

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *Resurrection of the Lord*

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



## **ENTRANCE AND PRAISE**

Prelude

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!” M. Burkhardt

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

Ainsworth Choir

“Easter Anthem”

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

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.**

A Call to Praise

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

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!*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.**

### \* Gospel Lesson

Mark 16:1-8

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Tommy Mason

“Shaken...and Stirred”

### \* Affirmation of Faith

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

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.**

Offertory Prayer

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!**

\* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\* Hymn of Discipleship  
“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.**

\* Benediction

Rev. Tommy Mason



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

*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.*