

EASTER



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7:00 A.M. SUNRISE SERVICE

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AN EASTER WELCOME

We welcome members and visitors to this celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we worship with joy and thanksgiving, may we sense the presence of the risen Christ and the transformational power of the Holy Spirit. If you are visiting with us, we hope you will return again soon and find in this church family a spiritual home and refuge. Our good news and proclamation today and always is: Jesus Christ is risen and he is Lord!

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Please join in reading and singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Sonata in A, I. Andante grazioso

W. A. Mozart

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Death has been swallowed in victory.

The grave has lost its sting.

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed!

And we are alive in Christ! Glory to God! Alleluia!

HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
(Stanzas 1 and 2; see page 6)

EASTER HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living Lord, when we stand before the empty tomb

we don't always feel the joy of resurrection.

We feel fear, doubt, and distrust.

We feel empty.

Forgive the fear that paralyzes us at the brink of new life.

Forgive our doubt of your love.

Forgive our distrust of your surprising, joyous plan.

Fill our emptiness with your glorious light.

Raise us to abundant new life

for the glory of your name.

AFFIRMATION OF GRACE

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POEM

“Easter”

Rev. M. Jade Kaiser

Keep your proclamations of grandeur.
Give me an Easter as small as a seed.
One that can be planted while it's still cold outside.
One that can be watered with tears,
and demands time and patience to grow.

I don't need to know how large it will become,
how long until it blossoms,
or even if it will be pretty.
I only want it to grow roots that dig deep down,
striving for life in the underbelly of the world.

Spare me the cosmic promises of other-worldly escape
and point me to the Sacred possibilities within reach.

Tell me again about how the nutrients born from decay
keep even the saddest places brimming with potential for life.

HOMILY

RESPONDING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in resurrection—
**mysterious, beyond our understanding, and yet,
like tulips after the snow: real.**

We believe in Easter morning—
in the promise of a God who would roll back every stone to return to us.

We believe in Jesus—
**who calls us by name and asks,
“Who are you looking for?”**

So we look—
for justice, for mercy, for God in our midst.
And as we look, we sing, “Alleluia!” Amen.

HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
(Stanzas 3 and 4; see page 6)

EASTER HYMN

PRAYER

SENDING

CLOSING WORDS

Glory be to you,
God, our strength and our redeemer.

The vacant cross and the empty tomb
vindicate your claim
that the love which suffers
is the love which saves.
So, fill your people with joy
and your church with celebration

**That the world may know
That your son Jesus
Is not a hero we commemorate in death,
But the living Lord we worship,
To whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, Be our praise forever. Amen.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

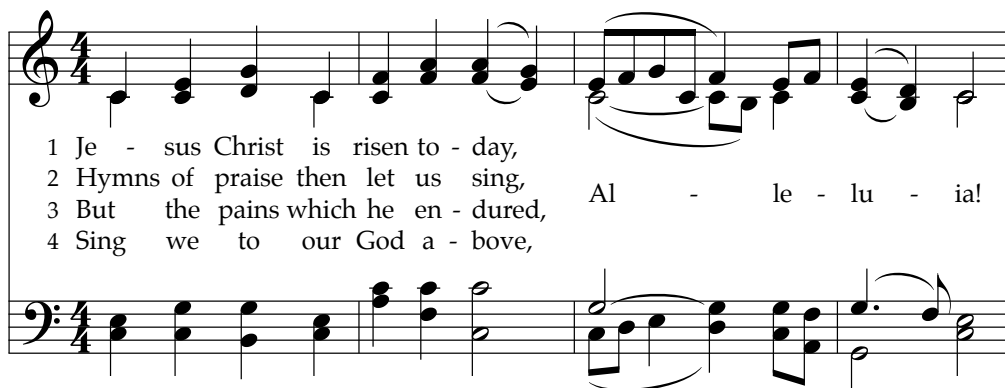
Sonata in A, III. Alla turca

W. A. Mozart

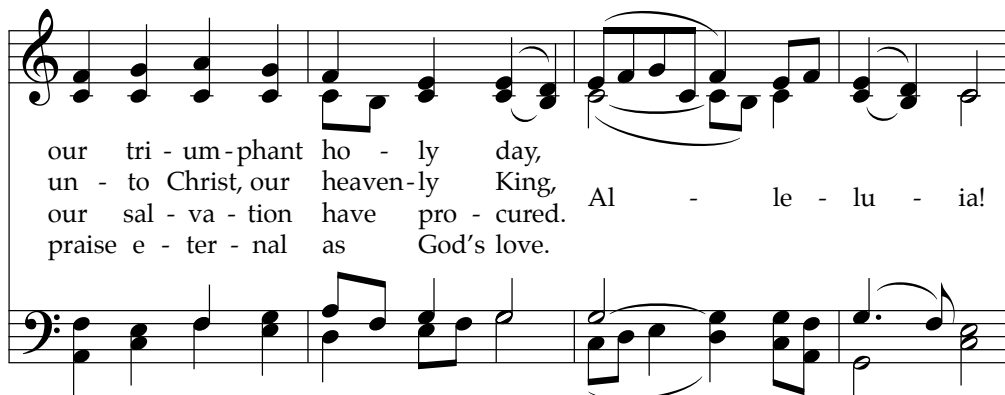


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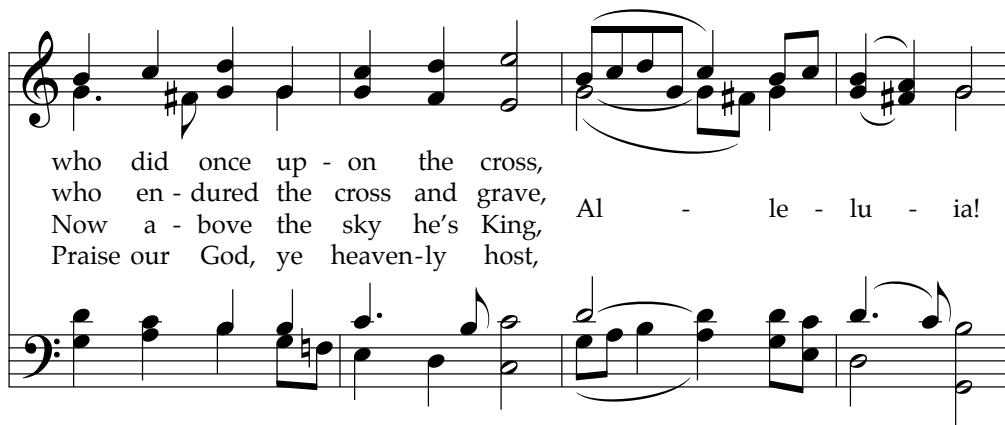
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1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured,
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



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,

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The treble staff contains the melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The lyrics are: "suf - fer to re - deem our loss. sin - ners to re - deem and save. where the an - gels ev - er sing. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!". The music is in a common time signature (C) and features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some chords and rests. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with "Al - le - lu - ia!" appearing after a short musical phrase.

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
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where the an - gels ev - er sing.
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WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

WELCOME TO FIRST PRES

We are so thankful that you have joined us today for Worship. If you are looking for a church to grow in your faith, you are welcome here at First Pres! We invite you to join us at our next TELL ME MORE event on April 16, at 11:00 a.m. For more info, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org. We look forward to personally meeting you. **PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE** by signing the online Friendship Pad by using the QR code.



PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you, pastors will be available after the service.

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