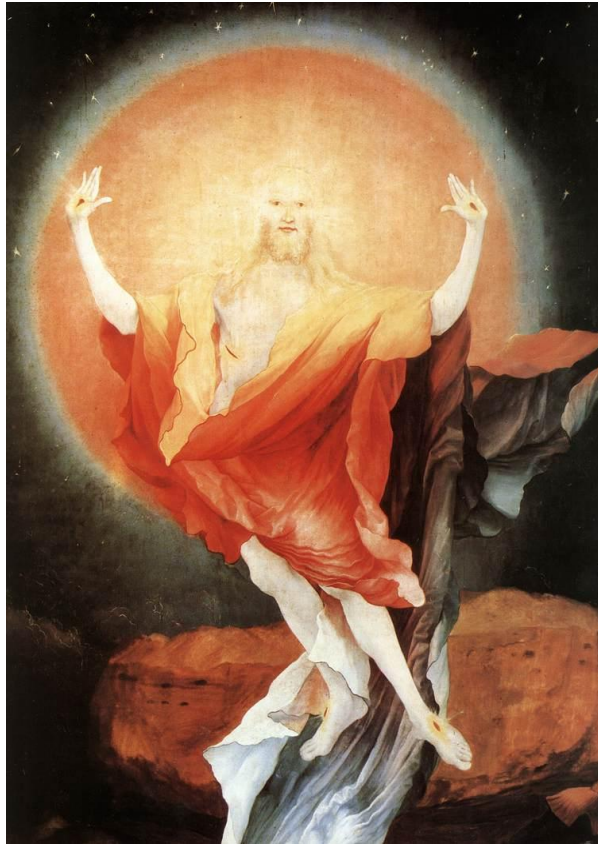


Welcome to the

# Union Church of Bay Ridge

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*From the Isenheim Altarpiece of Matthias Grünewald, Colmar, France 1515*

## The Resurrection of the Lord

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You will always be welcome here. This is God's house and a happy church home.

Let us be your church family, for we are all beloved children of God.

Join with us regularly for Christian worship, nurture, and the doing of God's work in the world—  
**that you might have life, and that more abundantly.**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### EASTER DAY

#### GATHERING MUSIC

*This Easter day, welcome to the joy and hope of the Resurrection!*

*We use this time to make the transition between "getting here" and "being here". Take these few minutes to find the still, deep places within you, where God's Spirit dwells. Relax the body; quiet the mind. Focus on breathing, feeling, being. Be receptive to your center—your reservoir of inner peace, strength, love. Be aware of being together in silence with others. Feel the spirit of the community.*

#### +HYMN IN PROCESSION no. 123

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!*

#### +LESSON FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE *read antiphonally, as at St Mark's, from Psalm 118*

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;

**Left side: The steadfast love of God endures forever!**

Leader: Let all the people of God now say,

**Right side: The steadfast love of God endures forever.**

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my might;

**Both sides: The LORD has become my salvation.**

Leader: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

**Left side: The hand of the LORD does valiantly!**

Leader: The hand of the LORD is exalted;

**Right side: The hand of the LORD does valiantly!**

Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

**Both sides: I thank you, LORD, that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.**

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made;

**Both sides: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

#### +HYMN no. 119 *from St Mark's in Venice Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Lord Jesus, we come to you in grateful prayer and joyful song, because Easter changes lives. We have been frightened people, but because you live, we have courage. We have been lonely people, but because you live, we can love ourselves, and others, in your name. We have been scattered and divided people, but because you live, we come together in worship and service. We are weak people, but because you live, together as your body we are strong for God's work in the world. May we live our lives as you showed us how to live, asking forgiveness for our mistakes, and trusting your promise of peace, abundant life, life everlasting. You have risen, Alleluia!**

✚**SUNG RESPONSE**, *echoing the chorus of Hymnal no. 119:*     **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

✚**EASTER GREETING**     *please turn and exchange the Easter Greeting with your neighbors:*  
Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed!**

**ANTHEM**     *Alélouya! (Pak Ayisyen/Haitian Easter in rara style) Emile Desamours, tr. John Jost*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** no.322     ***Spirit of the Living God***  
*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me...melt me, mold me, fill me, use me...*

**EASTER LESSON:**     **Mark 16:1-8**

**SERMON:**     **Roll Away the Rock**     Rev. Speers

**OFFERTORY**     *Roll Away the Rock!*     From Glide Memorial Church, San Francisco  
**One Great Hour of Sharing** *is the annual Easter offering of the World Council of Churches; Union Church joins with the whole Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in this worldwide mission effort.*

✚**DOXOLOGY** no. 592 and **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Almighty God, you raised Jesus from the dead, and with everlasting life you have given us everything. Help us, we beseech you, with all our gifts to yield ourselves unto you; that with body, mind and spirit devoted to you and your world, we may truly live your abundant life, and in so living find our deepest joy, through Christ Jesus, our healer, our teacher, and our Risen Lord. AMEN.**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**     *God's Offering to God's People*

