

Service for the Lord's Day

Easter Sunday, 11 a.m.

April 9, 2023



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*W*elcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Concertino

Joseph Haydn

Robert Stetkevych, acolyte

The Resurrection

Matthew 28:1-10

NT pg. 32

Sung Response

Alleluia

Glory to God hymnal 589

Sung three times, first by the choir, then by all.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Now the Lord is risen indeed.

◆ Call to Worship

Shout for joy!

The tomb is empty!

Clap your hands!

Death is cheated!

Dance and sing!

Christ has risen!

Christ has risen indeed!

◆ Processional Hymn HS 18

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Receive our lament, Lord of life, for during your final days, we turned away from you, even after you shared table with us, offering us the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation; and in your hour of greatest need, we fell asleep while you prayed in the garden, even after you urged us to keep the faith to avoid the time of trial. But we are here now, dearest Lord, remembering what it cost you to know the joy we feel today. May our lives reflect the depth of our gratitude to be known as your disciples.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

Ukrainian chant



Lord, ___ have mer-cy. Christ, ___ have mer-cy. Lord, ___ have mer - cy.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, we are forgiven....

In the holy awe of Easter morning, let us remember that Christ has called each one of us by name.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

◆ Sung Response

GTG 232

Hymns of praise now let us sing: Alleluia!

Unto Christ our heavenly king: Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave: Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save: Alleluia!

Welcome

God's Word to Us

Anthem

Resurrection Dance

Russell Schulz-Widmar

Give ear, give ear, good Christians all, our song is worth a hearing;

We tell how grief has ended woe and fear has finished fearing;

The pain that lasted for a day has brought eternal cheering.

Was ever battle won like this--where he that lost was gaining;

And he that fell was triumphing, and he that died was reigning;

And he that held the Reed of Scorn a Sceptre was obtaining?

The winner then had such a fall as crushed him down forever;

The wise was taken in his craft, the strong in his endeavor,

And he, the Slain, was Victor still, and he that slew him never!

Give ear, give ear, good Christians all, the riddle is expounded;

From north to south, from east to west, its meaning shall be sounded:

On Easter day was won the fight and Life has Death confounded.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Why Bodily Resurrection Matters

Jewell-Ann Parton

◆ Hymn 239

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

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Responding to God's Word

Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer

Glory to God hymnal p. 35

Offertory Anthem

Victimae Paschali Laudes

Michael Haydn

To the Paschal Victim let Christians offer their praises.

The Lamb has redeemed the sheep: Christ, the sinless one, has reconciled sinners to God.

Death and life have fought a marvellous duel: The slain leader of life reigns alive!

Tell us, Mary, what did you see on the way? I saw the sepulcher of the living Christ

and the glory of his rising: I saw the angelic witnesses, the cloth and the garments.

Christ my hope has risen: he shall go before his own into Galilee.

We know that Christ has truly risen from the dead: have mercy on us, O victor King.

◆ Presentation of the Offering

Glory to God hymnal 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation

Luke Mathieu Martinet

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

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

The Baptism

Sung Response

You Have Put on Christ

Glory to God hymnal 491

v. 1, choir only; v. 2 all; v. 1 and 2 all, sung in a round

You have put on Christ; in Christ you have been baptized.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

We have put on Christ; in Christ we have been baptized.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessing and Welcome

◆ Hymn 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

◆ Benediction

From darkness and despair, we find hope and joy.

Christ is risen! We go forth in joy!

From doubt and betrayal, we find trust and faith.

Christ is risen! We go forth in faith!

From suffering and death, we find healing and life.

Christ is risen! We go forth to live!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. ALLELUIA!

Postlude

Prelude in C Major, BWV 547

J. S. Bach

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

*Liturgy adapted from B.L. Beu

Participating in the service:

Anna Hennessy, Justin Esposito, violin

Lynanne Wilson, cello

Don Whitaker, timpani



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What's Happening

at Westminster

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (live-stream) Worship in the Sanctuary: Following each service, the flowering of the cross on the patio. Between the services, a potluck brunch in the Fellowship Hall. At 10:15 a.m., a story in the Library, followed by an egg hunt for children through 5th grade in the Courtyard.

Monday, April 10

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 11

Noon Adult Potluck Lunch in the Library

7 p.m. Tuesday Evening Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesday, April 12

7 p.m. 20/30/40 CreW Wednesday Wind-Down

Thursday, April 13

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

Friday, April 14

7:30 p.m. Organ Concert Series featuring Anne Laver, organ

Saturday, April 15

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Beta Bridge Cleanup Event with UVA Environmental Club

Sunday, April 16

9:30 a.m. Church school

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion

Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

12:15 p.m. Deacons Meeting in the Upper Lounge

12:30 p.m. Session Meeting in the Library

Monday, April 17

1 p.m. The Courage to Grieve Series in Room 208

6 p.m. UKirk Dinner and Discussion in Common Grounds

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Charles Wesley, 1739; Ruth Duck, 1981

