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THE WORD  


**CALL TO WORSHIP • John 11:25-26**

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

# 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!

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Psalm 130:3-4**

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

    O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,

    that you may be feared.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*My Lord and my God, fearing you is the foundation of wisdom. I have been a fool to fear anything or anyone else. You have told me not to be afraid, unless it is the fear of you. I have neglected this comfort, ignored your command, and disregarded your majestic splendor. Essentially, I have demanded your crucifixion with my own mouth, and nailed you to the cross with my own hands—just to be able to fear anything but you. “But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.” Teach me your great works and grant to me your Spirit of wisdom, so that I may know how to live with you, free of all worldly fears, to the glory of your holy and awesome name. Amen.*

(silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Psalm 130:7-8**

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

    For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
    and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he will redeem Israel  
    from all his iniquities.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Acts 2:44-45**

All who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

## **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 • 1 Kings 17:17-24

The son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. <sup>18</sup> And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" <sup>19</sup> And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. <sup>20</sup> And he cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" <sup>21</sup> Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." <sup>22</sup> And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. <sup>23</sup> And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." <sup>24</sup> And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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 acclaim 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.*

### **Jesus Loves Me, This I Know**

Lyrics: Anna Bartlett Warner, Tim Sauerwein

Music: William B. Bradbury • Public Domain

1. Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so:  
How he proved his love for me:  
Took my place on Calvary,

*(Chorus)*

Yes, Jesus loves me,  
Yes, Jesus loves me,  
Yes, Jesus loves me,  
The Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me, he who died;  
"It is done!" is what he cried.  
He has paid for all my sin  
And come back to life again.

*(Chorus)*

3. Jesus found me who was lost,  
Bought me back at dreadful cost.  
Jesus loves me, this I know  
For his story tells me so.

*(Chorus)*

# In Jesus Christ Is Eternal Life

Easter Text: Tim Sauerwein

Music: "Only in God," by John Michael Talbot © 1980 Birdwing Music / BMI Songs

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of six systems of music. Each system includes a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a series of notes with corresponding lyrics. Chord symbols are placed above the staff. The lyrics are arranged in two columns per system, with the first column starting at the beginning of the system and the second column starting at the beginning of the second measure. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

C G/B Am G F G

1. In Jes - us Christ is e - ter - nal life, in Him is life for -  
2. Jes - us Christ is the Lamb of God, to for - give my sin for -

7 C G/B Am G

- ev - er. His life is the light of men; it  
- ev - er. That His work was com - plet - ed for me shines

13 F G C F

shines out in the dark - ness. He is ris - en! He is  
out in res - ur - rec - tion.

19 Am F G Am F

ris - en! God has raised him from the dead! He is ris - en!

26 Am F G C C

He is ris - en! He is ris'n in deed 3. In Jes - us

34 G/B Am G F G C

Christ is e - tern - nal life; in Him is life for - ev - er.

## **GOSPEL READING • John 11:21-27**

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## **SERMON • "The Resurrection and the Life" (Rev. Eric Costa)**

"I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!" (Job 19:25-27)

"Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise. You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy! For your dew is a dew of light, and the earth will give birth to the dead." (Isaiah 26:19)

"Because I live, you also will live." (John 14:19)

"In fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ... Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven." (1 Corinthians 15:20-23, 49)

"Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3:2)

"He put on a body, so that in the body he might find death and blot it out." (Athanasius)

"Resurrection is no longer a mere doctrine: it has a living face and a name." (Lesslie Newbigin)

Q: "How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?"

A. "First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection." (Heidelberg Catechism 45)



THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Nicene Creed**

What do you believe?

*We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.*

*And we believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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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\* Or, "universal."



# Christ Jesus Lay In Death's Strong Bands

Text: Martin Luther • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands, for  
It was a strange and dread - ful strife when  
Here the true pas - chal Lamb we see, whom  
So let us keep the fes - ti - val to  
Then let us feast this ho - ly day on

3  
our of - fens - es giv - en; but now at God's right  
life and death con - tend - ed. The vic - tor - y re -  
God so free - ly gave us. He died on the ac -  
which the Lord in - vites us. Christ is Him - self the  
6  
Christ, the bread of hea - ven. The Word of grace has

hand He stands and brings us life from heav - en.  
mained with life; the reign of death was end - ed.  
curs - ed tree, so strong His love to save us.  
joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.  
9  
purged a - way the old and e - vil leav - en.

