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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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EASTER SUNDAY

  
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 heav'n'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 -'. The second staff continues: 'lu - ia! sons of men and an - gels say'. The third staff: 'Al - - - le - lu - ia! raise your joys and'. The fourth staff: 'tri - umphs high; Al - - - le - lu - ia!'. The fifth staff: 'sing ye heav'n's and earth re - ply. Al - - - le -'. The sixth staff: 'lu - ia!'. The music ends with a double bar line.

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 103:8-10**

Yahweh<sup>1</sup> is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

## **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 • Psalm 103:11-13**

As high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.  
As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so Yahweh shows compassion to those who fear him.

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.

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<sup>1</sup> The ESV translates God's personal name, Yahweh, as "the LORD" (small caps).

## **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**

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...

(From David's prayer in 1 Chronicles 29:10-13)

Blessed are you, O Yahweh, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.  
*Yours, O Yahweh, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.*

Yours is the kingdom, O Yahweh, and you are exalted as head above all.  
*Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.*

In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.  
*And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.*

And we pray your beloved Son's prayer:  
*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.*

## **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

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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 20:11-18

Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup> And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup> Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## SERMON • "The Risen Lord Is Our Brother" (Rev. Eric Costa)

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

"You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy... You have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you." (Jesus, *John 16:20, 22*)

"If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you." (*Romans 8:11*)

"As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. 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 15:48-49*)

"Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep." (*1 Thessalonians 4:14*)

"He is not ashamed to call [us] brothers." (*Hebrews 2:11*)

"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*)

"Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades." (Jesus, *Revelation 1:17-18*)

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

"The real meaning of the resurrection [is] the creation of a new relationship between Jesus and those who believe in him. The faith of a Christian has not been fully described if it falls short of a direct personal relationship of love and trust between the Christian and his Lord... a relationship which nothing can destroy." (Lesslie Newbigin)



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.<sup>1</sup> 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<sup>2</sup> 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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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 - fen - 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!

# Easter Praise

Text: Christian F. Gellert ("Jesus Lives And So Shall I"),  
Edward H. Plumptre ("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;  
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;

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

21 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  
27 7. Then who be - lieves in Christ, will live al - though he

- 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.

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

## Lord of the Dance

Text: Sydney Carter (1963), Tim Sauerwein (2023)

Music: "Simple Gifts," Shaker Hymn (1848) • Public Domain

(On the **\*refrain** congregants may play hand chimes and rhythm instruments, available from the ushers.)

### \*Refrain: ALL SING (two times)

The musical notation is for the refrain of 'Lord of the Dance', set in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The lyrics 'Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be.' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes D5, E5, F#5, and G5, followed by a quarter rest and then quarter notes A4, B4, C5, and D5. The lyrics 'I am the Lord of the' are written below. The third staff continues with quarter notes E5, F#5, G5, and A5, followed by a quarter rest and then quarter notes B4, A4, G4, and F#4. The lyrics 'lead you all in the Dance, said he.' are written below. Chord symbols 'E', 'B', and 'A' are placed above the notes. Measure numbers 4 and 7 are indicated at the start of the second and third staves respectively.

Verse 1: SOLO I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced for the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

### \*Refrain: ALL SING

Verse 2: SOLO I danced for the Scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fisherman, for James and John,  
They came with me and the dance went on.

### \*Refrain: ALL SING

Verse 3: SOLO I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped, and they hung me on high  
And they left me there on a cross to die.

Verse 4. SOLO I gave my life to take the whole world's sin,  
Then by God's power I came to life again.  
I am the Lord and I am lifted high.  
Come unto me and never die!

### \*Refrain: ALL SING (two times)

## 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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**After Worship Today** • No Sunday School / Sermon Discussion today.

**Men's Study** • 6:30am Wednesdays at Starbucks (16175 SW Walker Road, Beaverton). This group is surveying the Bible using *The Drama of Scripture* by C. Bartholomew and M. W. Goheen. Contact: Rob Stevenson (robert.james.stevenson@gmail.com) for more information.

### Women's Studies:

- 2pm Wednesdays. Contact: Cheryl Boden (wu.gardens@gmail.com).
- 7pm Thursdays. Contact: Jerilee Costa (jerilee.costa@gmail.com).

**"The Ascenders"** • 6:30pm - 8pm Wednesdays. 6th through 12th graders are encouraged to come, and to invite their friends. Contact: Tim Sery (fiby2020@gmail.com).

**Church Campout** • Aug. 18-20 at Detroit Lake. The church has reserved eight campsites, and the cost is \$50 per site. To register, and for more info, contact Nicole Hamilton (neh.hamilton@gmail.com).

**Shepherding Meetings** • The elders want to check in with the members of the church. We like to use these questions to kickstart our conversations: 1) *What are you thankful for?* 2) *Where are you seeing the grace of God at work in your life?* 3) *How can we as elders (or the deacons) serve you?*

We're available for these meetings on a regular basis on the third Sunday of each month for lunch or dinner. To schedule a shepherding meeting with us on one of these Sundays, or during some other time, contact Eric (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

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