



NORTH WILKESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOMING • GROWING • SERVING • LOVING

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • RESURRECTION OF THE LORD March 31, 2024 - 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Resurrection Fanfare

Lani Smith

Words of Welcome

Rev. R.C. Griffin

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: 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**

All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for Life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to

our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. (Silence)

***Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

One: By the grace of God and the witness of our ancestors,
the good news of Jesus' resurrection is our rock and our salvation.

Many: We shall not die but live!

The rejected cornerstone has become our strength and our song!

One: Let us proclaim the good news of God's grace!

All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!

**In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of us all. Amen.**

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

***Congregational Response (#243, sing 2x)**

Be Not Afraid

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

Be not afraid; sing our for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

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

Anthem

Easter Day Alleluia

Jamy K. Beall
& Benjamin Harlan

Second Scripture Lesson

Mark 16:1-8

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

Sermon

Seized

Rev. R.C. Griffin

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

*Affirmation of Faith



From The Book of Common Worship

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

*Hymn (#240)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Call to Generosity

Geoff Pagett
& Margie Edgerton

Offertory

Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

William Wold

*Congregational Response (#238, refrain)

Thine Is the Glory

*Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

*Prayer of Dedication

One: Holy God, you shower us with gifts so abundant, we cannot measure them all.

All: You give us life itself and the power to befriend our companions in this world. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn (#248)

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

*Charge & Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Ode to Joy

*Ludwig Von Beethoven
Arr. Thomas Quigley*

*Postlude

Easter Postlude

William Wold

***Please rise, in body or spirit.**

Annual Meeting of the Congregation (Part 2)

The Session of North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church has scheduled Part 2 of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation for Sunday, April 7, 2024 after our 11:am worship service (approx. 12:00noon) for the purpose of:

- Electing Ruling Elders (Class of 2026) and church Nominating Committee
- Hear and act upon a recommendation concerning the sale of the Bullis property.

This meeting will be conducted in hybrid fashion - the Zoom invitation will be emailed as the date draws closer.



Scan for bulletin info,
news, and more!

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,

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
 Korean Trans. © The Christian Literature Society of Korea

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

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

Be Not Afraid

243

Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody in the upper staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note C5. The bass line in the lower staff consists of a series of chords and single notes, including a half note G3, a quarter note F3, and a quarter note E3.

Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

The second system of music is identical in notation to the first system, featuring the same melodic and harmonic structure in both treble and bass clefs.

Intended for repeated singing like other chants from the Taizé Community, this text began in Czech as "Nebojte se." The English version uses the language of the angel's greeting to Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary," who went to Jesus' tomb on Easter morning (Matthew 28:5-6).

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1998
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1998
Text and Music © 1998 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

BE NOT AFRAID
4.4.8.D

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 -

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 to Refrain

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.

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.

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai-ment
 he greets us, scat-ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad-ness
 with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

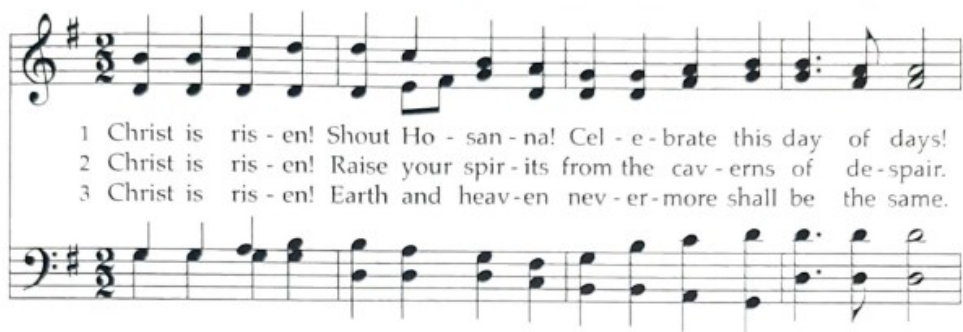
where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting, Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing
 to thy home a - bove.

This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Joshua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

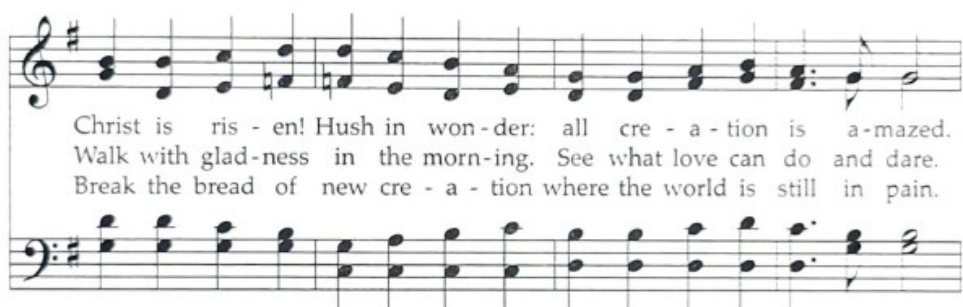
Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

The image shows a musical score for a vocal line. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The melody in the treble staff starts with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

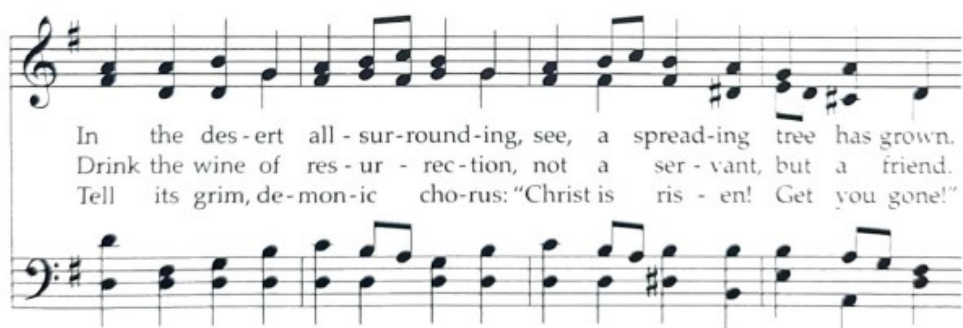
Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248



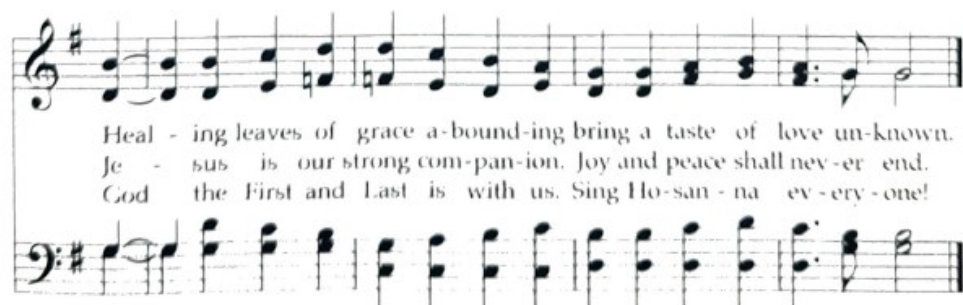
1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."