



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 12, 2020

10:30 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE: Resurrection from *Symphonie-Passion*Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)
John Alexander, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Danny Massie

CALL TO WORSHIPNeil Dunnivant

Leader: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Sin and death shall reign no more.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Let our homes and our neighborhoods resound with joy.

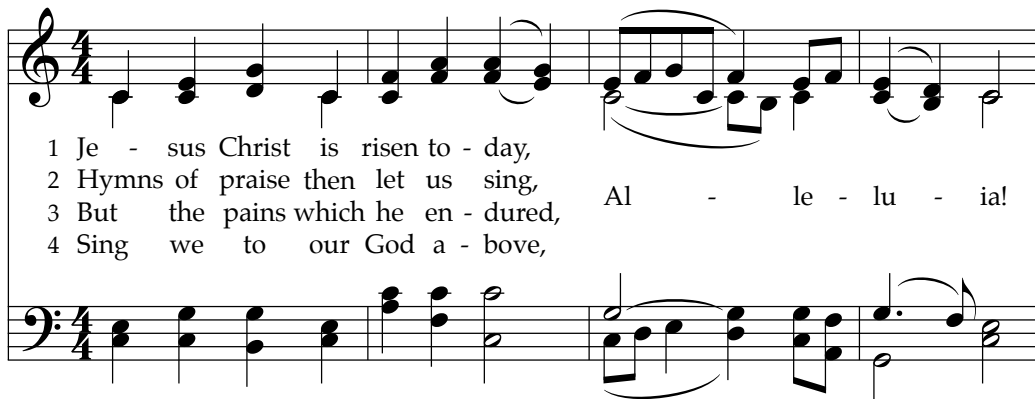
People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God.


HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 232 – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today(SEE PAGES 2 AND 3)

MORNING PRAYER

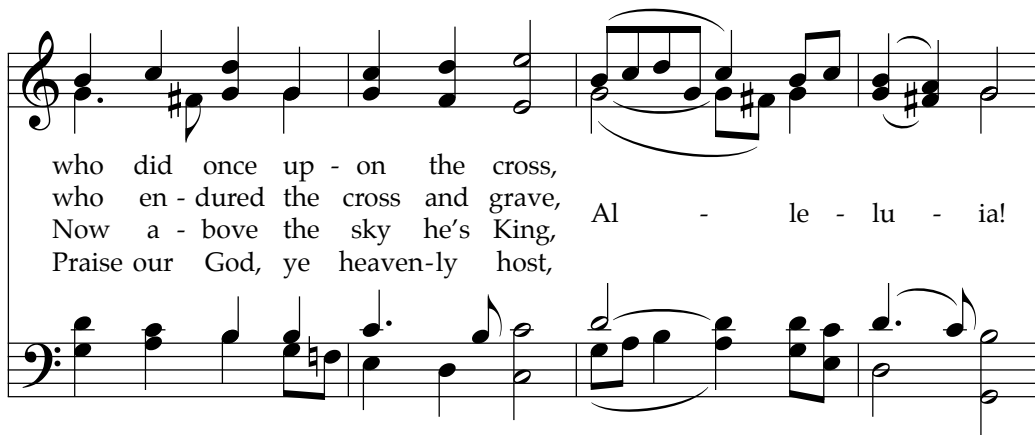
232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



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,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–3, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740
 Spanish trans. Juan Bautista Cabrera, alt.; Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea
 MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. from *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749
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EASTER HYMN
 7.7.7.7 with alleluias

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lisa Witherspoon

SCRIPTURE READING: *Luke 24:1-12*

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

SERMON: "Just a Beautiful Story?" Danny Massie

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 826 – Lift High the Cross (SEE PAGE 5)

Lift High the Cross

826

Refrain
Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

to Refrain

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITHAlexandra Mauney

**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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

- The Apostles' Creed, traditional

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *concluding with 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.**

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by mailing your gift to the church at 617 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401, or
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MUSIC FOR MEDITATION: Alleluia Randall Thompson (1899-1984)
Chancel Choir Ensemble

Alleluia!

CHARGE AND BLESSING Danny Massie

BENEDICTION RESPONSE: Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah* G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
Chancel Choir Ensemble

Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,
and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.
Hallelujah!

VOLUNTARY: Toccatta from *Symphony No V* Charles Marie Widor (1844-1937)
John Alexander, organ



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Danny Massie, Interim Pastor
Neil Dunnavant, Executive Pastor
Alexandra Mauney, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident
Lisa Witherspoon, Associate Director of Children's Ministry
John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist
Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir
Chancel Choir Ensemble

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" Text: *Lyra Davidica*; Music: *Lyra Davidica*.
"Lift High the Cross" Text: William Kitchin; Music: Sidney Hugo Nicholson.

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THE MINISTRY OF MEMBERS – Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission. A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church. *Such involvement includes:* • proclaiming the good news in word and deed; • taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation; • lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support; • studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life; • supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time and talents; • demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church; • responding to God's activity in the world through service to others; • living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life; • working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment; • participating in the governing responsibilities of the church; • and reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful. (*from the Book of Order*)

WE WELCOME YOU to the worship of God and to our community of faith. We are a church of growing disciples believing that worship is at the center of all we are and do as Christians.

WORSHIP AND STUDY DURING CAMPUS CLOSING: All church-related events are canceled through end of day Sunday, April 26. Our Sunday Livestream service will be available on our home page, fpcgreensboro.org, and also on our live streaming page, fpcgreensboro.org/streaming-live. Also check our Facebook page (First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, North Carolina) and YouTube channel (fpcgreensboro.org) as we are working to air the service there as well.

WHILE THE CAMPUS IS CLOSED, PLEASE JOIN US FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION ONLINE

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IN MEMORIAM

Elizabeth Shipley Heberer
March 8, 2020

Ellen Austin Williamson
April 6, 2020

Elbert “Ray” W. Farlow, Jr.
April 9, 2020