



ASCENSION  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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EASTER SUNDAY

  
THE WORD  


**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 118:24**

This is the day that Yahweh has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

# 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 'Alto' and '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 heav'n's and earth re - ply. Al - - - le -'. The sixth staff has '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 32:1-4**

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

Blessed is the man against whom Yahweh 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**

*Creator God, you have given us everything we have, including our very selves. Yet we have refused to receive what we have as gifts, because we have rejected you as the Giver. We have been ungrateful. We have boasted as if we were self-made and self-sufficient. We have hoarded our wealth, not believing in your future generosity. We have gratified ourselves and consumed as much as we can without sharing. We have withheld ourselves from you and others, because we do not delight in giving like you do. But you live forever as Giver, Gift, and Given, and you have even given yourself to us. In your mercy, forgive us. In your grace, fill us with your Gift-life. We pray in Jesus' name. 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 Yahweh,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Hebrews 13:16**

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

## **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.*

## **GOSPEL READING • John 20:1-18**

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

## **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 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.*

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

Lyrics: Anna Bartlett Warner, Tim Sauerwein  
Music: William B. Bradbury • Public Domain

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.*

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)*

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.

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING • Philippians 3:7-12**

Whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—<sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON • “Knowing the Risen Lord” (Rev. Eric Costa)**



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<sup>1</sup> 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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<sup>1</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 - 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!

# 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 whole note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a quarter rest, and finally quarter notes D5, E5, and F#5. The lyrics 'Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be. I am the Lord of the' are written below the staff. The second staff starts with a measure rest of 4 measures, then a quarter note G4, a quarter rest, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The lyrics 'Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be, And I'll' are written below. The third staff starts with a measure rest of 7 measures, then a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The lyrics 'lead you all in the Dance, said he.' are written below. Chord symbols 'E', 'B', and 'A' are placed above the notes G4, G4, and G4 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.

### \*Refrain: ALL SING

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

### Midweek Studies

- 8:15am Tue. men's study at Longbottom Coffee: 1 Samuel  
Contact: Eric Costa (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com)
- 1:30pm Wed. women's study: 1 Samuel  
Contact: Cheryl Boden (wu.gardens@gmail.com)
- 6:30am Thu. men's study at the Starbucks on Walker & 158th: *Habits of the Household* (Earley)  
Contact: Joe Pope (pope.joe@gmail.com)
- 7pm Thu. women's study of *Behold and Believe* (Doctor & Kimbrel)  
Contact: Holly McGarry (hollykiewer8@gmail.com)

**Youth Group** • 6:30pm to 8pm Wednesdays. Students in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us and to invite their friends. Contact: Tim Sery (fiby2020@gmail.com).

**Men's Breakfast** • 7:30am Sat., Apr. 6, at the Costa home (1890 SE Maple Street, Hillsboro). We'll share a potluck breakfast together. RSVP to Eric (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

**Mercy Sunday** • On the first Sunday of each month (Apr. 7) we collect *Alms*, gifts of mercy that the deacons can use to meet urgent needs as we are made aware of them. If you need financial help, please let us know! Contact: deacons@ascensionpc.org.

**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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