



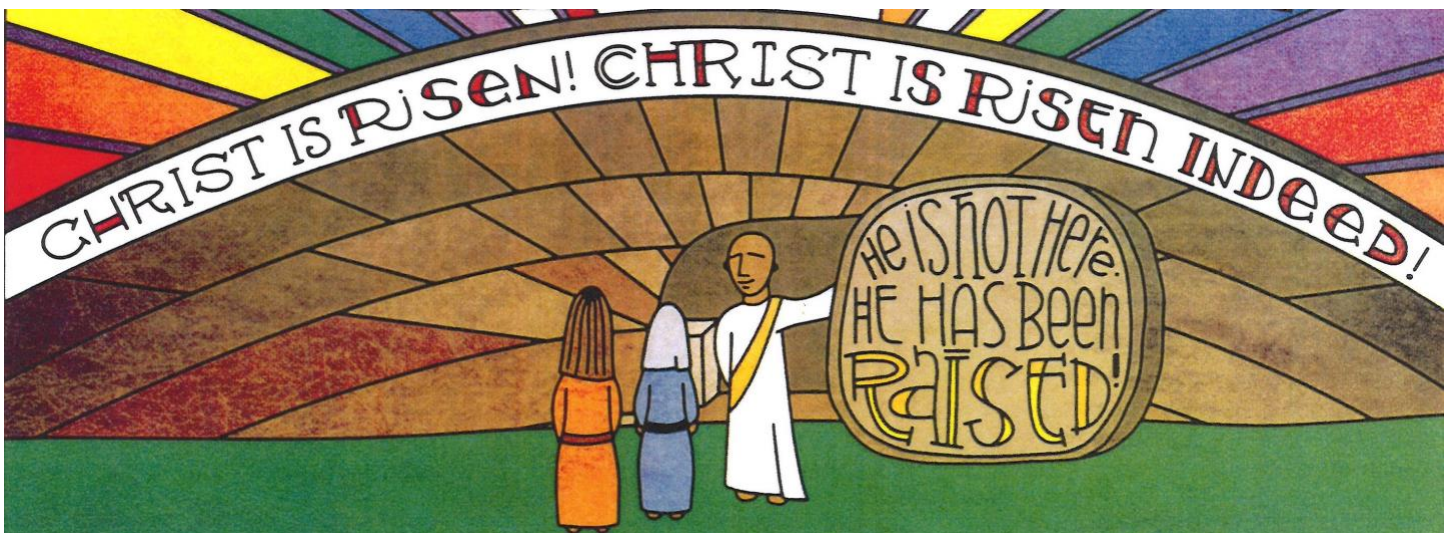
INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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RESURRECTION OF THE LORD EASTER SUNDAY

April 4, 2021



C.J. Briggs, Music Director
Dean Jermann, Head Usher
Julie Lehmann, Church Secretary

Carol Tomasko, Liturgist (8:30am)
R. David Rahn, Liturgist (10:30am)
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

THE EMPTY TOMB: *“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 afraid. But he said to them, “Do not be afraid; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.” (Mark 16:1-6)*

- GATHERING -

GATHERING MUSIC

THE EMPTY TOMB MARK 16:1-6 (NRSV)

PRELUDE HOW FAIR AND HOW PLEASANT ART THOU Op. 18. No. 5
Marcel Dupré

EASTER WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!

HYMN JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY GTG #232
Lyra Davidica; verse 4 by Charles Wesley EASTER HYMN

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, in raising Christ from the dead, you have set us free from the power of sin and death. We have been called to love you with all of who we are and to love our neighbors as ourselves, yet we confess we remain captive to doubt and fear, and bound in hate. We overlook the poor and hungry; pass by those who mourn; are deaf to the cries of the oppressed; and indifferent to calls for peace. Empower us with the new life of the risen Christ so that we might be free to love you, others and ourselves as Christ taught us. Amen.

RESPONSE BE NOT AFRAID GTG #243
Taizé Community and Jacques Berthier BE NOT AFRAID

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried,
and rose again on the third day.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe
and proclaim the good news to the world.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.



ALLELUIA

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!
Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell
Stanzas, Marty Haugen

GTG #591
HALLE HALLE

- THE WORD -

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

JESUS IS ALIVE
"Children of God Storybook Bible"
by Desmond Tutu

Luke 24/John 20



PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

MARK 16:5-8

(NRSV)

This is the good news we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

JOHN 20:1-18

(NRSV)

SERMON

MEDITATION ON AN EMPTY TOMB

Rev. Wigger

ALLELUIA

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!
Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell

GTG #591
HALLE HALLE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,**

the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ,

fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

Jesus was crucified,

**suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place,

**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God**

in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.



