

Lord, who created man in wealth and store,  
Though foolishly he lost the same,  
Decaying more and more,  
Till he became  
Most poor:  
With thee  
O let me rise  
As larks, harmoniously,  
And sing this day thy victories:  
Then shall the fall further the flight in me.

My tender age in sorrow did begin:  
And still with sicknesses and shame  
Thou didst so punish sin,  
That I became  
Most thin.  
With thee  
Let me combine,  
And feel this day thy victory:  
For, if I limp my wing on thine,  
Affliction shall advance the flight in me.

"Easter-Wings," by George Herbert (1593-1633)

# ASCENSION

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 32, 2018 • EASTER SUNDAY



THE WORD

### CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 95:6-8a

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker!

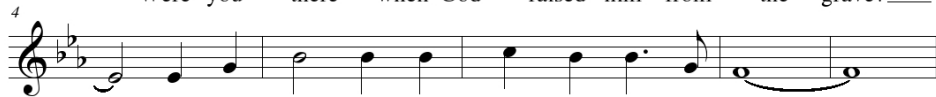
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.  
Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.

# Were You There

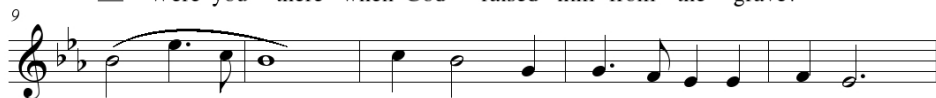
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Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? \_\_\_\_  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? \_\_\_\_  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side? \_\_\_\_  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? \_\_\_\_  
Were you there when God raised him from the grave? \_\_\_\_



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Oh! \_\_\_\_\_ Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble,



trem-ble, trem - ble, \_\_\_\_\_  
Were you there when they  
Were you there when they  
Were you there when they  
Were you there when God



cru - ci - fied my Lord? \_\_\_\_  
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laid him in the tomb? \_\_\_\_  
raised him from the grave? \_\_\_\_

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • 1 John 4:10**

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. We confess that we have sinned against you, and have clung to evil rather than to Christ. Have mercy on us, and forgive our sin. Restore us to newness of life, and seat us at your table of grace, that we may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(Silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • 1 John 4:15**

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Proverbs 3:9–10**

Honor the LORD with your wealth  
and with the firstfruits of all your produce;  
then your barns will be filled with plenty,  
and your vats will be bursting with wine.

## **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 • Psalm 30**

A PSALM OF DAVID. A SONG AT THE DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE.

- 1 I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up  
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.
- 3 O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;  
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

- 4 Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,  
and give thanks to his holy name.
- 5 For his anger is but for a moment,  
and his favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may tarry for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.
- 6 As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
"I shall never be moved."
- 7 By your favor, O LORD,  
you made my mountain stand strong;  
you hid your face;  
I was dismayed.
- 8 To you, O LORD, I cry,  
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:
- 9 "What profit is there in my death,  
if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you?  
Will it tell of your faithfulness?
- 10 Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!  
O LORD, be my helper!"
- 11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;  
you have loosed my sackcloth  
and clothed me with gladness,
- 12 that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.  
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

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...

(Elder prays)

And now as our Savior taught us, we pray:

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

# Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

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

Alto

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 key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are: 'Christ the Lord is ris'n to-day Al - - - le -'. The second staff continues with 'lu - ia! sons of men and an - gels say'. The third staff has 'Al - - - le - lu - ia! raise your joys and'. The fourth staff has 'tri - umphs high; Al - - - le - lu - ia!'. The fifth staff has 'sing ye heavn's and earth re - ply. Al - - - le -'. The sixth staff has 'lu - ia!' and ends with a double bar line.

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!

## 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  
8  
Jes - sus lives, and reigns su - preme; and, His king - dom  
7  
8  
gone for - ev - er. He who deigned for me to die,  
10  
8  
still re - main - ing. I shall al - so be with Him,  
15  
8  
lives, the bands of death to sev - er. He shall raise me  
21  
8  
ev - er liv - ing ev - er reign - ing. God has prom - ised  
from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust! — He lives! He  
be it must, Je - sus is my hope and trust! —  
lives! Je - sus lives! — He lives! He lives! and so shall  
!!

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)*

## **GOSPEL READING • John 16:16-24**

“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” <sup>17</sup> So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” <sup>18</sup> So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” <sup>19</sup> Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’?” <sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup> When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup> So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. <sup>23</sup> In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. <sup>24</sup> Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## **SERMON • “Grave Comedy” (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].)

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\* 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.”

## At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Text: Robert Campbell • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
flow - ing from His pierc - ed side;  
Praise we Him whose love di - vine  
gives His sa - cred blood for wine,  
gives His bod - y for the feast,  
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for a Tenor voice part. It consists of eight staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'At the Lamb's high feast we sing / praise to our vic - to - rious King, / Who has washed us in the tide / flow - ing from His pierc - ed side; / Praise we Him whose love di - vine / gives His sa - cred blood for wine, / gives His bod - y for the feast, / Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.' The score includes measure numbers 1, 4, 7, 10, 14, 18, 22, and 25 at the beginning of their respective staves.

Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheaths his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed: paschal victim, paschal bread.  
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;  
Death is conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light.  
Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise;  
Holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit ever be.

## 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  
\_ cel - e-brate; Death has no pow-er ov -  
er Him, hal-le - lu - jah, He\_\_ is ri - sen!\_\_ Hal-le-  
lu - jah! He - is ri - sen! Hal-le - lu - jah! Christ  
\_ is ri - sen!\_\_ Hal-le - lu - jah! He - is ri - sen!  
Hal-le - lu - jah! Christ has ri - sen!\_\_

8 5 9 13 18 23

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)*

## BENEDICTION • Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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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**.

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**After Worship** • Please stay a while and join us for coffee and conversation (no Sunday School today).

**Mercy Sunday** • On the first Sunday of each month (today) we collect alms and food donations in order to help our brothers and sisters in the church and our neighbors in the community.

**Monthly Men's Breakfast** • 7:30am Sat., Apr. 7 at the Costa home (1890 SE Maple Street). We're discussing the Lord's Prayer. This week: "Your Kingdom Come." (Check applyingthegospel.com this week for the blog post we'll discuss together.) RSVP and let Eric know what part of the meal you'll bring, and if you'll have a friend with you (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

**Parenting Home Group** • Next Sunday (Apr. 8) at the home of Joe and Cindy Pope (15953 SW Tuscany Street, Tigard). Join us for lunch and conversation about Paul Tripp's book, *Parenting*. RSVP to Joe (pope.joe@gmail.com).

**Men's Retreat** • Fri. - Sun., Apr. 27-29 in Oceanside... The cost will be \$80 for both nights, or \$40 for one night (meals included). Make checks payable to Ascension Presbyterian Church with "retreat" in the memo line, and give them to Tim Sery. There are only a few spots left, so **RSVP ASAP**.

**Refreshments Volunteers** • Bringing refreshments to share at church is a great way to practice hospitality. Ideally, each Sunday we have two volunteers: one bringing snacks for the children, the other bringing something for the adults. Contact: Nicole Hamilton (neh.hamilton@gmail.com)

Today: Elliott / \_\_\_\_\_

Next week: Sauerwein / \_\_\_\_\_

**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: Bonifield

Next week: Rickis



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