



# WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## EASTER SUNDAY

### APRIL 5, 2026

---

---

## PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Almighty God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ you broke the power of death and opened the way to eternal life. As the empty tomb stands witness to his triumph over death, make your church to be a bold testimony to his enduring victory in life, that all we do may proclaim to the world, "He is risen, indeed!" Through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

## THE GATHERING

### PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

**PRELUDE**

*Sinfonia* from Cantata 29

J. S. Bach

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

Jim Winthrop

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Leader: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:  
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Leader: Sin and death shall reign no more.

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Leader: Let this place resound with joy.

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN 232**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

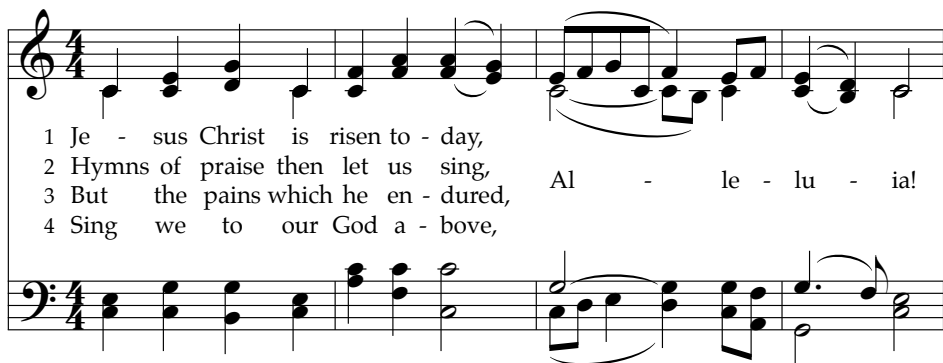
---

Please rise in body or spirit. The people's responses are in **bold type**.

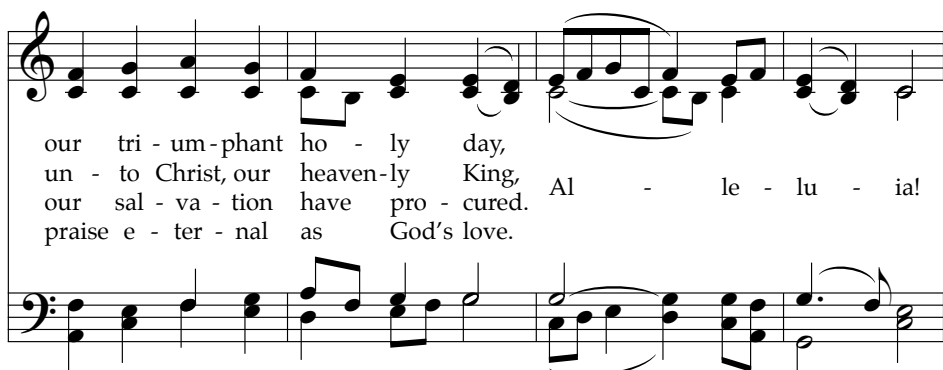


Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-coil hearing loop. Look for the blue sticker on the pews.

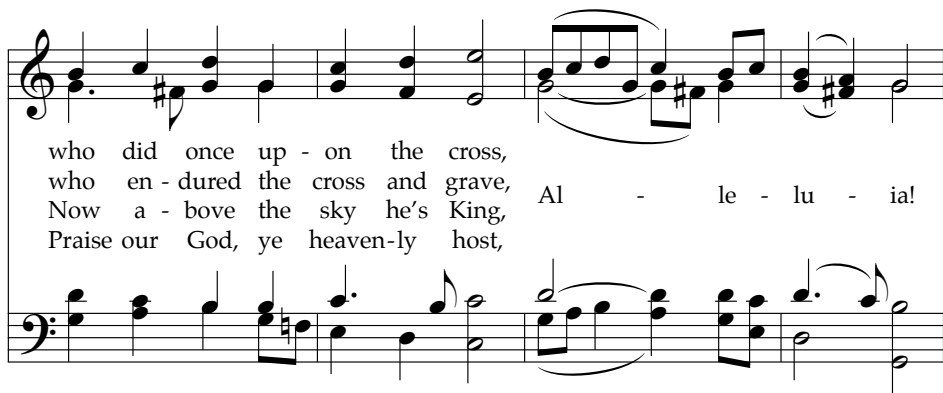
## 232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



