



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God
April 9, 2023

The Resurrection of the Lord

**Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Ayre

Telemann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*EASTER ACCLAMATION

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Rejoice in this day of salvation.

God's steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia!

*HYMN 123 (V. 1-4)

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we don't always recognize Christ, even when we are looking directly at your Incarnate Love. Forgive us when we go through our daily routine, forgetting to look for the Risen One. Forgive us when coming to worship is more about seeing our friends than it is about encountering you and our Resurrected Lord. Open our eyes and our hearts, O God, to the full awareness of your presence with us, in each and every moment of our lives. We pray in the name of the Christ who is alive! Alleluia and amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The power of resurrection is at work in us and with us!
Believe the good news – death is conquered, sins are forgiven!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

SERMON

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

ANTHEM

Hear the News This Easter Morn

Joel Raney
Sarah Moki, soloist

Listen, listen, hear the news this Easter morn;
Listen, listen, sound the trumpet, sound the horn.

Listen, listen, hear the news and hear it well,
Listen, listen, sound the trumpet, ring the bell.

Choirs are singing; news is spreading all around,
Bells are ringing; listen to the joyful sound!

Christ is risen! Let all creation sing alleluia, alleluia,
Eternal Lord, Redeemer, King!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

On this Easter Sunday, as we rejoice in Jesus' victory over death, may you be moved to commit to use your talents, time and financial resources to help make this church community one which shines Christ's light into the world. Please leave an offering in the box at the front of the sanctuary, or give as you are able through our website, through the mail, or through your time and talents.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank you, God, for the gift of this amazing day of resurrection! Our hearts are overflowing with the joy and excitement of Easter. We pray that you will take our exuberance and use it to bring light and hope to those trapped in darkness and despair. Use these gifts of money to help us see the risen Lord in our midst. Use the gift of our very lives to empower our calling to carry your Incarnate Love into the world. **Amen.**

*RESPONSE

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'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

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 108 (V. 1-5)

Christ Is Alive!

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
To distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now,
And touching every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high,
Untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life,
Our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war,
Where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
And lives, where even hope has died.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

***BENEDICTION**

Christ is with us in this place.

Alleluia!

Christ goes with us into the world.

Alleluia!

Go now in peace. Christ is risen!

Risen indeed! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Purcell

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

The Chancel Choir

Sarah Moki, Soloist

Ken Gross, Trumpet

Caitlin Omaboe-Mensah, Liturgist

Tech Support: Jacob Van Norman, Bill Bartlett, Rich Linnell, Pat Koefoed, Luke McGloughlin

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John 20:1-18

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. She saw that the large stone was moved away from the entrance. So she ran to Simon Peter and the other follower (the one Jesus loved very much). Mary said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other follower started going to the tomb. They were both running, but the other follower ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down and looked in. He saw the pieces of linen cloth lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter finally reached the tomb and went in. He saw the pieces of linen lying there. He also saw the cloth that had been around Jesus' head. It was folded up and laid in a different place from the pieces of linen. Then the other follower went in—the one who had reached the tomb first. He saw what had happened and believed. (These followers did not yet understand from the Scriptures that Jesus must rise from death.) Then the followers went back home. But Mary stood outside the tomb, crying. While she was crying, she bent down and looked inside the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white sitting where Jesus' body had been.

One was sitting where the head had been; the other was sitting where the feet had been. The angels asked Mary, "Woman, why are you crying?" Mary answered, "They took away the body of my Lord, and I don't know where they put him." When Mary said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there. But she did not know that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" She thought he was the man in charge of the garden.

So she said to him, "Did you take him away, sir? Tell me where you put him. I will go and get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." Mary turned toward him and recognized him and said "Teacher!" Mary said this in Aramaic, "Rabboni". Jesus said to her, "You don't need to hold on to me! I have not yet gone back up to the Father. But go to my followers and tell them this: 'I am going back to my Father and your Father. I am going back to my God and your God.'" Mary went to the other disciples and told them, "I saw the Lord!" And she told them what Jesus had said to her.



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