



Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Sunday April 4, 2021

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Welcome to worship today! We are grateful you are here as part of the gathered and scattered community of God. Please note that our worship will be recorded / live streamed so that those who could not make it would be part of the worship service. We will celebrate with communion today. Please make sure to pick up your own cup at the door.

A couple helpful hints to make sure that we are all safe here together:

- Please keep your mask on and over your entire nose and mouth for the duration of service.
- During the music portion of the service, we invite you to listen quietly in your seats.
- Please practice social distancing.
- Feel free to drop-off your offering on your way out, and thank you!

Invitation Song

Death Be Not Proud

by Audrey Assad sung by Jon Frost and worship band, Westminster Presbyterian Church, West Chester, PA

Call to Worship

An empty tomb led the disciples to the promise of God's never-ending love.

What we have witnessed over this past year leads us right here to this starting point in faith and our new life.

Because of what we have witnessed we will never be the same.

Pack up your impossibilities and leave them at the empty tomb.

New life is God's gift to us.

Because of what we have witnessed we will never be the same.

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen, Indeed!

Song

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

(hymnary.org)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia

All creation, join to say: Alleluia

Raise your joys and triumphs, Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Verse 2

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!

Verse 3

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where you victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Verse 4

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

Passing of the Peace

If you are worshipping with us online we invite you to greet one another and offer a word of peace, too.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Hymn

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

sung by Rev. Aisha Brooks-Lytle

1. Jesus walked this lonesome valley;
He had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;
He had to walk it by himself.

2. We must walk this lonesome valley;
We have to walk it by ourselves.
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us;
We have to walk it by ourselves.

3. You must go and stand your trial;
You have to stand it by yourself.
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you;
You have to stand it by yourself.

Unison Confession

Elder Al Shipley

Oh God, of valley and plains, hopes and dreams, we confess to You today that we've been afraid to witness to Your glory. We're unsure that we will do it wrong, when You ask us to simply tell the story of how Your love conquered all. Forgive the broken fragments of our community that rob the good news to all people. Give us quick feet to share the resurrection story and patient hearts to carry it with us. Forgive our desire to hold on to what no longer serves to raise up new life in us and the world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Amen, Hallelujah! We are forgiven!

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture

Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18

Sermon

Pastor Erin

Communion

Pastor Erin

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us lift up our hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Words of Institution

Lord's Supper is Shared

Prayer After Communion

Song

Sung by Westminster Presbyterian Church, West Chester, PA Chancel choir,
Bob Morris and Glenn Kinckner

Refrain:

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.

Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally.

Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory.

Refrain

Blessing

Pastor Erin