

“What will come of what I am doing today or shall do tomorrow?
What will come of my whole life?
Why should I live, why wish for anything, or do anything?
Is there any meaning in my life that the inevitable death awaiting me does not destroy?”
Leo Tolstoy

“If our world is not to overwhelm us, we must know that what we see is not the full reality... The caring apostle prays that the Ephesians will see the spiritual reality that is not apparent to ordinary sight... Paul prays that God would give knowledge of himself to his people.”
Bryan Chapell



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THE WORD


CALL TO WORSHIP

He is risen!
He is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Thine Be The Glory

Text: Edmond Budry • Music: George Frederick Handel

Tenor



8 Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring
Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the
4 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of
8 Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast
tomb; lov - ing ly He greets us, scat - ters fear and
8 life; life is naught with - out thee: aid us in our
8 won; an - gels in bright rai - ment
gloom; let the church with glad - ness,
11 strife; make us more than con - qu'ors,
8 rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes,
hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth,
15 thro' thy death - less love: bring us safe thro' Jor - dan
8 where thy bod - y lay. Thine be the glo - ry
death hath lost its sting.
19 to thy home a - bove.
8 ris - en con - qu'ring Son; end - less is the
22 vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Psalm 32:1-4

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Father in heaven, we need to be forgiven. We have tried to heal ourselves. Instead of trusting in the death of Jesus Christ, we have tried to work off our guilt. We have tried so hard to pile up good deeds that outweigh our sins. When this doesn't work, we quickly turn to denial and distraction. Instead of trusting in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have tried to change through our own efforts. We have tried to change our hearts through sheer willpower. This has left some of us arrogant. This has left most of us anxious and depressed. Forgive us for trying to heal ourselves. Forgive us for neglecting your grace. Forgive us and heal us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Psalm 32:5

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.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

CHORAL OFFERTORY • "Christ Arose"

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise him, all creatures here below!

Praise him above, ye heavenly host!

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING • 2 Kings 6:8-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

(Te Deum Laudamus, 5th Century)

You are God.

We praise you!

You are the Lord.

We acclaim you!

You are the eternal Father.

All creation worships you!

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might,
Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory!*

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you.

Father, of majesty unbounded,
Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free,
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
*You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.*

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.
Amen.

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

Text: Charles Wesley • Music: Easter Hymn • Public Domain

Alto

Christ the Lord is ris'n to-day Al - - - le -
lu - ia! sons of men and an - gels say
Al - - - le - lu - ia! raise your joys and
tri - umphs high; Al - - - le - lu - ia!
sing ye heavn's and earth re - ply. Al - - - le -
lu - ia!

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part in 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The music is in a major key. The lyrics are: 'Christ the Lord is ris'n to-day Al - - - le - lu - ia! sons of men and an - gels say Al - - - le - lu - ia! raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - - le - lu - ia! sing ye heavn's and earth re - ply. Al - - - le - lu - ia!'.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!
Christ hath burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

I Lay My Sins On Jesus

Text: Horatius Bonar (1843) • Music: Bartholomaeus Gesius (1605) • Public Domain



I lay my sins _____ on Je - sus, the
I lay my needs _____ on Je - sus; all
I rest my soul _____ on Je - sus, this
I long to be _____ like Je - sus, meek,



spot - less Lamb _____ of God; he bears them all, _____ and
ful - ness dwells _____ in him; he heals all my _____ dis -
wea - ry soul _____ of mine; his right hand me _____ em -
lov - ing, low - ly, mild; I long to be _____ like



frees us from the ac - curs - ed load: I
eas - es, he doth my soul _____ re - deem: I
brac - es, I on his breast _____ re - cline. I
Je - sus, the Fa - ther's ho - ly child: I



bring my guilt _____ to _____ Je - sus to wash _____ my crim - son
lay my griefs _____ on _____ Je - sus, my bur - dens and _____ my
love the name _____ of _____ Je - sus, Im - man _____ uel, Christ, _____ the
long to be _____ with _____ Je - sus a - mid _____ the heav'n - ly



stains cares; white in his blood _____ most pre - cious, till
Lord; he from them all _____ re - leas - es, he
throng, to sing with saints _____ his prais - es, to



