

Alleluia



HE IS RISEN

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
April 4, 2021
Easter Sunday
8:30 AM

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GATHERING

Voluntary: Christ the Lord is Risen Today.....Patricia Cota
Jesus Paid it All.....Patricia Cota
(8:30)

Piece d'Orgue BWV 572.....J. S. Bach
(11:00)

Welcome..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

Introit: Alleluia, the Lord is Risen IndeedBen Troxler

† Easter Proclamation

Liturgist: *Christ is risen!*

People: Christ is risen indeed!

† Processional Hymn No. 302 Easter Hymn Christ the Lord is Risen Today

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!**

† Call to Worship.....Christopher Harris

Liturgist: *We have been released from tombs of pain and doubt, fear and death.*

People: We are Easter people, and Alleluia is our song.

Liturgist: *We are emerging into the wonder of faith with hope in our hearts.*

People: We are Easter people, and Alleluia is our song.

Liturgist: *Jesus calls to us by name, inviting us into forgiveness and freedom.*

People: We are Easter people, and Alleluia is our song.

Liturgist: *Let us worship our risen Lord with gratitude and joy,*

People: for we are Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!

† Call to Confession

† Easter Collect (*in unison*)

God of Glory,

**you have made us Easter people
through the resurrection of your son, Jesus Christ.**

**As our Alleluias rise with joy,
grant that we might faithfully
proclaim the good news,
share in Christ's redeeming work,
and cultivate hope and peace
by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

† Silent Confession

† Words of Assurance

Liturgist: *Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!*

People: In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

† Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: *As a forgiven and reconciled people,
let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love.*

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Anthem: A Call to Alleluia Joseph Martin

Let all creation lift a joyful noise, let every nation raise a noble voice.

In celebration, let the church rejoice. Alleluia!

Let all the world in every corner sing, let every voice declare the risen King. Rejoice! Rejoice! Let glorious Alleluias ring. Alleluia!

Now let your voices be an instrument of light. Sing in the shadows and bring music to the night. With every note you sing, live praises to the King. Let your service be a grateful offering. With every anthem let your theme be more than art. Live out your song and let your adoration start. With mercy love and grace live out your songs of praise. Serve God with gladness all your days. Set free a song of joy in every place. Redeem the wrong and sing a hymn of grace. Let hearts be strong and tuned for love and joyful praise. Alleluia! Sing Alleluia!

(Joseph Martin)

Members of the Chancel and Sanctuary Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Easter Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....Kay Gabbert

Resurrecting God, open our hearts to your Holy Word so that we may truly understand; and understanding, that we may believe; and believing, that we may follow Jesus Christ in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Amen.

† Lesson from the Gospel: John 20:1-18

† Response to the Lessons

Liturgist: *Great is the mystery of the Gospel.*

People: Thanks be to God.

† Hymn No. 304: Easter People, Raise Your Voices.....Regent Square

**Easter people, raise your voices,
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices;
heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.**

**Fear of death can no more stop us
from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to
triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.**

**Every day to us is Easter,
with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster
to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.**

Sermon: From Grief to Joy..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith (*in unison*) The Apostles’ Creed

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Stacey Harwell-Dye

Salutation

Liturgist: *The Lord be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**
Liturgist: *Let us pray.*

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*in unison*)

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

Offertory Anthem: The Lily of the ValleyWendell Whalum

He’s the lily of the valley, Oh, my Lord.
I’ve never been to heaven but I’ve been told,
that the streets up there are paved with gold.
What kind of shoes are those You wear,
You can walk up in the air?
These shoes I wear are gospel shoes,
and you can wear these if you choose.

† Doxology.....No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 303: The Day of Resurrection.....Lancashire

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
And listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own “All hail!” and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.**

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah*.....G. F. Handel

Voluntary: Toccata from *Fifth Organ Symphony*.....Charles-Marie Widor

† *The congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

*Livestream and video recording happen during our church services
and worship events.*

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The altar flowers this Easter morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Burton Wilkerson Rice, his mother, Helen Wilkerson Rice, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Burton Wilkerson, by Judith, William, and Elizabeth Rice.

The Easter cross located by the West End narthex doors was donated by the Cornerstone and Foundations Sunday School classes.



Everyone is welcome at West End! We seek to be the loving light of Christ in Nashville and beyond. We gather as the people of God with a wide range of religious backgrounds, education levels, political and theological perspectives, and we value that diversity. We welcome and celebrate the gifts God has given to everyone: every age, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic and family status, ethnicity, and mental and physical ability. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

Note all activities are postponed as we practice social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19. Please visit westendumc.org for the latest news and updates as we continue our ministry.

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Music Participants: The Chamber Choir. Minister of Music Matthew Phelps is organist-director. (11 AM). Scott Brons is conducting (8:30). Andrew Risinger is organist and accompanist. The Joy Ringers. Matthew Phelps and Scott Brons are conducting.

During our hymns this morning, we ask that you remain masked. Robust singing is not advised at this time, so you are welcome to listen to our chamber choir or sing along quietly into your mask.

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