

⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

Luke 24:41-43



Abington Presbyterian Church

April 18, 2021

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

Third Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP
3rd Sunday of Easter April 18, 2021

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

A time for quiet preparation before worship

Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O God. Help us to see the possibilities you enable. Allow us to put our trust in your goodness and love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRELUDE

The Peace May Be Exchanged

Dan Locklair

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, children of God, to rejoice in the goodness of our risen Lord.

Jesus is our good news, the source of our joy and salvation!

In steadfast love and faithfulness, God has done marvelous things.

God raised Jesus from the dead; Christ is alive and is at work in our midst! Alleluia!

*** HYMN 234**

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

GAUDEAMUS PARITER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our ancestors, God of today, we come to you in the name of Jesus who lived among us, admitting that we have not been faithful to your purposes. We abide in sin, rejecting the ways of the One who came to take our sin away. We confess that we do not really know Christ or aspire to follow the path of loving service. Heal our brokenness, O God, and bring together the fragments of our scattered existence into a meaningful whole.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

As we repent and turn away from evil, our sins are blotted out. God claims us as children of the Most High and lifts us up.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Hymn #240, v. 4

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name

**4 Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior.**

*** THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Greet one another with the sign of peace.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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 John 3:1-7

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:36b-48

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Too Good to be True?

The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

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.

ANTHEM

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken (Hymn 498)

The Sacred Harp

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 231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

SUO GAN

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Ceremonial March

Herbert Sumsion

[service hymns and some announcements follow]

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgists: The Rev. Aaron Twitchell, Alice Price (9:00), Suzin Weber (11:00)

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Organist: Erik Meyer

Choir : (9:00) McAllister family, (11:00) Meyer family

Ushers today are: Barry Rowland and David Rowland

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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), Barb Kelly.

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.

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God has brought his Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,
 And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;
 With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal:

Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing
 Comes to glad - den faith - ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing

Led them with un - moist - ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 From his light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
 your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers 231

1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-enge and to change

as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.

Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
 Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud-dled in an up - stairs room.
 Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:

let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
 He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
 ev - i - dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.

Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."