



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Easter Day Worship
First Presbyterian Church
Tallahassee, Florida
April 5, 2026, 11:00 AM

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Glenn Hodges

Ringing of the Zimbelstern

Voluntary

Pièce d'Orgue, BWV 572

J.S. Bach

Call to Worship

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Prayer of Adoration

*Entrance Hymn 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Asterisks invite the congregation to rise in body or spirit. Congregational responses are in **bold print.*

*Litany for Easter

From the chaos before creation and the destruction of the flood.

O Lord of life, deliver us.

From the devastating sacrifice and the armies of the enemy.

O Lord of life, deliver us.

From the vanity of wickedness and the bread that only perishes.

O Lord of life, deliver us.

From the power of the oppressor and the hardness of our own hearts.

O Lord of life, deliver us.

From the valley of dry bones and the furnace of blazing fire.

O Lord of life, deliver us.

From the belly of the beast and the disgrace of exile.

O Lord of life, deliver us.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead,
for he is alive and has become the Lord of life.

From the waters of death you raise us with him
and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts
the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people
toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

*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.

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.**

**We have lived for ourselves,
and apart from you.**

**We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.**

**We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the
oppressed.**

**In your great mercy forgive our sins
and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will
and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of God's promise:
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Everyone who calls on the
name of the Lord will be saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

*Response

Pascha nostrum

Jeffrey Rickard

Refrain sung by all; verse sung by the choir.

Congregational Refrain

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, Alleluia! [Refrain]

*The Peace

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

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Miriam Gurniak

New Testament Reading

Acts 10:34-43

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

Hymn 681

This is the Day the Lord Hath Made
(Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24)

NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET HER'

Epistle

Colossians 3:1-4

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

*Hymn 485

We Know that Christ is Raised

ENGELBERG

**Please remain standing for the Gospel reading.*

*Gospel

John 20:1-18

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

*Affirmation of Faith (Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and Apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

EUCCHARIST

Call To Offering

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Crown Him, the Risen King!

Lloyd Larson

*All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing:
"Christ is risen! Christ is risen!"
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia!
Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!*

*Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
His Kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
All creatures of our God and King,
Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia!*

*Presentation Hymn 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*...Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name.*

Hymn 513 v. 3

Festival Canticle

*...Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
as a living and holy offering of ourselves,
that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.*

Hymn 513 v.1

Festival Canticle

*...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church,
now and forever. **Amen.***

Hymn 513 v.4

Festival Canticle

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kindom 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 kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Music During Communion

Bell Choir

The Day of Resurrection

arr. Barbara Kinyon

Hymn 255

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

O FILII ET FILIAE

*Prayer After Communion

SENDING

*Hymn 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*Blessing and Charge

Beloved children of God, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ,
and the blessing of the Lord forever. **Alleluia!**

As Jesus called the first disciples, so he calls to us this day: Follow me. **Amen.**

Voluntary

Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 625

J.S. Bach

IN WORSHIP TODAY

“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 Sabrina Wright, Juana Maria Diaz Perez (mother of Ruben Diaz), Bob Rackleff, Rich Peyton, Brant Copeland, Martha Kutter, Joyce Crawford, Bev Breedlove, Tara Reynolds, Sandra Sherrard, Martha Snowden and Wayne Friedemann. **We offer prayers for strength and mercy** for the family of Sue Safford, who died April 1; Evanna (sister of Wayne Friedemann), Patricia McCoy Delancey, and Thaddeus Gillon. **We pray for the staff and volunteers** of Second Harvest of the Big Bend and all our mission partners. **We pray 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.

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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 door to the Narthex. Childcare 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 ground floor 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 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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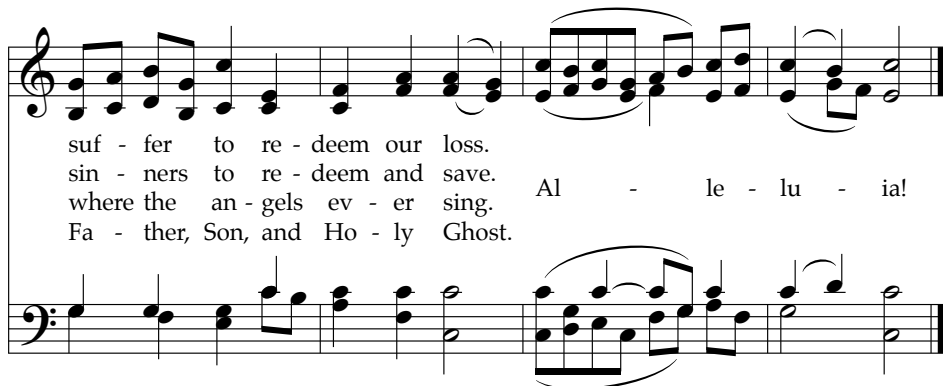
232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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

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 - jice; 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."

