

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Presbyterian Church
Tallahassee, Florida
Second Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2025, 11:00 AM



GATHERING

Ringling of the Zimbelstern

Voluntary

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

John Hebden Schaffner

Call to Worship

Ethan Murphy

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Praise God in God's sanctuary!

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Praise God for God's mighty deeds!

Praise God according to God's surpassing greatness!

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Hallelujah!

Opening Prayer

Rev. Glenn Hodges

*Hymn 242

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

IN DIR IST FREUDE

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

O God, your love is boundless

and your grace exceeds our imaginations.

You keep finding ways to be among us,

even when the doors of our hearts are locked.

Graciously, you seek us out.

We cannot hide,

but we can confess that sin has us in its grip.

It has led us from your ways

and corrupted our best intentions,

tempting us to believe that you don't notice,

that you aren't even present.

Correct our vision.

Cleanse our hearts.

Create in us a place where we can welcome you

and receive the fullness of what you have given us in Jesus Christ.

*Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Amen.**

*Asterisks indicate to please rise in body or spirit. Congregational responses are in **bold print**.

*Response

Christ Our Passover

(*Pascha nostrum*)

Jeffrey Rickard

Refrain sung by all; verse sung by the choir.

Congregational Refrain

f Forcefully

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o -

- ver has been sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us

keep the feast, Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Choir: Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil; But with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. [Refrain]

*The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

PROCLAIMING

Prayer for Illumination

Vincent Bagay

Acts of the Apostles

Acts 5:27–32

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Hymn 681

This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made (Psalm 118)

NUN DUNKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'

Epistle

Revelations 1:4–8

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*Hymn 231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

SUO GAN

Gospel

John 20:19-31

Rev. Glenn Hodges

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Sermon

RESPONDING

*Affirmation of Faith

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

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

... through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

Call to Offering

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Anthem

O Praise God in His Holiness

Noel Rawsthorne

*O praise God in his holiness, praise him in the firmament of his pow'r.
Praise him in his noble acts, praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound, in the sound of the trumpet.
Praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances.
Praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well tuned cymbals, praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let ev'rything that hath breath praise the Lord.*

*Presentation Hymn 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn 239

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Glenn Hodges

The blessing of the eternal, triune God—Alpha and Omega,
first and last, beginning and end—be with you all. **Alleluia!**
Come, Lord Jesus! **Amen.**

Voluntary

Fantasy on “Nun danket all”

Aaron David Miller

IN WORSHIP TODAY

Our reader today is Vincent Bagay, one of the choral scholars who has been singing with us this year. Vincent will graduate this May with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and a minor in Film Studies.

Today's Sanctuary Flowers are placed in memory of Carol Lou Phillips and in thanksgiving for all of the gifts that she shared with First Presbyterian Church.

"Kingdom" or "Kindom" in the Lord's Prayer? Kingdoms were the dominant community structure when our Scriptures were written. Some find it meaningful to think about other Biblical metaphors to convey the ethos of care and genuine kin-ships about which Jesus taught and preached. Please pray as you choose.

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations — We offer prayers for healing for Harriet Chase, Barbara Kronholz, Cole (grandson of Rich Peyton), Alan Williams, Martha Kutter, Sandy Burkholder, Wayne Friedemann, Morris Springer, Patricia Yeilding, Cindy Harden, Joyce Crawford, Bev Breedlove, Tara Reynolds, Sandra Sherrard, and Martha Snowden. **We offer prayers for strength and mercy** for the family of Carol Lou Phillips, whose memorial service took place in the sanctuary yesterday, Evanna (Wayne Friedemann's sister), Patricia McCoy Delancey, Thaddeus Gillon, and Aidan (grandson of Sue Safford). We pray for the staff and volunteers of Second Harvest of the Big Bend and all our mission partners, and for victims of gun violence in our community and our country. We pray for the Presbyterian Reformed Church in Cuba, Pastor Izett Samá Hernández, and Pastor Alison Infante. We pray for peace in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, and around the world. **We also pray for those in military service**, including Brian Guisao, Ross Yeilding, David DelRossi, and Owen Elzie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children are welcome in this service as full members of God's family. Parents and children are invited to use whatever is useful in the basket by the back door. Child care for children under the age of kindergarten is in the Education Building. Please note that during worship the Education Building is locked. Please enter through the breezeway door.

Restrooms are located in this building through the door at the end of each aisle of the sanctuary.

An induction loop system is available in the sanctuary. To use the system, switch your compatible hearing aid to the T—telephone mode or request a wireless headset from an usher.

Large print versions of the *Glory to God* hymnal and worship bulletin are available from ushers.

Visitors: We are glad you are here this morning! If you have questions about our congregation or about church membership, please let us know by using the friendship registers or speaking to one of the greeters so we can connect you with the right people. We welcome new members after worship on the second Sunday of each month.

Check-in



Let us know
you came to
Worship today!



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Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the

gos - pel spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ

ris - en from the dead! 1 Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -
2 Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to

pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;
danc - ing; sing now the mys - tery, hope of our glo - ry;

sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of

This joyful Easter hymn brings together many images and responses evoked by Christ's Resurrection. As the second stanza affirms, it does turn mourning into dancing (Psalm 30:11), for this 20th-century text was written to fit the rhythms of this 16th-century Italian dance-song.

