



EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30AM
APRIL 4, 2021

Gathering Music

Welcome

Scripture Reading Mark 16:1-8

Call to Worship

The Lord will swallow up death forever, and God will wipe away tears from all faces.

It will be said on that day, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for the one who might save us."

"This is the Lord, for whom we have waited."

Let us be glad and rejoice in the salvation of our Lord."

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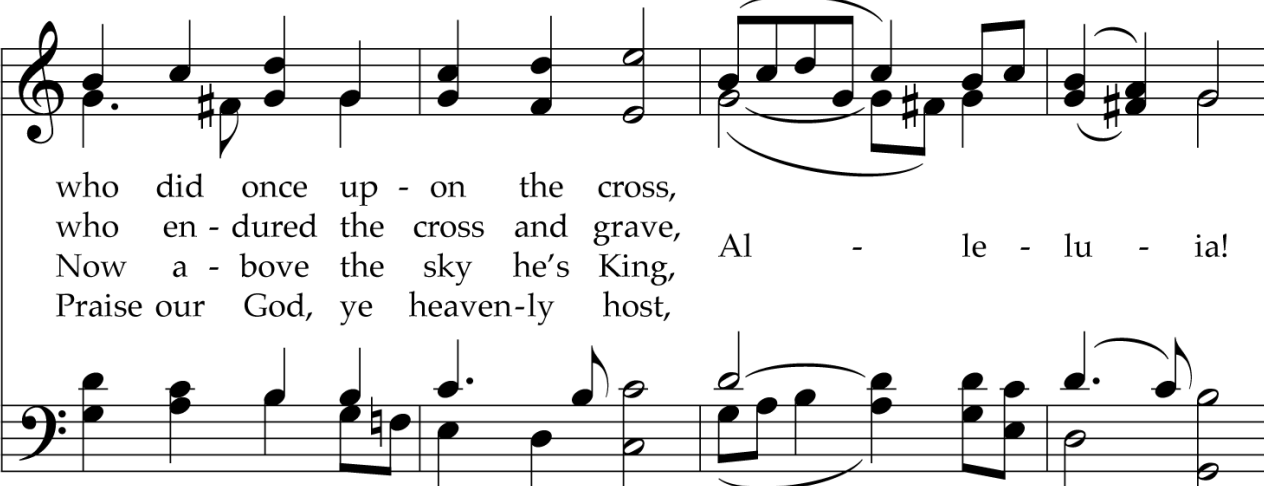
Hymn *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*
no. 232 (*Glory to God*); no. 123 (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*)



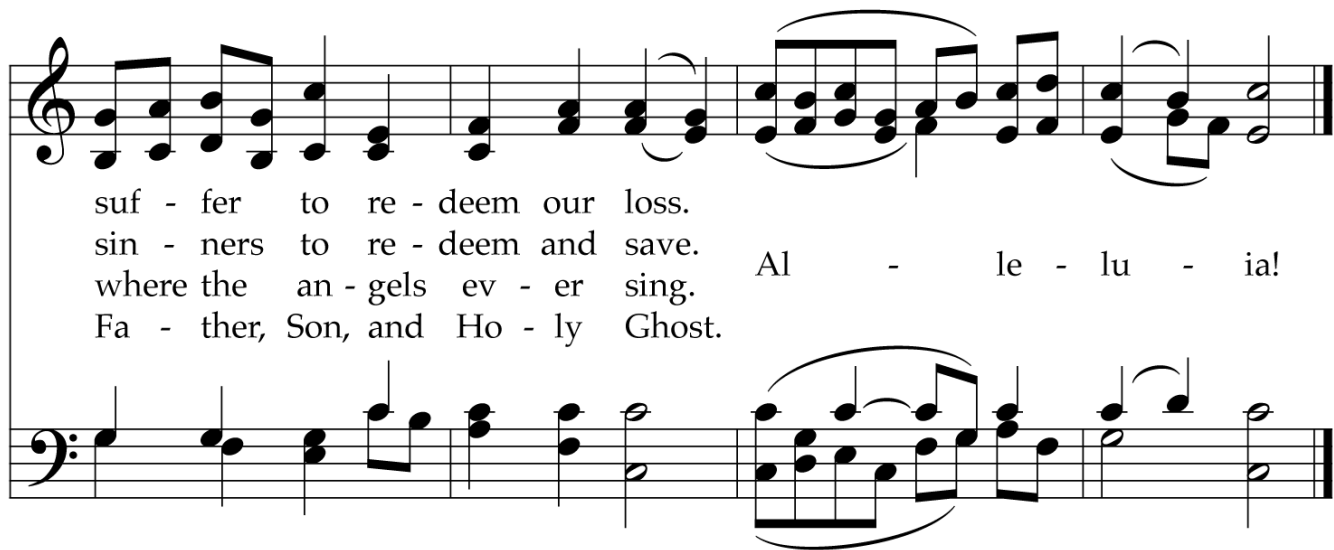
1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured,
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
un - to Christ, our heav - en - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
praise e - ter - nal as God's love.



