

Everybody's Church



First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

Sunday, March 31, 2024, 10:00am, Easter Sunday

Vision Statement

As Everybody's Church we commit ourselves to serving Christ by cultivating mission, inclusion and community.

Inclusion Statement

As Everybody's Church we strive to be a faithful, open and inclusive community. We welcome the full participation of all people of any ability, gender identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or any other life circumstance.

PRELUDE

"Alleluia from Exsultate Jubilate"
Charlotte Marjorie, soloist

Mozart

"The Rain is Over and Gone"
Beth Lackey, soloist

Halley

"Allegro"

Mozart

*The music this morning is offered as an act of worship,
therefore, please refrain from applause.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lou Nyiri

One: This is the good news—
the grave is empty;
Christ is risen.

Many: **Hallelujah!**

One: This is the good news—
the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never put it out.

Many: **Hallelujah!**

One: This is the good news—
once we were no people;
now we are God's people.

Many: **Hallelujah!**

One: Christ is our peace,
the indestructible peace
we now share with each other.

Many: **Hallelujah!**

All: **Let us worship God!**

†HYMN 232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Hymntune: EASTER HYMN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Martha Piesko

*After Time With the Younger Church, children 3 years old—5th grade
will proceed to their classrooms.*

Please join in reading those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

†When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or in spirit.

We are an intentionally inclusive congregation and value the richness of worshiping with all God's people. There are times in the sanctuary when shouts or other loud noises may occur. We accept these without judgment, unless they are signs of distress in need of attention.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Ted Thode

UNISON 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.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†RESPONSE 238 vs. 1 “Thine Is the Glory”

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Dr. Kate Thoresen

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

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

One: The word of the Lord.
Many: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“Wondrous Love”
Chancel Choir

Edmonds

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Luke 24:1-12

One: The word of the Lord.
Many: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Can It Be?”

Rev. Lou Nyiri

*“They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
but when they went in they did not find the body.” – Luke 24:2*

OFFERING INFORMATION

*Members and guests, please sign the Fellowship Pads
to let us know of your presence with us.
We are also receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing offering today.*

Confession acknowledges the reality of sin in our personal and corporate lives. This practice relieves us from the burden of sin and reminds us of the promise of God's forgiveness and grace sealed in our baptism.

Please follow along with the reading on page 565 of the Old Testament in your Pew Bible.

Please follow along with the reading on page 90 of the New Testament in your Pew Bible.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND RESOURCES

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Hallelujah from Messiah”
Chancel Choir

Handel

Please remain seated for the anthem.

†THE DOXOLOGY 609 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Joanne Blair

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.

†HYMN 248

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

Hymntune: HYMN TO JOY

†BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Toccata from Symphony No. 5”

Widor

The service of worship concludes following the postlude. Please take this time to reflect on the day’s worship.

Andrew Herbruck, Director of Music Ministries, is playing the service.

Visitors, thank you for joining us today. Please sign the Fellowship Pad or use this QR code to register your attendance:



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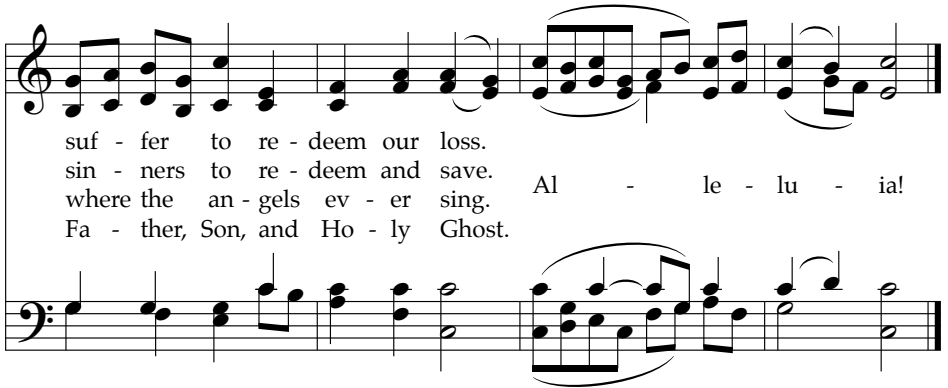
232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, 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 heaven - 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 heaven - 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.



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 예수 부활 했으니 할렐루야
 만민 찬송 하여라
 천사들이 즐거워
 기뻐 찬송 부르네
- 2 대속하신 주 예수 할렐루야
 선한 싸움 이겼네
 사망 권세 이기고
 하늘 문을 여셨네
- 3 마귀 권세 이긴 주 할렐루야
 왕의 왕이 되셨네
 높은 이름 세상에
 널리 반포 하여라
- 4 길과 진리 되신 주 할렐루야
 우리 부활 하겠네
 부활 생명 되시니
 우리 부활 하겠네

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."