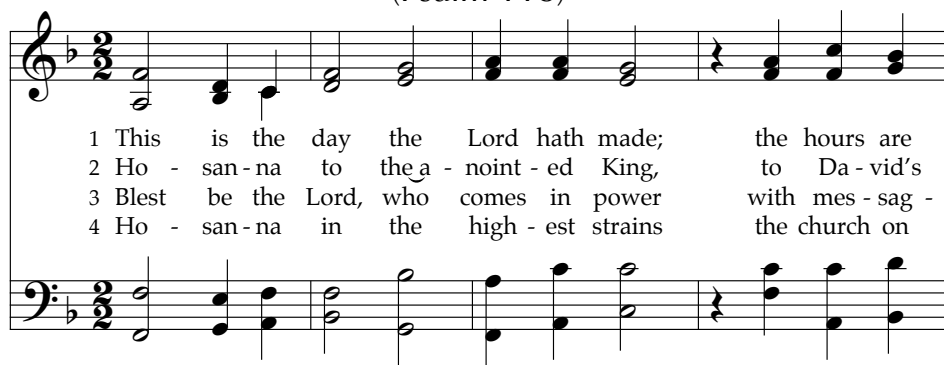
JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor

wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!
last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

681 This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

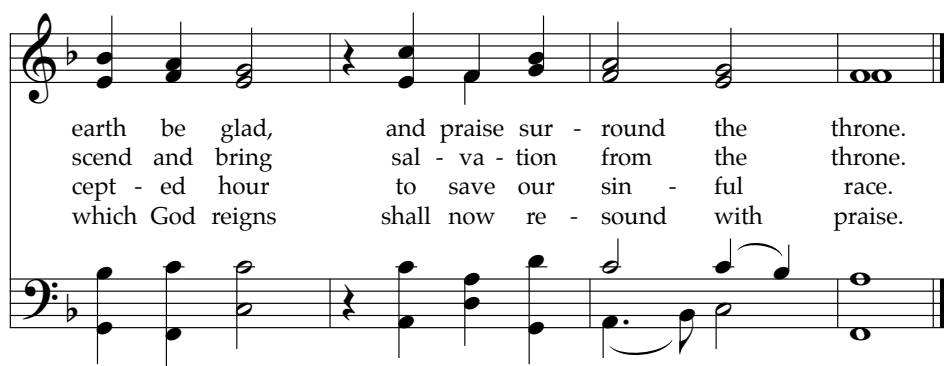
(Psalm 118)



1 This is the day the Lord hath made; the hours are
 2 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, to Da - vid's
 3 Blest be the Lord, who comes in power with mes - sag -
 4 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains the church on



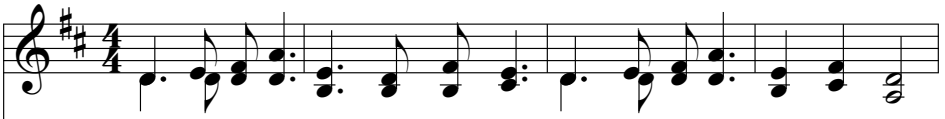
all God's own. Let heaven re - joice; let
 ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -
 es of grace, who comes in this ac -
 earth can raise! The high - est heavens in



earth be glad, and praise sur - round the throne.
 scend and bring sal - va - tion from the throne.
 cept - ed hour to save our sin - ful race.
 which God reigns shall now re - sound with praise.

These stanzas provide Watts's paraphrase of Psalm 118:24-29 (minus a stanza he inserted about Easter and Pentecost as part of his effort to Christianize the Psalms). They are set to a tune composed for and named by a Paul Gerhardt text, "Now Let All Thank and Bring Honor."

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers 231



1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-lenge and to change



as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.



Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
 Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud-dled in an up - stairs room.
 Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:



let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris-en, God is here!
 He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
 ev - i - dence of trans-for-mation in which God is known and seen.



Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

D A D

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures

Bm A D G D Bm E A D

high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise

D

God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it

G A D Em A Bm

one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

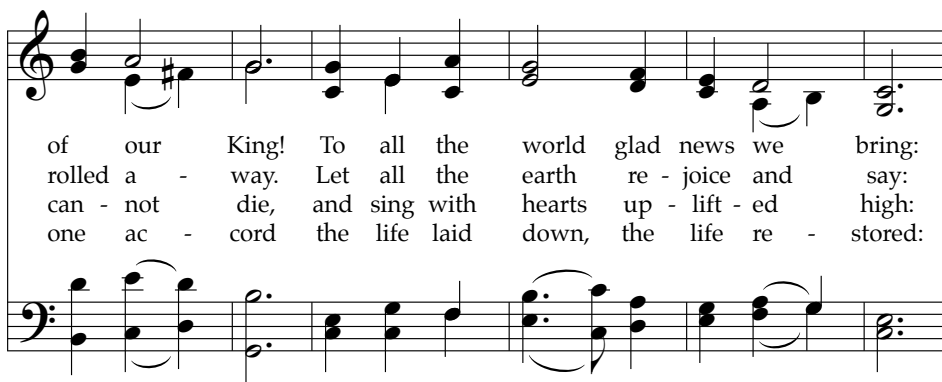
Em D G A Em G A D

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! 239



1 Good Chris-tians all, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph
 2 The Lord of life is risen to-day! Death's might-y stone is
 3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry that love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, and sing to-day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 rolled a-way. Let all the earth re-joice and say:
 can-not die, and sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:
 one ac-cord the life laid down, the life re-stored:



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

This 20th-century Easter text is both a song of encouragement (stanzas 1–3 directed to the congregation) and a song of praise (stanza 4 addressed to the risen Christ), all ending with joyous alleluias. It was written specifically for the dancelike 17th-century tune found here.