There - fore let us joy - ful be, and sing to God right  
Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says His death has swal - lowed  
See His blood now marks our door; faith points to it death  
Now His grace to us im - parts e - ter - nal sun - shine  
12  
Christ a - lone our souls will feed; he is our meat and

thank - ful - ly loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
up our death; its sting is lost for - ev - er.  
pass - es o'er, and Sa - tan can - not harm us.  
to our hearts; the night of sin is end - ed.  
17  
drink in - deed; Faith lives u - pon no oth - er!

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
23  
lu - ia!

# The Lamb Has Overcome

Music and Lyrics: Luke Morton • ©2011 Cardiphonia Music

The Lamb has ov - er - come, the  
Lamb has ov - er - come; the bat - tle's done and the  
vic-to-ry is won, for the Lamb has ov - er - come! No  
grave could hold Him down, no grave could hold Him  
down; up from the ground, "He is  
ri-sen!" was the sound, no grave could hold Him down.  
At God's right hand is He, at  
God's right hand is He; our per - fect plea as He  
lives to in-ter-cede, at God's right hand is He! Wor-thy  
is the Lamb who was slain, glo-ry be un - to His  
name! Wor-thy is the Lamb who was slain, glo-ry  
be un - to His name!

The table now is spread, the table now is spread;  
the wine and bread, broken body and blood shed, the table now is spread.

The day is drawing near, the day is drawing near;  
he shall appear and wipe away each tear, the day is drawing near!

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, glory be unto his name!*

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, glory be unto his name!*

(Repeat Chorus)

# Easter Praise

Text: Christian F. Gellert ("Jesus Lives And So Shall I"), Edward H. Plumtree ("Rejoice In Christ Your King"), Tim Sauerwein

Music: Matthew Curl • Used by Permission

1. Jes - us lives, and so shall I, death, thy sting is gone for - ev - er.  
2. Jes - us lives, and reigns su - preme; and, His king - dom still re - main - ing,  
3. Jes - us lives and death is now but my en - trance in - to glor - y.

5 He who deigned for me to die, lives, the bands of death to sev - er.  
I shall al - so be with Him, ev - er liv - ing, ev - er reign - ing.  
9 Cour - age, then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life be - fore thee;

14 He shall raise me from the dust; Jes - us is my hope and trust! He  
God has prom - ised, be it must  
14 thou shalt find thy hopes were just;

21 lives! He lives! Jes - us lives! He lives! He lives! and so shall  
I!

4. Our Sav - ior is a - live! He lives for - ev - er -  
5. For us He went to death, to pay for all our  
6. The Word be - came a man, and brings e - ter - nal  
7. Then who be - lieves in Christ, will live al - though he

27 - more! Let all His child - ren sing for joy, and wor - ship and a - dore! Re -  
sin; Yet by the Ho - ly Spir - it's pow'r our Sav - ior lives a - gain.  
life; Our Sav - ior Jes - us is the res - ur - rec - tion and the life.  
32 dies, and he who lives and trusts in Him will nev - er die a - gain.

37 - joice, re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Re  
joice, re - joice! Re joice, give thanks, and sing!

## 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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**For Those Joining Us On Zoom...** Please remain “muted” throughout the service, but feel free to “unmute” afterwards and catch up with each other. (You can find each Sunday’s liturgy posted online at [ascensionpc.org/worship](http://ascensionpc.org/worship).)

**After Worship Today** • There will be no Sunday School or Sermon Discussion today.

**Photo Directory Pictures & Information** • If you would like a picture taken for our church’s forthcoming photo directory, see Bill Duncan after Worship sometime in the next few weeks. If you need your contact information included or updated, email Eric ([rev.eric.costa@gmail.com](mailto:rev.eric.costa@gmail.com)).

**Men’s Study** • 6:30am Tuesdays at the Starbucks at the Sunset Esplanade (2521 SE TV Highway). This group is discussing Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians.

**Women’s Study** • 7pm Wednesdays. This group is discussing Dane Ortlund’s book, *Gentle and Lowly*. Locations vary - contact Jerilee Costa ([jerilee.costa@gmail.com](mailto:jerilee.costa@gmail.com)).

**Summer Campout** • Fri. - Sun., July 29-31, at South Beach State Park (near Newport). To register, contact Nicole Hamilton ([neh.hamilton@gmail.com](mailto:neh.hamilton@gmail.com)).

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