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About the Prelude

The Prelude is a musical offering to help move the hearts and minds of the gathering community from the daily struggles of life to the worship of God.

The gift of our added instrumentalists was made possible through a generous gift from Lew and Ashley Conner for the Glory of God and in memory of Martha and William Robert Whitsitt & Cleo and Lewis H, Conner, Sr.

Westminster Presbyterian Church Music Ministry is committed to musical excellence as our appropriate offering to God in worship. During the year, we often hire extra instrumentalists for worship. If you would be interested in dedicating instrumentalists in memory or honor of someone, please contact John Semingson or one of the pastors.

GATHERING

(Silence during the Prelude is requested in preparation for worship.)

PRELUDE

Fanfare for Easter Day Gerald Bales Victory arr. by Eberhard Ramm Prelude in C Major, BWV 531 J.S. Bach

The Trumpet Shall Sound

Worthy Is The Lamb G.F. Handel/arr. by Hal Hopson Allegro maestoso e vivace, Op. 65, No. 2 Felix Mendelssohn Fantasy on "O Sons and Daughters" Walter Pelz

CHORAL INTROIT

Hal H. Hopson

This is the Day

This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Remember all that Jesus has said and done;

In Christ the promises of God are fulfilled.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth. Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232

EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

While we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in him,

we dare to approach God with confidence.

(Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16)

In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you are our strength and our might; you have become our salvation. Alleluia! We praise you, living God. We who were dead have been raised with Christ, and we seek the things that are above, where Christ is. We do so imperfectly, Lord – bearing wounds of our own, hindered by doubt and fear, unsure where to look for you, still tempted to sin.

The prophets testify that everyone who believes in you receives forgiveness of sins through your name.

This day we rejoice in the pardon and hope you give to us. Dry our tears, O God.

Speak to us a word that reveals your presence.

Open to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them, giving thanks and praise to you.

(Silent confession)

Kyrie

Hal H. Hopson

(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)

About Hymn 232

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 onenote-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it. TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, Lyra Davidica. 1708; stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740; MUSIC: Lyra Davidica, 1708; adapt. from *The* Compleat Psalmodist. 1749.

About the Kyrie

The Kyrie (Greek "kyrios" [Lord]) is a corporate musical prayer for grace.

Welcome

Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Any who are interested in joining us in this journey are invited to contact Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler by email at hhudnutbeumler @nashvillewpc.org or 615.292.5526 in the church office.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the Good News: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*The Peace

Since God in Christ has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

(Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you.")

*ACT OF PRAISE

Celtic Alleluia

O'Carroll/Walker

(The congregation sings with the choir.)



The Word of the Lord lasts forever.
What is the Word that is living?
It is Jesus Christ, who is risen from the dead.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Pad, which is located on the center aisle end of each pew.)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

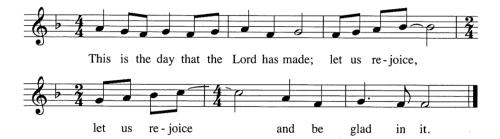
Isaiah 65:17-25 (Old Testament, page 696 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 118

Hal H. Hopson

Refrain:



Give thanks, give thanks to our gracious God, whose love endures forever; the Lord our strength and song shall be, from whom no fault can sever. *Refrain*.

Sing joyful songs of victory, both now and through eternity, for God will leave us never, for God will leave us never. *Refrain*.

I shall not die, but I shall live, and sing God's grace with elation. Though I deserve no more than death, God blesses me with salvation. *Refrain*.

Upon the stones the builders judged imperfect, weak and tender, now rest the corners of God's house, still unsurpassed in splendor. *Refrain*.

Luke 24:1-12 (New Testament, pages 90 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

"Living Proof"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

Affirmation of Faith

Responding to the word proclaimed, we affirm our faith in the holy, triune God. The affirmation of faith is drawn from sentences of scripture or the creeds, confessions, and catechisms.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ,

fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed

and blessing the children, healing the sick

and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified.

suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem

Philip W.J. Stopford

To GIVE, please scan the QR code below:



Christ the Lord is Risen Again

Christ the Lord is ris'n again. Christ hath broken ev'ry chain.

Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high,

Alleluia!

He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, is our Paschal Lamb today; we too sing for joy, and say Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross, lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry.

He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save; now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of kings.

Alleluia!

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, thy ransomed people feed; take our sins and guilt away: let us sing by night and day
Alleluia!

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

*PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

*INVITATION

Philip Stopford has written a joyous anthem for Easter which abounds with energetic alleluias. A very singable melody and an air of celebration with brass accompaniment make this anthem a perfect way to celebrate Easter. The text was written by a Bohemian Brethren pastor, Michael Weisse, in the early 16th century and translated into English by Catherine Winkworth in the 19th century. Winkworth is well known for her English translations of German hymns; her translations were polished and yet remained close to the original.

*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

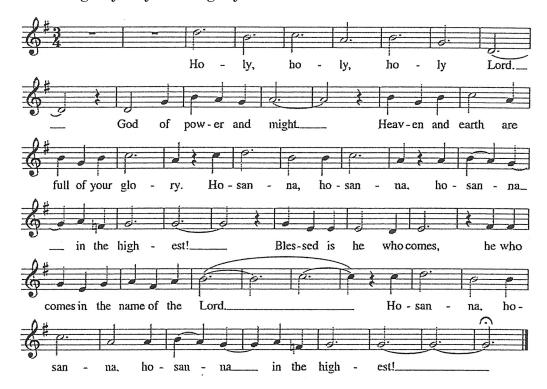
The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy... and is risen to raise us to new life.