✚**FESTIVAL CANTICLE** no. 594     ***This Is the Feast of Victory for Our God***

**THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**     with responses as in the *Hymnal* p. 13

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**     *Hymnal* p. 16: "debts"

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**     *"On the night when he was arrested, our Lord took bread..."*

✚**THE COMMUNION**     *please come to the table and dip your bread in the cup*

✚**THANKSGIVING AFTER THE COMMUNION**     sung and spoken, *Hymnal* no. 597

*Bless the Lord, O my soul:*

***And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!***

*Bless the Lord, O my soul:*

***And forget not all God's benefits.***

**God our help: we thank you for this supper shared in the Spirit with your holy child Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in Christ, and pledge ourselves to serve you and the world you so love, even as in Christ you have served us. AMEN.**

✚**HYMN IN RECESSION** no. 494     ***We Know that Christ is Raised***

✚**CHARGE AND BEDICTION**     ...and let the whole church sing...     ***Alleluia! Amen!***

**MUSIC FOR GOING FORTH**



**Mark 16:1-8 NRSV** *(the earliest Resurrection narrative)*

**W**hen the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

### Announcements

**Visitors, welcome!** Please join us after worship for refreshments and conversation, and please sign the Union Church guest book (at the back) so that we may get to know you better.

**Many thanks to all worship leaders:** Vince Peterson and the choir; the LoPorto family for today's refreshments (and Lorrie Green for the lamb cake); Maryellen Van Royen (Communion 'bishop'), Kristin Miller (coffee hour 'bishop') and Michele DiBartolo (Sunday school 'bishop').

**The Book of Remembrance** is open to remember: 4/12—Mildred Anderson; 4/19—Laurel Cogan; 4/26—Mary Nell Norstrand; 5/3—Mildred (Sue) Watson; 5/10—Clara Yagian; 5/17—Edith Jensen; 5/24—Charles Masterson; 5/31—Laura Cramer.

**Prayer List** requests should come to the church office by telephone **718.745.0438**.

**Continue to pray for peace;** for all living in the midst of war, poverty, natural and economic disaster; for prisoners and all who watch and pray for them, especially the Church of Gethsemane. Continue to pray for/stay in touch with: Art Samuel and Mary Chamberlain, the family and friends of Malcolm Tannahill, the Boll-Gamaliy family, Iris Norstrand, Emile Serposs, Milford Anderson, Nazik David, Amanda Silverman, Bill Louisa, Helen Kretiv; also Libeth, Hughes, and the Vandermarcq family; the Johnson family; Donald (Jr.) and Grace Zarou; Bob and Louise; Helen and Paul; Ed; Mark and Audrey; Tom and Nancy; Helen; Wendy; Sally.

**Garden Cleanup:** Many thanks to Ruby Moy, and all who cared for the garden during the week. Keep picking up trash when you see it, and the garden will always look wonderful!

### Upcoming and Future Events

**Next Sunday: RESURRECTION! Free Gospel Extravaganza with the Lafayette Inspirational Ensemble, April 19** (Orthodox Easter) **at 4pm** featuring our own Mary Q/Zack.

**The spring term of Playgroup and BRUCA clay classes is beginning,** through early June.

**Parents' and young children's potluck playtime Sunday, May 3** after worship in our Playgroup Space. If you have friends, neighbors, relatives with young children whom you would like to include in the invitation, please let **Jennifer Segna** know: her email address is jonesy\_veve@hotmail.com. A great way to help young parents and children get to know each other, *and* introduce them to the **most fabulous playgroup room in Bay Ridge!**

**Mothers' Day is May 10: Remember Mothers in Prison** and receive your special origami flower from JusticeWorks and the Church of Gethsemane

**Monday May 17 at 4pm** Last Union Church Concert of the season: Spring Pops! Ask Vince Peterson for the up-to-the-minute lineup of talent. (Might that talent include *you*?)

**Want to learn more about the Bible and be more "in the know" about what's going on in worship? Consider volunteering to teach a Sunday school class, between now and the second week in June.**

**Sunday school preparation is a wonderful devotional experience for *you*, no matter how many children come to class that day. And even if no children of Sunday School age are here on your day, just stay upstairs: you'll have an edge on the rest of us, and you'll pick up on all the connections in the music, the prayers, etc.—everything is chosen for a reason, and you'll get all the references...and even, sometimes, some inside jokes!**

**If your class is proud of what they do, why not bring them up in time for the offering, so they can "offer" their artwork or mini-play in worship? Children love to participate in the prayers, the songs, and the Sacraments, and they're great at taking up the offering.**