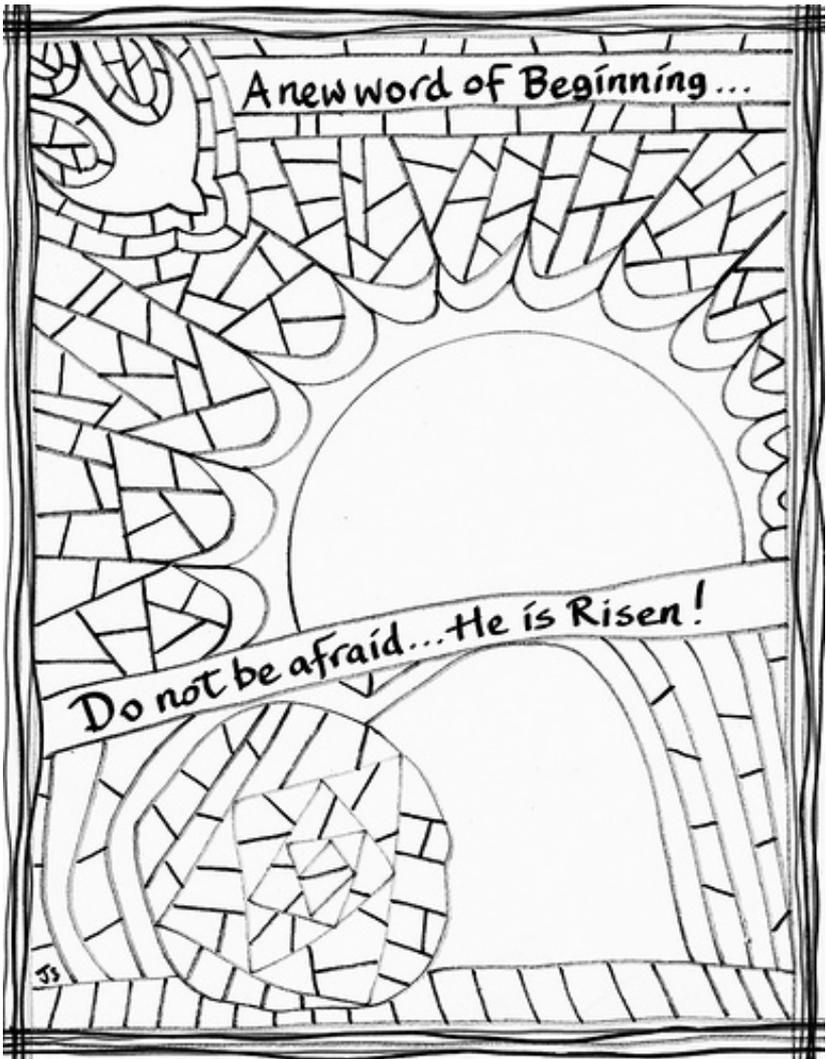
not a spot _____ re - mains.
all my sor - rows shares.
name a - broad _____ is poured.
learn the an - gels' song.

NEW TESTAMENT READING • Ephesians 1:15–21

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “Resurrection Power” (Rev. Eric Costa)





THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Apostles' Creed

What do you believe?

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 Spirit, 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 is seated 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE • Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

(Greet one another with the words, “*The peace of Christ be with you.*”)

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE AND PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

THE MYSTERIUM FIDEI • 1 Corinthians 11:26; 5:7-8

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(All who confess faith in Jesus Christ may partake of this Sacrament: baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and with their brothers and sisters in Christ, and who seek God’s grace to live more faithfully for him in this world. Please come forward after the musicians. The glasses on your right contain grape juice for those who do not want wine. There are gluten-free crackers on the table. An Elder is available for prayer upon request [James 5:13-16].)

* When the Creed states that Jesus “descended into hell,” we understand it to mean that he suffered the holy wrath of God for the sins of his people.

† Or, “universal.”

