

The Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

9:15 AM & 11:00 AM

Cover photo by
Donovan Drake.

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.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Four Pieces for Flute Clock F.J. Haydn
Andante • Allegretto • Vivace • Marche

Suite Michael Praetorius
I. Galliard
II. Passapied

Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich, BWV 605 J.S. Bach
("O hail this brightest day of days")

Nun freut euch lieben Christen g'mein, BWV 734 J.S. Bach
("Dear Christians One and All Rejoice")

Suite Michael Praetorius
III. Aria
IV. Courante

In dir ist Freude, BWV 615 J.S. Bach
("In Thee is Gladness")

Messiah Easter Medley G.F. Handel/arr. Eberhard Ramm

CHORAL INTROIT

arr. Peter Hurford

Magdalen, Cease from Sobs and Sighs

Magdalen, cease from sobs and sighs;
Wipe the teardrops from off thine eyes:
Simon the leper's feast is o'er;
Christ today needs thy nard no more.
Now thousand times may'st thou rejoice;
Now thousand times uplift thy voice.
Alleluia.

Magdalen, bind upon thee now
Garland of gladness o'er thy brow:
Banish'd afar is grief and pain:
Welcome is sunshine after rain.
For Jesu Christ the world hath freed,
Triumphing over Death indeed.
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.

Call to and Prayer of Confession

A call to confession expresses God's initiative in calling for repentance and promising forgiveness in Christ. As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin, captivity, and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

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 one-note-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.

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,

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JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

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 예수부활 했으니 할렐루야
 만민찬송 하여라
 천사들이 즐거워
 기쁜찬송 부르네
- 2 대속하신 주 예수 할렐루야
 선한싸움이겼네
 사망권세 이기고
 하늘문을 여셨네
- 3 마귀권세 이긴주 할렐루야
 왕의왕이 되셨네
 높은이름 세상에
 널리반포 하여라
- 4 길과진리 되신주 할렐루야
 우리부활 하겠네
 부활생명 되시니
 우리부활 하겠네

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.

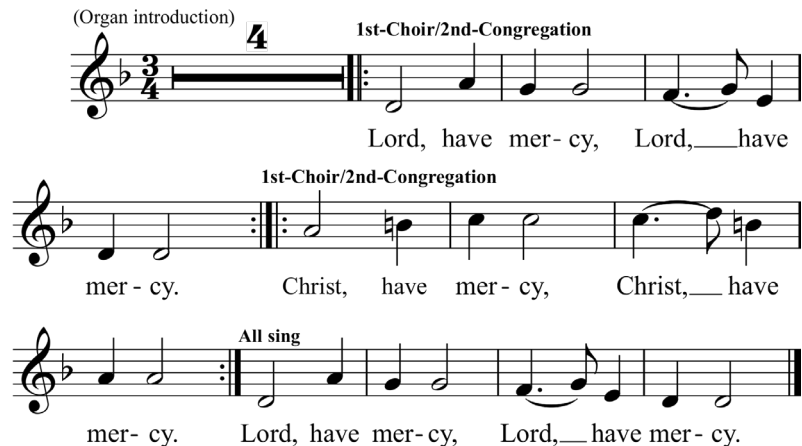
(Silent confession)

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

Kyrie

James MacMillan

(Organ introduction) **4** 1st-Choir/2nd-Congregation



Lord, have mer-cy, Lord, have
mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy, Christ, have
mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy.

Assurance of Pardon

A declaration of
forgiveness proclaims
the good news of
God's mercy and
offers the assurance
of pardon in Jesus'
name. The liturgist
pours water into the
font, which reminds
us of the grace and
cleansing of our
Baptism, and the
baptismal call to new
life in Christ.

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

Music: Richard Shephard

The Easter Song of Praise (Exultet)

Sing choirs of heaven!
Let saints and angels sing!
Around God's throne exult in harmony!
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave!
Salute your king in glorious symphony.

Sing choirs of earth!
Behold your light has come!
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly!
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death!
The night is past the day of life is here!