- RESPONDING TO THE WORD –

OFFERING

*Offerings intended for “One Great Hour of Sharing” should be placed in the special offering envelopes and/or indicated as such in the Memo line.
You may also give directly at: specialofferings.pcusa.org*

RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

Words by Thomas Ken

OLD HUNDREDTH

Music from the Genevan Psalter

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God who brings new life to creation,
hear our prayer.

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.



INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE



Words of Institution

...Whenever you break bread and drink wine like this, remember me and remember God's love for you.

Host of our salvation and Visitor to our lives, send your transforming power upon this Bread and your freely given love upon this Cup. Risen Christ, live in us that we may live in you. Amen

The Bread on your table is blessed and broken, a meal of grace.

Sharing love, we will never be hungry.

The Cup on your table is blessed and shared,
like the overflowing of tears and joy.

Drinking deeply, we will never thirst.

In thanksgiving for this meal of grace and in the holy dispersion of virtual worship, and the holy cautious re-gathering in familiar pews, we claim the risen Christ's love found on every table. Let us pray:

O Holy One, we come to you with lilies and tears, with personal Alleluias we whisper that soar like the greatest choir. We claim the resurrection for those we love who are tenderly sheltered in your arms and name the resurrection as your invitation to all the weary, all those who need hope. May our lives become your table in all the world. Through Jesus of Nazareth, our Risen Christ, we pray.

EUCCHARIST HYMN BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN

GTG #497

Words by Susan R. Briehl

ARGENTINE SANTO

Argentine Melody

*There is an outer seal accessing the wafer and an inner seal accessing the juice.
Please take, and discard, your cup when you leave.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

HYMN

CHRIST IS RISEN! SHOUT HOSANNA!

GTG #248

Words by Brian Wren

HYMN TO JOY

BENEDICTION

Christ is risen!

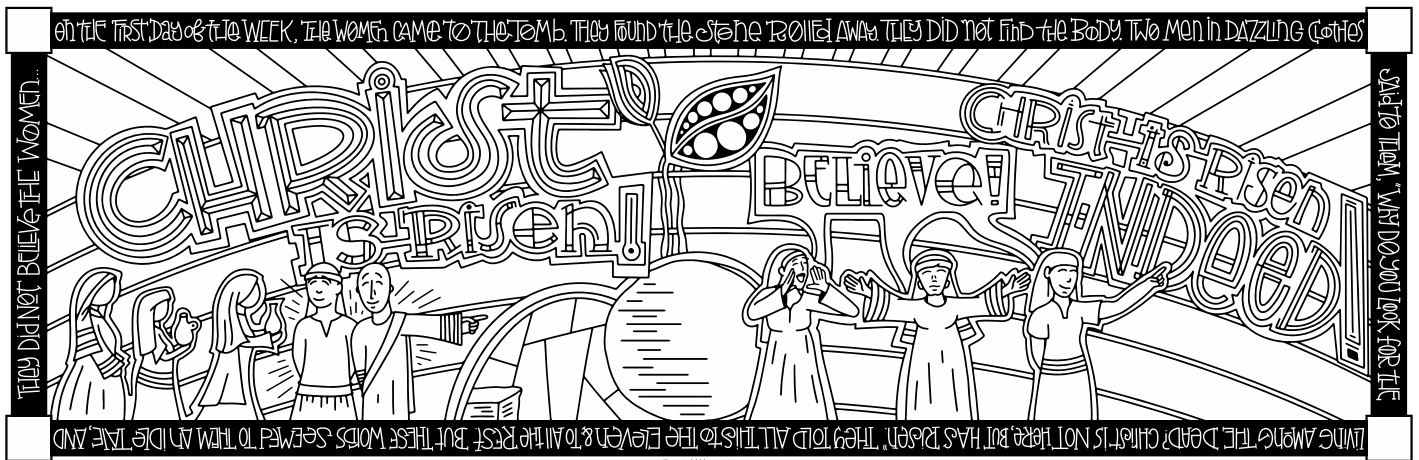
Christ is risen indeed!

POSTLUDE

THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS


from The Messiah

by George F. Handel; arr. by Ellen Jane Lorenz



*Thank you to everyone who ordered an Easter plant.
They can be picked up any time AFTER the 10:30am service on Easter!*

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: the *Book of Common Worship*, PC(USA); *Presbyterian Outlook*, Roger Gench; and Maren C. Tirabassi *Gifts in Open Hands* (NRSV) = New Revised Standard Version; GTG = "Glory to God" Hymnal



This is my
commandment,
That ye love
one another,
as I have
loved you.

- JOHN 15:12 -