EASTER HYMN, 7.7.7.7 with alleluias

Lyra Davidica, 1708; adapt. 1741

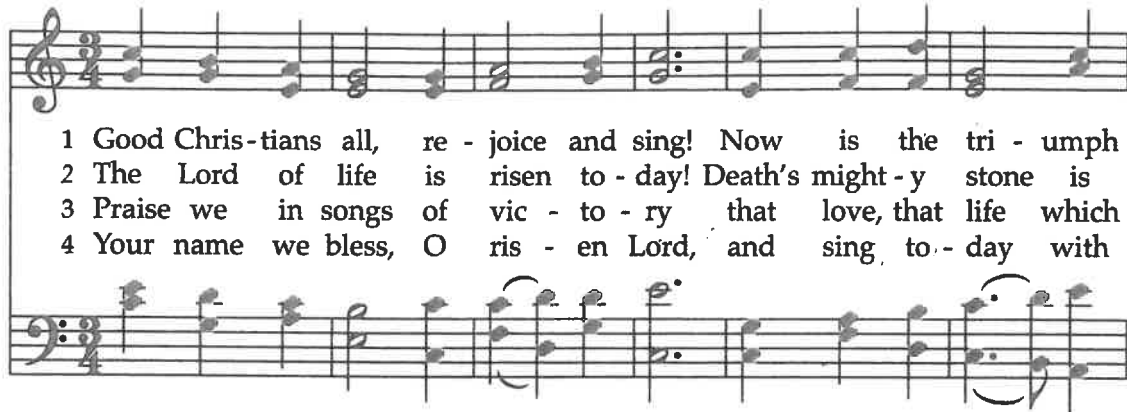
1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day: Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Powers of death have had their day: Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Shar - ing in Christ's death we rise: Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Glor - y be to God on high: Al - le - lu - ia!

Let the joy - ful peo - ple say: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Earth - ly ru - lers have no sway: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Soar like ea - gles to the skies: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry: Al - le - lu - ia!

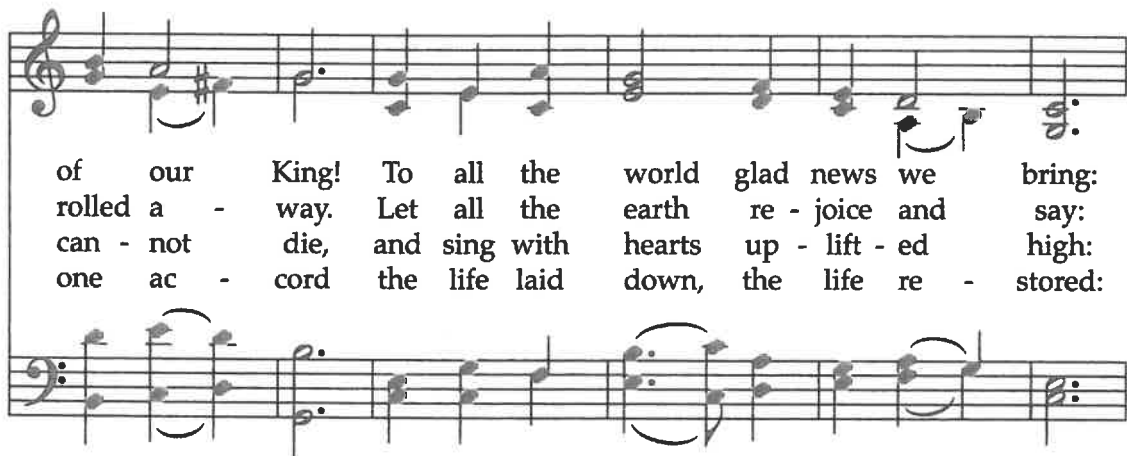
Christ has shared our earth - ly life: Al - le - lu - ia!
 No - thing more to fear have we: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Find - ing mer - cy, we for - give: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let the name of Christ be sung: Al - le - lu - ia!

Con - quered death to end our strife: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Those who trust in Christ are free: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Off - ring up our lives, we live: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ev' - ry - where, by ev' - ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! 239



1 Good Chris-tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Death's might - y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way. Let all the earth re - joice and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

This 20th-century Easter text is both a song of encouragement (stanzas 1–3 directed to the congregation) and a song of praise (stanza 4 addressed to the risen Christ), all ending with joyous alleluias. It was written specifically for the dancelike 17th-century tune found here.

TEXT: Cyril A. Alington, 1931, alt.

MUSIC: Melchior Vulpus, 1609; harm. *Pilgrim Hymnal*, 1958

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8.8.8 with alleluias

238 Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
 with - out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering
 to thy home a - bove.

This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Joshua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

The image shows a musical score for a vocal part and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature (C). The piano accompaniment is written on a bass clef staff with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are: "Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won." The music consists of a single system with two staves. The vocal line begins with a whole note chord (F2, B-flat2, E-flat3) and continues with a melodic line of eighth and quarter notes. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.