Sing church of God!
Exult with joy outpoured!
The gospel trumpets tell of vict'ry won!
Your Saviour lives: he's with you evermore!
Let all God's people shout the long Amen.

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!**

This is the day

This is the day the Lord hath made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia.

John 20:1-18

(New Testament, page 114 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

"No more..."

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

Anthem

Brian Longthorne

Easter Carol

After darkness, Light; After Winter, Spring;
After dying, Life: Alleluia!

Take his body down; Lay it in the tomb;
Love has overcome: Alleluia!

Turn away in grief; Turn away in faith;
Celebrate his death: Alleluia!

Come whatever may; God will have his way;
Welcome Easter Day! Alleluia!

***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*)

*HYMN 238

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Thine Is the Glory

Offering

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

The collection of tithes and offerings takes place as a response to the Word. These actions are signs of our gratitude for the grace of God proclaimed in the gospel.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem

Ch. M. Widor

Today Christ Has Conquered Death

Today Christ has conquered death,
Christ the blessed Son of God,
Lord and Shepherd who laid down His life
Who for His flock was crucified.
Arisen, Halelujah.

Lord and Shepherd One who laid down His life
Who for His flock was crucified.

Christ the Paschal victim
O Lamb of God who died for us all,
Christ the Paschal Lamb was slain.

Today Christ has conquered death,
Christ the blessed Son of God,
Our Lord and Shepherd who laid down
His life Who for His flock was crucified.
Arisen, Halelujah.

To give, please scan the QR code below:



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 *Josua* 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. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 8/8. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the two staves. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Arisen Lord and Shepherd
Now He has conquered death
Lord and Shepherd Alleluia.
Our Paschal Lamb Christ arisen our Paschal Lamb.

Today Christ has conquered death
Christ who was crucified for the sins of all.
Alleluia.

Doxology

A short hymn of
praise to the triune
God (God, Jesus
Christ, Holy Spirit).

***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! Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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.

**We give you thanks, great God,
for the hope we have in Jesus,
who died, but is risen, and rules over all.
We praise you for his presence with us.
Because he lives, we look for eternal life,
knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come,
can separate us from your great love
made known in Jesus Christ our 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**

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

G.F. Handel

“Hallelujah” from Messiah

*(The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing this work
by using the printed music found in the pew hymnal racks.)*

POSTLUDE

Toccata from Symphonie V

Charles-Marie Widor

**(Those who are able may stand.)*

Today @ Westminster

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake
Pastor and Head of Staff

Liturgists

9:15 AM

Rev. Ashley Higgins
Associate Pastor for Young Families

Rev. Will Wellman
Director of Theology and Community Initiatives

11:00 AM

Rev. Stephanie Boaz
Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Rev. Will Wellman
Director of Theology and Community Initiatives

Lay Liturgists

9:15 AM Bill Christie
11:00 AM Scott Carey

Music

Joel Treybig and Pat Kunkee, trumpets
Leslie Norton, horn
David Loucky, trombone
Gilbert Long, tuba
Sam Bacco, timpani
Westminster Choir

John Semingson
Director of Music Ministries

Stephen Z. Cook
Guest Organist

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.

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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

2s and 3s - Room 151

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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)

Today @ Westminster

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joan Schleicher (also known as Mimi) by her family.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Thisbe and Noah Scott by the Ballew family.

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. Stephanie Boaz by email at sboaz@nashvillewpc.org or 615.292.5526 in the church office.

The Season of Easter

"Easter" comes from an old English word related to dawn and shining. At Easter, we stand in the light of the resurrection to see a new creation, transformed by the grace and glory of God. We celebrate the presence and power of the risen Christ, proclaiming the good news through Word and Sacrament. We rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is the "Lord and giver of life." In the fullest sense, Easter is a new way of life, in which we are "dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." (Rom. 6:11).

The Resurrection of the Lord is the center of the Christian year, and the good news we proclaim on this day is the very heart of the gospel. Easter refers not only to a single day, but to a whole season of celebration in the Christian year. The Season of Easter spans the fifty days between the Resurrection and Pentecost, and encompasses the Ascension of the Lord. In this most joyful season, we celebrate the great mystery of our faith - that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

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