Worship Christ, The Risen King

Text: Jack W. Hayford • Music: Henry T. Smart

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Worship Christ, The Risen King'. It is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The score consists of a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The score is divided into systems, with measure numbers 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 marked at the beginning of their respective systems. The lyrics are as follows:

Rise, O church and lift your voice,
See the tomb where death has laid Him,
Hear the earth pro - test and trem - ble,
Doubt may lift its head to mur - mur,
We ac - claim your life, O Je - sus,

Christ has con - quered death and hell.
emp - ty now, its mouth de - clares:
see the stone re - moved with pow'r;
scof - fers mock and sin - ners jeer;
now we sing your vic - tor - y;

Sing as all the earth re - joic - es;
"Death and I could not con - tain him,
all hell's min - ions may as - sem - ble,
But the truth - claims a won - der,
Sin or hell may seek to seize us,

res - ur - rec - tion an - thems swell.
for the throne of life He shares."
but can - not with - stand His hour.
thought - ful hearts re - ceive with cheer.
but your con - quest keeps us free.

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship,
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship,
He has con - quered, He has con - quered,
He is ris - en, He is ris - en,
Stand in tri - umph, stand in tri - umph,

wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!
wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!
Christ the Lord, the ris - en King!
now re - ceive the ris - en King!
wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!

Christ Is Risen From The Dead

Text: Margaret Bowdler • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

Christ is ri - sen from - the__ dead, glor - ious day we
5 _ cel - e-brate; Death has no pow-er ov -
9 er Him, hal-le - lu - jah, He___ is ri - sen!__ Hal-le-
13 lu - jah! He - is ri - sen! Hal-le - lu - jah! Christ
18 _ is ri - sen!__ Hal-le - lu - jah! He - is ri - sen!
23 Hal-le - lu - jah! Christ has ri - sen!__

As in Adam all men die, so all those in Christ shall live;
he has conquered death and hell, hallelujah, he is risen!

(Chorus)

No more need we fear the grave, now O death where is your sting?
God gives us all the victory, hallelujah, he is risen!

(Chorus)

Christ is risen from the dead, glorious day we celebrate;
Now we will live through faith in him, hallelujah, he is risen!

(Chorus)

Jesus Lives And So Shall I

Text: Christian F. Gellert • Music: Matthew Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

8
Je - sus lives, and so shall I, death, thy sting is
4
gone for - ev - er. He who deigned for me to die,
7
still re - main - ing. I shall al - so be with Him,
8
lives, the bands of death to sev - er. He shall raise me
10
ev - er liv - ing ev - er reign - ing. God has prom - ised
8
from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust!_ He lives! He
15
be it must, Je - sus is my hope and trust!_
8
21
lives! Je - sus lives!_ He lives! He lives! and so shall
8
!!

Jesus lives, and by his grace, vict'ry o'er my passions giving,
I will cleanse my heart and ways, ever to his glory living.
Me he raises from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust!

(Chorus)

Jesus lives, I know full well, naught from him my heart can sever,
life nor death, nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, henceforth forever.
None of all his saints is lost: Jesus is my hope and trust!

(Chorus)

Jesus lives and death is now but my entrance into glory.
Courage, then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life before thee;
thou shalt find thy hopes were just: Jesus is my hope and trust!

(Chorus x2)

BENEDICTION • 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

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Remember: every gathering is an opportunity to invite friends, to introduce others to the Christ-centered community and life of the church! For information about our regular meetings like home groups, bible studies for men and women, and more, please visit **ascensionpc.org/calendar**.

After Worship • Please stay a while for coffee and conversation! (There will be no Sunday School today.)

Refreshments Volunteers • Bringing refreshments to share at church is a great way to practice hospitality. Contact: Nicole Hamilton (neh.hamilton@gmail.com)

Today: (Easter Breakfast)

Next week: Aznoe

Nursery Volunteers • Can you play with young children and help their parents once every 6-8 weeks? Join the nursery rotation! Contact: Rainy Aznoe (rainyrr@aol.com).

Today: Aznoe

Next week: Jaques



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