who did once up - on the cross,
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's King,
Praise our God, ye heav - en - ly host,



Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. *(time for silent confession)* Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

God's steadfast love endures forever! Behold, we shall not die, but we shall live!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia!

Choral Response *Alleluia! Sing Alleluia*
from the cantata "Aufschmetternde Töne" BWV207a

Words and Arr. by John Leavitt
Johann Sebastian Bach

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 25:6-9*

Anthem *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

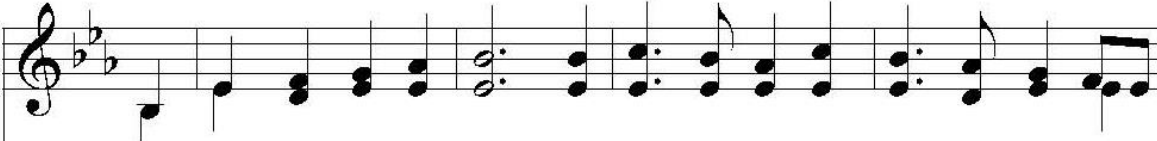
Words by Milton LeDoux based on
 Charles Wesley; music by Joanne LeDoux

SPC Choir

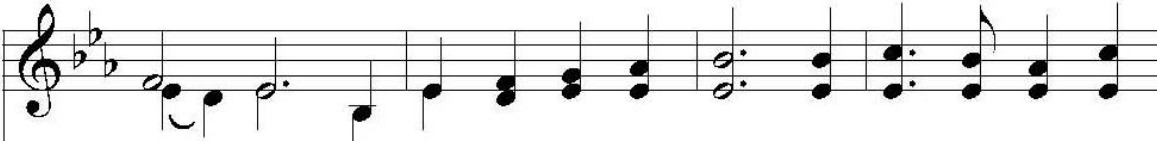
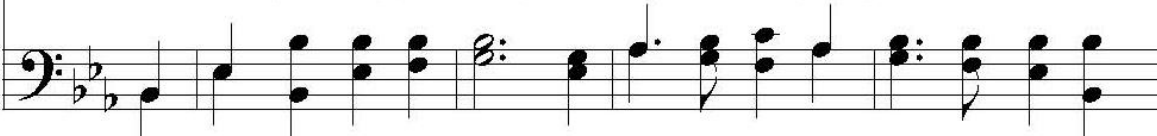
Sermon

Rev. Kate Jones Calone


Hymn *Because You Live, O Christ*
no. 249 (*Glory to God*); no. 105 (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*)




1 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the gar-den of the world has come to
2 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the spir-it bird of hope is freed for
3 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the rain-bow of your peace will span cre-




flow-er; the dark-ness of the tomb is flood-ed with your
fly-ing; our ca-ges of de-spair no lon-ger keep us
a-tion; the col-ors of your love will draw all hu-man-



