



In Preparation for Worship

“Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf of springtime.”

–Martin Luther

Prelude

Prelude *Frederic Chopin*

Welcome and Announcements

At this time, please take a moment to let us know you are worshiping online with us by sharing your name in the “comments” on our video feed.

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the good news: the grave is empty, Christ is risen!
 People: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Leader: This is the good news: the light shines in the night, and the night can never put it out.
 People: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Leader: This is the good news: once we were no people, now we are God’s people!
 People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn #232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Prayer for the Day

Almighty God,
 As morning breaks, we hear and see that Christ is risen.
 We behold that you have broken the powers of sin and death,
 and opened the way to true life, which is eternal.
 In Christ you have opened to us the gates of hope and righteousness.
 As we enter through them, let our hearts be filled with praise. Amen.

Song of Praise

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

We encourage you to pass the peace with your fellow worshipers in the “comments” of the video feed and to take time today to reach out and share Christ’s peace with your friends, neighbors and family.

Prayer for Illumination

Molly Cantwell

Scripture Reading

Mark 16: 1-15

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

Sermon

The End, Re-Written

David Lower

Hymn #240

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

Offering

*Giving is a tangible sign of worship. During this interesting time in our world, we encourage you to continue to share your time, talent and treasure. You may also "Text to Give" to **73256**. The body of the text needs to start with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

Hymn #246

Christ is Alive

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata from *Symphony No. 5* Charles Marie-Widor

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,

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
 Spanish trans. Juan Bautista Cabrera, alt.; Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea
 MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. from *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749
 Korean Trans. © The Christian Literature Society of Korea

EASTER HYMN
 7.7.7.7 with alleluias

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Refrain E C#m F#m B

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B E

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.

- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
- 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
- 4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

E C#m F#m B to Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.

Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 Now we shall live for - ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.

TEXT: Donald Fishel, 1971
 MUSIC: Donald Fishel, 1971; arr. Betty Pulkingham and Donald Fishel, 1979
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ALLELUIA NO. 1
 8.8 with refrain

CHRIST IS ALIVE

Words by Brian Wren

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love drowned in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior, in the Godhead reigns.

In every insult, rift and war,
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.