamna.org/to/1708/)

## **Celtic Alleluia**

### **Confession of Faith**

The Apostle's Creed (1<sup>st</sup> Century)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth;



And in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into Hell;  
the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty;  
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

\*that is, the universal church

### **Communion in Christ Jesus**

*All Christians are invited to receive Christ's presence of bread and wine. When directed please take your bulletin, stand and form a circle around the worship space. Whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle. If you are not able to stand, please move your chair into the circle. We serve wine in the outer rings of the tray in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the Biblical element used. We provide grape juice in the inner rings for those who, out of conscience or for health, do not drink wine.*

### **Communion Hymn**

Lift High the Name of Jesus (Vs 1-2)

Lift high the name of Jesus, Of Jesus our King.  
Make known the power of His grace, The beauty of His peace.  
Remember how His mercy reached; And we cried out to Him.  
He lifted us to solid ground, To freedom from our sin.

### **Chorus**

Oh sing my soul, And tell all He's done,  
Till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!

Lift high the name of Jesus, Of Jesus our Lord.  
His power in us is greater than, Is greater than this world.  
To share the reason for our hope, To serve with love and grace,  
That all who see Him shine through us, Might bring the Father praise.

### **Chorus**

## Prayer for those searching

Oh God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have, the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved, the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to satisfy me. Could it be, as someone once said, that "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." Dear God, if this is true, and if as the Bible teaches there is life and life eternal in Christ alone, please guide me to Him. Open me to the reality of the One who alone can satisfy my restless heart. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see but can understand, feel and touch through the Word, sacraments and church family. Lord I want to believe, help my unbelief! Amen.

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## Coronation Hymn            Lift High the Name of Jesus (Vs 3)

Lift high the name of Jesus, Of Jesus our Light.  
No other name on earth can save, Can raise a soul to life.  
He opens up our eyes to see The harvest He has grown.  
We labor in His fields of grace As He leads sinners home.

### Chorus

## Benediction            Hebrews 13:20-21

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## Hosea

I U V M M E N G C J R W A L V  
G I E G N Y X C B L L I A K Z  
R G C J L T O R Z U B C Z W M  
A P M O O F S H A D O W Y D C  
I N M I V S F G L W P P E R A  
N L D I E R E T U R N L B G M  
O V U Y S B S L B P B A Z X D  
T T L L C Q U D E M M K H D F  
J I O Q P T J Z U A E E O Q T  
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N Y V S P Q J D V L J V I S T  
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RETURN  
STUMBLER  
TAKE  
ACCEPT  
GOOD  
HORSES  
MERCY  
LOVE  
LILY  
SHADOW  
GRAIN  
IDOLS  
WISE

## REFLECTION

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Enter then, all of you, into the joy of our Lord.  
First and last, receive alike your reward.  
Rich and poor, dance together.  
You who have fasted and you who have not fasted,  
    rejoice today.  
The table is fully laden: let all enjoy it.  
The calf is fatted: let none go away hungry.  
Let none lament his poverty;  
    for the universal Kingdom is revealed.  
Let none bewail his transgressions;  
    for the light of forgiveness has risen from the tomb.  
Let none fear death;  
    for the death of the Savior has set us free.  
He has destroyed death, he has despoiled hell.  
Hell was filled with bitterness when it met thee:  
    filled with bitterness, for it was brought to nothing;  
    filled with bitterness, for it was mocked;  
    filled with bitterness, for it was overthrown;  
    filled with bitterness, for it was put in chains.  
O death, where is thy sting? O hell where is thy victory?  
    Christ is risen, and thou art cast down.  
    Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen.  
    Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice.  
    Christ is risen, and life reigns in freedom.  
    Christ is risen, and there is none left dead in the tomb.  
For Christ, being raised from the dead,  
    has become the first-fruits of those that slept.  
To him be glory and dominion to the ages of ages. Amen.

—*John Chrysostom (344-407 AD)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Community Group** | Canceled tonight, October 31, to encourage you to get together with neighbors for trick-or-treating. If you don't have a place to join in, join the Bishops' (21 Green St.). Resumes next week, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7pm for a Bible study.

**Men's Breakfast** | Wednesdays at 7am, Pop's Restaurant (134 Old Gate Ln.). We meet with no agenda but to create space for guys to form a strong community where important questions can be discussed and answered. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors.

**Thursday Night Prayer Meeting** | 7-7:50pm. Regular prayer for each other, our community, our world and the redemptive work of God is essential to our mission. Please join us as we follow a short prayer and scripture liturgy and pray for each other. [Zoom link](#) | Meeting ID: 899 5618 6470 | Passcode: 355978

**Sunday Worship** | We'll be meeting at the MAC (40 Railroad Ave.) every Sunday in November except 11/14 when we will meet at the Fowler Memorial Building (parking at I Shipyard Ln.).

**Men's & Women's Bible Studies** | Men's starts Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, 9-10:30am. Women's resumes Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 9-10:30am. RSVP for either event to [info@cpcmilford.org](mailto:info@cpcmilford.org).

**Men's & Women's Monthly Fellowship** | 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays, rotating months.

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