Refrain

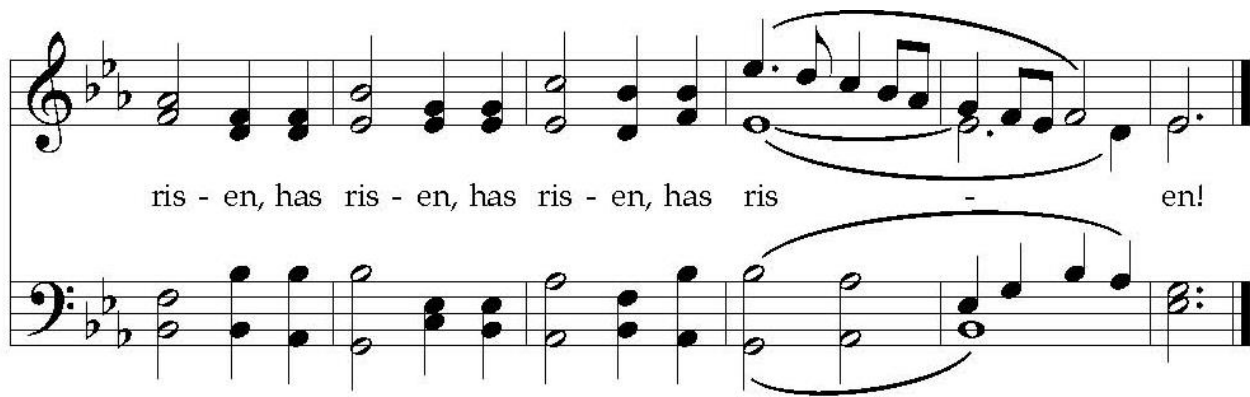


res-ur-rec-tion pow-er.
closed and life-de-ny-ing. The stone has rolled a-way and death can-
kind to ad-o-ra-tion.



not im-pris-on! O sing this Eas-ter day, for Je-sus Christ has





Minute for Stewardship *One Great Hour of Sharing*

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

God of grace and God of glory, through your Son you offer abundance of life and fullness of grace to all people. With gratitude, may our lives and our resources be a source of healing and hope, joy and justice, in our world. Amen.

Anthem

Lift High the Cross

Sydney H. Nicholson;
arr. by Barbara B. Kinyon

SPC Bell Choir

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution and Sharing of the Bread and Cup


Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us. Now send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit to tell this good news to the world: The Lord has risen indeed! Amen.

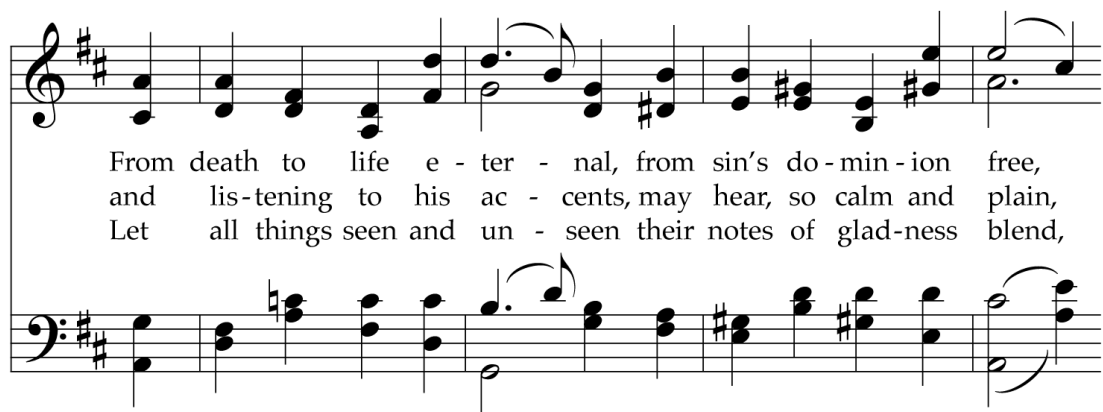
Hymn *The Day of Resurrection!*
no. 233 (*Glory to God*); no. 118 (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*)




1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;



the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

Benediction

Seen: A Blessing for Easter Day

by Jan Richardson

You had not imagined
that something so empty
could fill you
to overflowing

and now you carry
the knowledge
like an awful treasure,
or like a child
that roots itself
beneath your heart:

how the emptiness
will bear forth
a new world
that you cannot fathom
but on whose edge
you stand.

So why do you linger?
You have seen
and so you are
already blessed.
You have been seen
and so you are
the blessing.

There is no other word
you need.
There is simply
to go
and tell.
There is simply
to begin.

We say these words together with our siblings in Christ in San Antonio de los Baños, Cuba
The benediction of the God of Sarah, Hagar and Abraham,
The benediction of the Son, who was born of Mary,
The benediction of the Holy Spirit of love,
Who watches over us like a mother for her children,
Descend upon us all. Amen

Sharing the Peace of Christ

In person or online, please greet one another with expressions of Christ's peace.

Postlude

*Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from Jan Richardson, *The Painted Prayerbook*; Sarah Are, sanctifiedart.com; Michelle L. Torigian, michellelorigian.com; and Gord Waldie, worshipofferings.blogspot.com*