



April 12, 2020

## THE GATHERING

WELCOME

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Joshua Stewart

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**\*\*Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God our Creator and Sustainer, by raising Christ your Son you conquered death and opened the way of eternal life. Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that you have placed within us. Make of this time an opening into eternity, that the empty tomb might change us from within, and forever. Grant that our lives will shine forth the brilliant light of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN 232

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

(see end of document)

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 abundant and eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

## ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 15.19-21; 50-58

*If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;*

*What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.*

*Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal*

*body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 16.1-8

*When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.*

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

#### MEDITATION

Robyn Michalove

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#### ANTHEM

*Risen Today*

Dan Forrest

Caleb Yurasek, tambourine; Rebecca Sawyer, piano

*Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Earth and heav'n in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high! Alleluia! Sing ye heav'ns and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise! Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once, He all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave, Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led! Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like we arise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### 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.**

MOMENT OF SELF OFFEERING

DOXOLOGY 606

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

(see end of document)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## GOING IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN 233

*The Day of Resurrection*

(see end of document)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

# 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,

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

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# 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures  
here be - low; praise \*him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*\*Or "God"*

# 233 The Day of Resurrection!

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.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.