

2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ² and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2



Abington Presbyterian Church

April 11, 2021

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Second Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP
2nd Sunday of Easter April 11, 2021

PRELUDE

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Jeffrey Honore

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

With God's power we come to share our testimony:

**that the Spirit of God has moved in us to gather on this day, and
that the Son of God has adopted us as children of the Most High.**

We do not come as ones who are rejected.

We come as ones who are called out to serve God and neighbor.

With one mind and one voice, let us live and worship as a gathered people!

*** HYMN 254**

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, from before we were born you called us to live in your light, and yet we continually prefer the paths of darkness. We covet our neighbor's possessions; we seek revenge against our enemies; we pursue that which is instantly gratifying but empty of truth. Increase our faith, O God! May we offer our contrite hearts to those we have hurt and our sincere repentance to you. Forgive us, in Jesus' name.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Hymn #240, v. 2

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus had died and has risen. (*Refrain*)

*** THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Greet one another with the sign of peace.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

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

*HYMN 238	Thine is the Glory	JUDAS MACCABEUS
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	La Rejouissance (The Rejoicing)	GEORGE FREDERIC HANDEL

[service hymns and some announcements follow]

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Jade King Bass

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Organist: Erik Meyer

Choir: Miriam Sall (9:00); Eliza Feil and Christian Feil (11:00)

Ushers today are: Todd Clark and Dave Wynn

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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.

254 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone
2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the
3 From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, your own re -

out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
glo - rious wounds a - bide, the to - kens true which
deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
made it plain their Lord in - deed was risen a - gain.
us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

These Eastertide stanzas are derived from a longer Latin text that was one of the earliest hymns written especially for a season of the church year. They are set here to a tune with Christmas associations, a means of linking the two great festivals of the Christian year.

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 *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.