We Know That Christ Is Raised 485

Capo 3: (D)

(Asus) (A)

(A/G)

(D/F#)

F

Csus C

C/B^b

F/A



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

(D)

(A)

(D)

(E7)

(A)

F

C

F

G7

C



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life
 The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the church of God.
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

(Am)

(D)

(G)

(Em)

(Bm)

Cm

F

B^b

Gm

Dm



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse, re - stored and whole, will sing:

1-3

(Em)

(D) (Asus) (A)

(Em)

(D)

Gm

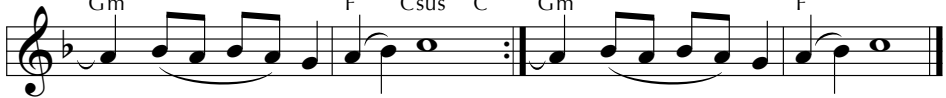
F

Csus

C

Gm

F



Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Beginning with an allusion to Romans 6:9, this exuberant baptismal hymn unfolds the implications of our incorporation into Christ's new life, making us "a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The text was written to fit this expansive tune by a distinguished British composer.

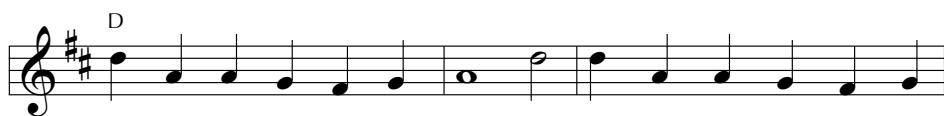
609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



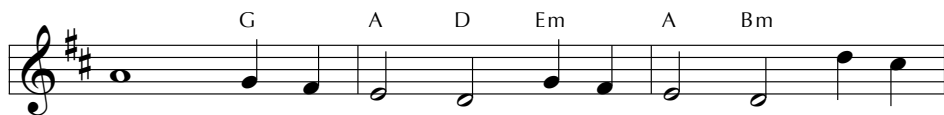
Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures



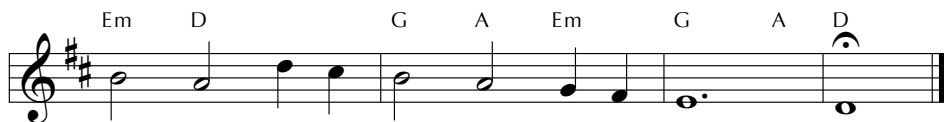
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise



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



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



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

This Is the Feast of Victory 513

Refrain D Bm F#m G A7 Bm D/F#

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-

Em7 A7 D F To stanzas Last time
Em A A7 Em A7 D

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

D F#m Bm D Bm D G

- 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Em A7 Bm F#m G Em Asus A7
to Refrain

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia!

This exuberant unrhymed paraphrase is especially well suited for use at celebrations of the Lord's Supper in Easter Season. The stanzas are derived from several passages in Revelation (5:9–10, 12–14; 7:10b, 12), while the refrain possibly refers to 1 Corinthians 15:54b–56.

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing 255

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

1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing with
 2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; a -
 le - lu - ia!
 3 When Thom - as first the ti - dings heard, how
 4 "My pier - ed side, O Thom - as, see; and

heaven - ly hosts to Christ our King; to - day the grave has
 mong them came their Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be
 they had seen the ris - en Lord, he doubt - ed the dis -
 look up - on my hands, my feet; not faith - less, but be -

lost its sting!
 with you here." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ci - ples' word.
 liev - ing be."

5 No longer Thomas then denied;
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 How blest are they who have not seen,
 and yet whose faith has constant been,
 for they eternal life shall win.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

These stanzas from a 19th-century translation of a longer 15th-century Latin text are the continuation of hymn no. 235 and are based on the traditional gospel reading for the Second Sunday of Easter. They are sung to a 15th-century French tune adapted for church use.

238 Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai-ment
 he greets us, scat-ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad-ness
 with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death-less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing
 to thy home a - bove.

This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Joshua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

The image shows a musical score for a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature (C). The piano accompaniment is written on a bass clef staff with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are: "Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won." The music consists of a series of chords and melodic lines that support the text.