Therefore we praise you, singing with angels and archangels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, to the glory of your mighty name:



(The congregation may be seated.)

You are holy, O God of majesty... to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit... and we feast with him at the banquet of heaven.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.



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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music during Communion

The bread used in today's service is gluten-free.

This Is the Feast of Victory

The congregation is invited to sing the refrain with the choir.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. *Refrain*

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia! *Refrain*

SENDING

*HYMN 238

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Thine Is The Glory

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Charles-Marie Widor

Toccata from Symphonie V

About the Postlude
The Postlude is

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

^{*(}Those who are able may stand.)

Today @ Westminster

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake Pastor

Liturgist

Rev. Dr. Guy D. Griffith
Associate Pastor for Adult Education

Lay Liturgist

Bob Cooper

Communion Preparers

Maggie Lucy and Alyson Thomas

Music

Joseph Bryant, cantor
Joel Treybig and Pat Kunkee, trumpets
Leslie Norton, horn
David Loucky, trombone
Gilbert Long, tuba
Sam Bacco, timpani
Laudate Youth Choir

John Semingson
Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell Organist and Associate Director of Music Ministries

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by an appreciative member of the congregation with love and thanksgiving for the members of the Flower Guild, who throughout the year grace our Sanctuary with beautiful floral arrangements:

Drake Calton, Cathey Fuqua, Paiden Hite, Susan Isaacs, Susan Lincoln, Britton Nielsen, Nicole Oeser, Debi Tate, Barbara Cannon Wall and Dena Williamson.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God in loving memory Thisbe and Noah Scott from Lee, Lindsay, Maston, Minor and Bowen Ballew.

Mask Policy

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville is mask optional.

Hearing Assistance

We offer personal FM Receivers with an earpiece, located in the Narthex and in the Parlor on the Welsh dresser. Instructions can be found at each location.

Large Print Hymns

Looking for large-print hymns? They can be found in the Narthex at the Sanctuary entrance or in the Parlor on the Welsh dresser.

Recorded Worship Services

To watch a service at a later time, go to www.nashvillewpc.church and scroll down to the Worship Service Archive. Click on the service you would like to view.

Dial-a-Sermon

Dial 629.206.1073 after 10:15 AM each Sunday morning to listen to the sermon. The sermon will be available all week.

Childcare

Childcare is available on Sundays from 8:15 AM to 12:00 PM.

Nursery - Room 146

Toddlers - Room 152

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Our Mission

Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light found in our Lord Jesus Christ.

"For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us."

(2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

During the Season of Lent, we invited our members to find new ways to Live out God's Word! Here's a sampling of the ways God's light shined!

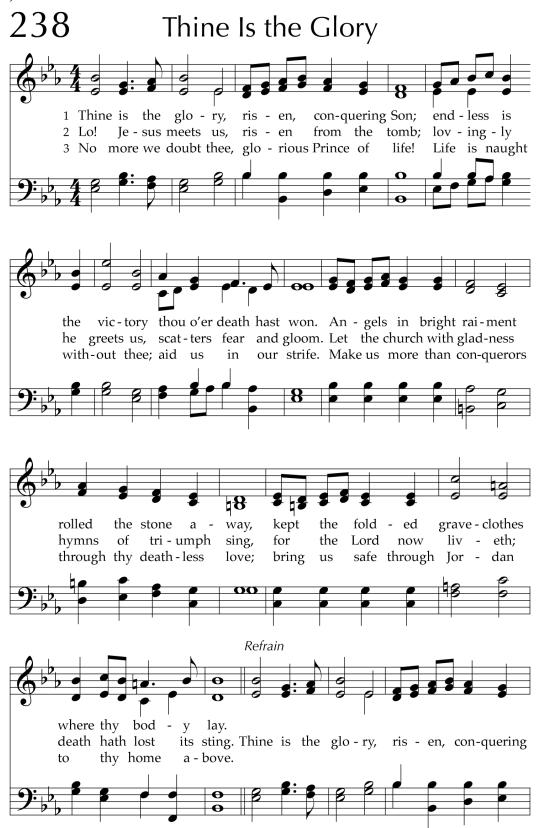
Visited home

Sweet Potato Gleaning Supported factor familia Bagged sweet potatoes Supported foster family Provided a meal for a neighbor Practiced encourage Donated to new charity! Visited nursing home! Communion to homebound members Enlarged the circle by inviting new people to Bible Study Made bags tor gleaning Inn Keeper for RITI
Drove a older member to the hospital Memorized the 23rd Psalm *d Psalm* Provided a meal for R Read to students Joined a Pray Care Team! Cleaned up my neighbors Cockrill Elementary Martha O'Bryan in with my neigh he night for Room in the Inn Donated to the Food elped connect 25 non-profits to receive sweet 000 Children made care cards. Hospital visitation Planted a tree in memory of a friend Brought worship flowers to homebound members nated Blood Café Justo Brought food to new pare Began a prayer discipline Church and the world! **Every Member Has A Mission!**

232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



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.



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.