

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

Resurrection of the Lord

*Easter Sunday
April 5, 2015
Eleven O'clock*



ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Prelude

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Harold Darke

Greeting

Rev. Tommy Mason

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Alleluia! Amen!

Choral Introit

“Easter Anthem”

Ainsworth Choir

William Billings

Hallelujah! The Lord is risen indeed!

Now is Christ risen from the dead,

and become the first fruits of them that slept.

And did he rise? Hear it, ye nations! Hear it, O ye dead!

He rose, he burst the bars of earth and triumphed over the grave.

Then, I rose.

*Then first humanity triumphant passed the crystal ports of light,
and seized eternal youth.*

Man all immortal, hail.

Heaven all lavish of strange gifts to man.

Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.

Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Risen Christ, Lord of life,

breathe new life into us this day.

Inspire us with confidence,

and open our hearts anew,

to receive your promise of resurrection.

Speak to us once more,

that we might hear your voice

and recognize your presence in our midst.

From the darkness of doubt,

guide us into the glorious light of faith and love.

In your holy name, we pray. **Amen.**

Rejoice, heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

* Entrance Hymn No. 302 (*stanzas 1-4*)
“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

* Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Give thanks to the Lord because he is good
because his faithful love lasts forever.

Let Israel say it:

“God’s faithful love lasts forever!”

The Lord is my strength and my power;
the Lord has become my salvation.

**There are joyous songs of victory
in the tents of the righteous:**

“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,
the right hand of the Lord is exalted,
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”

I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**The Lord has chastened me sorely,
but has not given me over to death.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day which the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Act of Praise

“Glorious Everlasting”

Ainsworth Choir

Thomas Cousins

Glorious everlasting!
I will praise Thee, O Lord among the people,
I will sing unto Thee among the nations.
Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens.
Let thy glory be above all the earth.
Glorious everlasting! Amen!

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Children's Moments

Pam Johnston

*All children are invited to meet Pam on the chancel steps.
Kids age 6 and under will leave for
Children's Church after Children's Moments.*

* Hymn No. 304

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

REGENT SQUARE

* Gospel Lesson

Mark 16:1-8

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Shaken...and Stirred"

Rev. Tommy Mason

* Affirmation of Faith

1 Corinthians 15: 1-6 and Colossians 1: 15-20

Rev. Bill Culpepper

This is the good news
which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved:

**Christ died for our sins,
was buried,
was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn from the dead,
in whom all things hold together,
in whom the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.**

**Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross
reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

* Hymn of Exultation
"Christ is Alive!"

TRURO

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and dwell in every place and time.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and all creation ring with joy,
with justice, love, and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession Rev. Bill Culpepper

God of power and majesty:
With the rising of the sun you have raised Jesus Christ
and delivered him and us from death's destruction.
We praise you on this bright day
for all your gifts of new life.
Especially we thank you
for all victories over sin and evil in our lives...
for loyalty and love of friends and family...
for the newborn, the newly baptized,
and those now in your eternal home...
for the renewal of nature...
for the continuing witness of the church of Christ...

God of eternity:
You are present with us
because of Christ's rising from the dead,
and you persist in lifting us to new life in him.
We bring to you our prayers for this world
in need of resurrection.
Especially we pray
for nations and peoples in strife...
for the poor and impoverished, at home and abroad...
for those we know
in particular circumstances of distress...
for the diseased and the dying...
for all who follow the risen Christ...;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory

"This Joyful Eastertide"

David Cherwien

* Doxology

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SENDING FORTH

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship Rev. Bill Culpepper

* Hymn of Joy No. 89
 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” HYMN TO JOY

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.

*As the light of Christ is carried out into the world,
you are invited to remain seated for a few minutes
of personal reflection to prepare to re-enter that world.*

*Consider prayerfully how God has been present to you
in worship this morning and how you can be present for him
in the world this week.*

“Toccata” (Symphony V) Charles Marie Widor

* Benediction Rev. Tommy Mason

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Tommy Mason, Senior Pastor
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Rev. Bill Culpepper, Director of Youth Ministries
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist
Ainsworth Choir*

*Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries
Emma Johnston, Lead Acolyte
Trey Powell, Crucifer
Will Smith, Banner Bearer
Xavier Tarbox, Paschal Candle Bearer
Maddie McClure & Alex Stone, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. J. Milton Heard, Jr.
by Mr. & Mrs. Milton Heard, III and family.*

Gospel Reading for the Week

Mark 5:1-20

Up & Coming Events & Prayer List

*Mulberry's Up & Coming Events
and Prayer List is located in the
Registration Pads on your pew.*

Welcome All Visitors

We welcome you to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.

*We are glad you have joined us this morning and hope
that through word, music, fellowship and prayer,
you will experience the presence of God today.*

*Please make sure you sign the **Attendance Register** as it is passed
so that we can share with you about what's happening
in the life of this church.*

***Nursery Care** is provided for children under 4 years of age.
Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.*