



NORTH WILKESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • RESURRECTION OF THE LORD April 20, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Fantasia for Easter Morning
Marty Franklin

Albin C. Whitworth

Words of Welcome

Rev. R.C. Griffin

One: He is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed!

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

One: People of God, we are witnesses to these things:

Many: **that Christ died, hanging on a cross;
that God raised him from the dead on the third day;
that he is coming again in glory to reign.**

One: This is the good news we tell to all the world:

All: **Jesus Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

***Hymn (#232)**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

***Call to Confession**

Rev. Amanda Horan

***Prayer of Confession**

One: Gracious God, we have heard the good news:
How on the third day, Christ rose again.

Many: Still we look for the living among the dead.

One: You rolled away the stone from the tomb.

Many: Still we look for the living among the dead.

One: You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel.

Many: Still we look for the living among the dead.

One: You were faithful to your promise; you have done wonderful things!

Many: Still we look for the living among the dead.

(Silence)

One: Forgive us, Lord, we pray.

Teach us to trust your promise and to believe the good news of salvation:

All: Christ is alive! Jesus is risen from the dead! Alleluia! Amen.

***Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

One: Hear what the prophets have spoken: that everyone who believes in Christ
receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Friends, let us declare the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace**

***Congregational Response (#240 refrain, sing 2x)** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 65:17-25

(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Anthem

Christians, Celebrate & Sing!

Lloyd Larson

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 24:1-12

*(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Many: Thanks be to God.**)*

Sermon

Remember

Rev. R.C. Griffin



WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

***Affirmation of Faith**

adapted from Romans 8

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn (#231)**

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Call to Generosity

Offertory

"Were You There?"

arr. Marilyn Ham

***Congregational Response (#607, alt. tune #15)**

*Praise God,
from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore.
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***Prayer of Dedication**

One: We praise you, O God, and give you thanks
that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope,
in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Let our lives be proof of that good news.
Let all our words and actions, our love and service
bear witness to your resurrection power;
for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Hymn (#248)**

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

***Charge & Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

***Postlude**

Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!

Albin C. Whitworth



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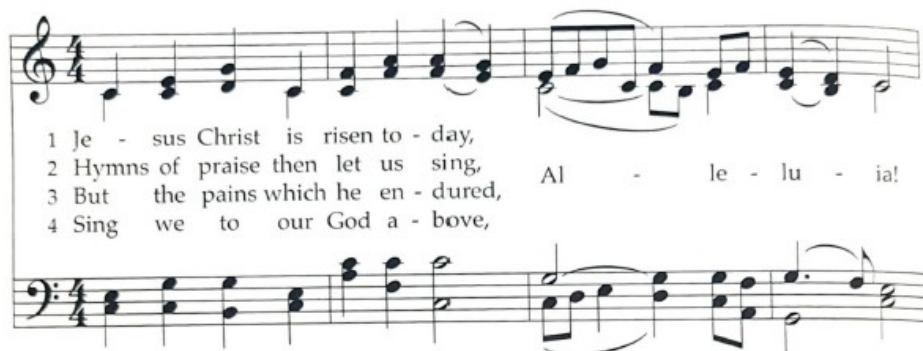
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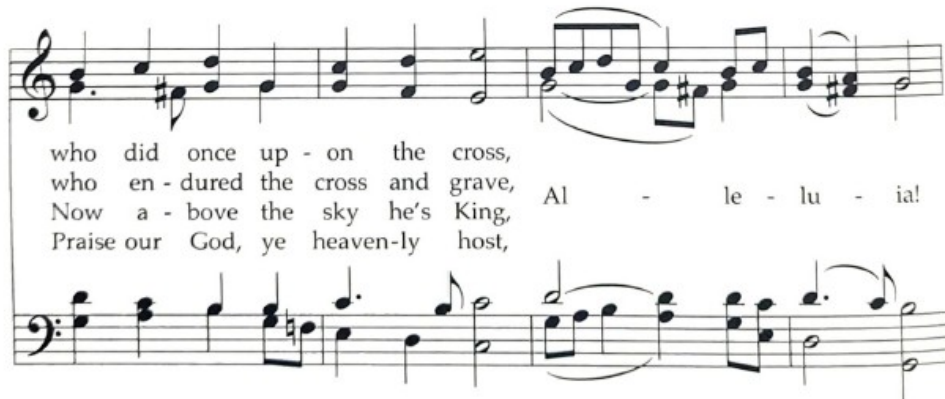
232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



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



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



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

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 Psalmody*, 1749
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EASTER HYMN
7.7.7.7 with alleluias

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.

SPANISH

- 1 El Señor resucitó, ¡Aleluya!
muerte y tumba ya venció. ¡Aleluya!
Con su fuerza y su virtud ¡Aleluya!
cautivó la esclavitud. ¡Aleluya!
- 2 El que al polvo se humilló, ¡Aleluya!
vencedor se levantó. ¡Aleluya!
Cante hoy la cristiandad ¡Aleluya!
su gloriosa majestad. ¡Aleluya!
- 3 Cristo, que la cruz sufrió, ¡Aleluya!
y en desolación se vio, ¡Aleluya!
hoy en gloria celestial ¡Aleluya!
reina vivo e inmortal. ¡Aleluya!
- 4 Cristo, nuestro Salvador, ¡Aleluya!
de la muerte es triunfador. ¡Aleluya!
En El hemos de confiar. ¡Aleluya!
Cantaremos sin cesar. ¡Aleluya!

KOREAN

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| 1 예수부활 했으니 | 할렐루야 |
| 만민찬송 하여라 | |
| 천사들이 즐거워 | |
| 기쁜찬송 부르네 | |
| 2 대속하신 주 예수 | 할렐루야 |
| 선한싸움 이겼네 | |
| 사망권세 이기고 | |
| 하늘문을 여셨네 | |
| 3 마귀권세 이긴주 | 할렐루야 |
| 왕의왕이 되셨네 | |
| 높은이름 세상에 | |
| 널리반포 하여라 | |
| 4 길과진리 되신주 | 할렐루야 |
| 우리부활 하겠네 | |
| 부활생명 되시니 | |
| 우리부활 하겠네 | |

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Refrain E C#m F#m B
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al - le -

Fine
al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B E
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B
1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

E C#m F#m B
He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
Now we shall live for - ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

to Refrain

This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.

TEXT: Donald Fishel, 1971

MUSIC: Donald Fishel, 1971; arr. Betty Pulkingham and Donald Fishel, 1979

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ALLELUIA NO. 1
8.8 with refrain

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers 231



1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-lenge and to change



as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.



Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
 Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud - dled in an up - stairs room.
 Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:



let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris-en, God is here!
 He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
 ev - i - dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.



Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988

MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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OLD HUNDREDTH

LM

here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, and the bass staff continues with harmonic support.

praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

The third system concludes the doxology. The treble staff ends with a final cadence, and the bass staff provides a solid harmonic base.

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248