

<sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him, “Rab-bou ‘ni” (which means Teacher).

*John 20:15–16*



## **Abington Presbyterian Church**

April 4, 2021

9:00 a.m. Resurrection Celebration

**Easter Sunday**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Easter Sunday April 4, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

*The people gather wherever they may in response to God's call, offering praise in words of scripture, prayer, and song. The people acknowledge their sinfulness and receive the good news of God's forgiveness.*

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

*A time for quiet preparation before worship*

Eternal God, we give thanks for our encounter this day with the joy and promise of your life-giving power. Give us an ability to boldly affirm that your goodness and peace reign over a broken world. Free us to accept the resurrection hope our risen Lord brings. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

Finale from Symphony II

*Charles-Marie Widor*

**LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

On this Easter Day, we consider how to interpret what it means that -

**The stone has been rolled away from the tomb!**

In a period of time when feelings of loss and grief and even despair have been strong, we long for something stronger still -

**Could it be that resurrection hope is more powerful than our deathly fears!**

We affirm this day that we and the world are transformed because the Lord is risen! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

**\* HYMN 232**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain bound to the ways that lead to spiritual death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and fail to reach out to those who mourn; we ignore the cries of the oppressed, and have pulled back from a commitment to a deeply just peace; we show our disdain for those who are weak, and we abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The One who overcomes the power of death released the grip that the power of sin has upon us-  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!**

**\* HYMN OF PRAISE**

The Strife is O'er

*Hymn 236, v.1-2*

*Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

**The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
the victory of life is won;  
the song of triumph has begun.  
Alleluia!**

*(-cont.-)*

**The powers of death have done their worst,  
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:  
let shouts of holy joy outburst.  
Alleluia!**

*Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

**\* THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Risen Christ be with you.

*Greet one another with the sign of peace.*

**WORD**

*God's Word is read and its message is proclaimed in scripture, music and interpretation.*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 20:1-18

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

Woman, Weeping in the Garden (Hymn #241)

*Earle Copes*

**SERMON**

Missing

*The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill*

**\* HYMN 248**

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

**\* LITANY FOR EASTER**

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins, and was entombed, and rose again on the third day.

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

He appeared to Mary, to Peter, and to the Twelve, and to many faithful witnesses.

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe and proclaim this good news to the world.

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

**THANKSGIVING & SENDING**

*After the proclamation of God's Word, we respond with gratitude prepared to go  
into the world where we are called to live according to God's will.*

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

## THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

May the Risen Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift your hearts to God, Resurrection People.

**We lift our hearts to the One who gives us new life.**

Children of God, be filled with joy on this day.

**May the joy and peace of the Risen Christ flow from our very being.**

How good and pleasant...with those from every time and place, with whom we hold faith in common,  
we express your praises forever:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Al---leluia!**

LLANFAIR

**God of power and of might, Al---leluia!**

**Heavn'n and earth your glory show, Al---leluia!**

**Shout hosanna in the heights, Al---leluia!**

**Blesse-d is the One who comes, Al---leluia!**

**In the Lord's name, and as Son, Al---leluia!**

**Praise we now with all our might, Al---leluia!**

**Our hosannas to the heights, Al---leluia!**

Holy are you, Ordainer of blessings, ....we declare that mystery we have heard and seen:

**Dying, you destroyed our death,**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Breathe on us, Spirit of God, ...we continue praying as our Lord has taught us saying:

**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**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

## ANTHEM

Hymn of Promise (In the Bulb There is a Flower)

*arr. John Ferguson*

*The anthem is a setting of Hymn #250 drawing on everyday images of the mystery of new life.*

## PRAYER

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata from Symphony V

*Charles-Marie Widor*

*[service hymns and some announcements follow]*

**Worship Leaders:**

**Preacher:** The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

**Liturgists:** The Rev. Aaron Twitchell and The Rev. Dr. Jade King Bass

**Choir:** Kathy Messina

**Organist:** Erik Meyer

**Children's Message:** Ruth Sall

**Ushers today are:** Doug Callantine and Ian Beck

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**In need of special prayers this week:** Len Browna, Michael Kemp, Laura Lockhart, Sylvia Weed (mother of Kathryn Jablokow), Barbara LaNore (sister of Lynda Smyth), Sylvia Jolly, MM Harris, Herb Harris, Gary Lynch (son of Doug Lynch), Chris Popescu (aunt of Joanne Bates), Marty Bell (cousin of Alice Price), Elizabeth Cole (granddaughter of Nancy Webb Cole), Doris Boerner, Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Janet Wells (mother of Gwen Bihn), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Phyllis Frazier, Nick Cupo, Sr., Joanne Hawkins (mother of Nick Cupo), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Susan Arnhold (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Kris and Erik Reidenbach (friends of Sally Adams), David Fryer (husband of Rabbi Shoshana Tornberg, friend of APC), Meredith Ellisor, (cousin of Craig Nicholson), Mark Meissner (son of Judy Meissner), Nina DiTimasso and Audrina Rose (friends of Anne-Marie Constable).

**For Pastoral Care:** To notify the church of an illness, hospitalization, death, or to request prayer, contact a minister or call your Deacon or the Church Office at (215) 887-4530.

## 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-phat 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,

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  
 선한싸움 이겼네  
 사망권세 이기고  
 하늘문을 여셨네
- 3 마귀권세 이긴주 할렐루야  
 왕의왕이 되셨네  
 높은이름 세상에  
 널리반포 하여라
- 4 길과진리 되신주 할렐루야  
 우리부활 하겠네  
 부활생명 되시니  
 우리부활 하겠네

# Woman, Weeping in the Garden 241



1 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, who has  
 2 Wom - an, wait - ing in the gar - den, af - ter  
 3 Wom - an, walk - ing in the gar - den, Je - sus  
 4 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, weep for  
 5 Wom - an, danc - ing from the gar - den, find the

pushed the stone a - side? Who has tak - en Je - sus'  
 men have come and gone, af - ter an - gels give their  
 takes you by sur - prise; when the gar - dener calls you,  
 joy, for you have seen Je - sus, the Mes - si - ah,  
 oth - ers and pro - claim Christ is ris - en as he

bod - y, Je - sus Christ the cru - ci - fied?  
 wit - ness, si - lent - ly you watch the dawn.  
 "Mar - y!" faith and joy meet in your eyes.  
 ris - en; Christ, of whom the proph - ets dream.  
 prom - ised; tell the world he knew your name!

This hymn focuses on Mary Magdalene, the first witness to Christ's Resurrection (John 20:1-18). Her frame of mind turns from sorrow and apprehension to joy and proclamation in the middle stanza when the supposed gardener calls her by name, and she recognizes the risen Christ.



# Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.  
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

# 245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"  
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,  
 4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre - a - tion, join to say:  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,  
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise to you by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,  
 Death in vain for - bids him rise,  
 Je - sus died, our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.