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,

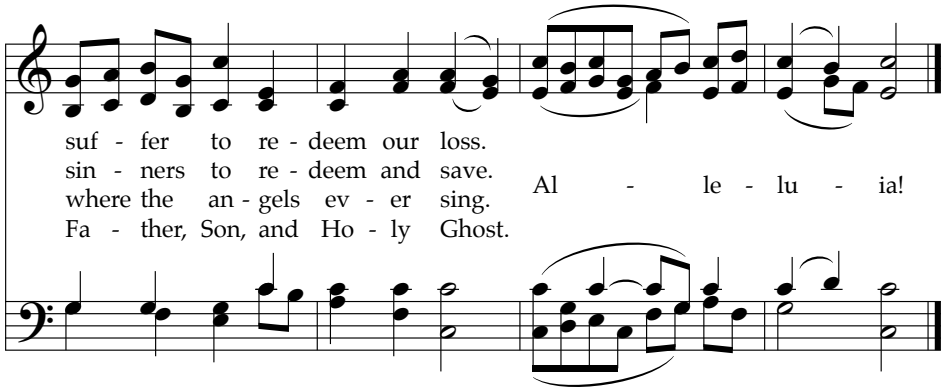


our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.  
praise e - ter - nal as God's love.



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.



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 예수 부활 했으니 할렐루야  
 만민 찬송 하여라  
 천사들이 즐거워  
 기뻐 찬송 부르네
- 2 대속하신 주 예수 할렐루야  
 선한 싸움 이겼네  
 사망 권세 이기고  
 하늘 문을 여셨네
- 3 마귀 권세 이긴 주 할렐루야  
 왕의 왕이 되셨네  
 높은 이름 세상에  
 널리 반포 하여라
- 4 길과 진리 되신 주 할렐루야  
 우리 부활 하겠네  
 부활 생명 되시니  
 우리 부활 하겠네

**\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**\*A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\*GLORIA**

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-que- ring Son;  
end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**At this time any and all children through the 5th grade  
are invited to come forward for Sharing Faith with Children.**

**(9:30 AND 11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN**

Laura Bechtler

## THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (unison)

Jim Winthrop

**Living God, by your Holy Spirit,  
open our eyes to see the new light of this day;  
open our lips to tell of the empty tomb;  
open our hearts to believe the good news;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON:** Colossians 3:1-4

This is the Word of God for the people of God!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM 136:1-9** (responsive)

**Leader:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**All:** O give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

(Psalm continues on the next page.)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

**All: who alone does great wonders,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;**

Leader: who by understanding made the heavens,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

**All: who spread out the earth on the waters,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;**

Leader: who made the great lights,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

**All: the sun to rule over the day,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;**

Leader: the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

## **SECOND LESSON: Matthew 28:1-10**

This is the Word of God for the people of God!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*“Going Ahead to Galilee”*

Rev. John E. Morgan

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN 485**

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH:** (responsive)

**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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER** (unison)

**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.**

# We Know That Christ Is Raised 485

Capo 3: (D)

(Asus) (A)

(A/G)

(D/F#)

F

Csus C

C/B<sup>b</sup>

F/A



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

(D)

(A)

(D)

(E7)

(A)

F

C

F

G7

C



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold,  
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life  
 The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the church of God.  
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

(Am)

(D)

(G)

(Em)

(Bm)

Cm

F

B<sup>b</sup>

Gm

Dm



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.  
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.  
 The u - ni - verse, re - stored and whole, will sing:

1-3

(Em)

(D) (Asus) (A)

(Em)

(D)

Gm

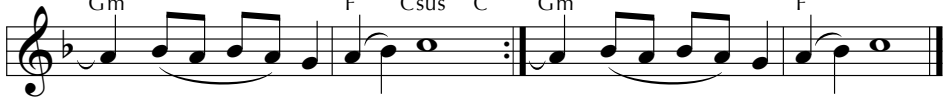
F

Csus

C

Gm

F



Al - le - lu - ia!

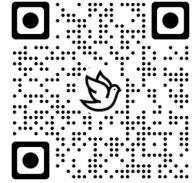
Al - le - lu - ia!

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Beginning with an allusion to Romans 6:9, this exuberant baptismal hymn unfolds the implications of our incorporation into Christ's new life, making us "a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The text was written to fit this expansive tune by a distinguished British composer.

## OFFERING

Thank you for your continued faithful stewardship to WPC. May our offerings continue to help us be the light for our neighbors and our siblings in Christ all over the world. Offering envelopes can be found inside the friendship register book. We invite you to make your offering or pledge payment in one of the following ways:



- Place your offering into the plates as you exit the sanctuary
- Visit [mywpc.org/offering](http://mywpc.org/offering) or scan the QR code at the right to give online
- Mail your offering to the church office at 215 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

### Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

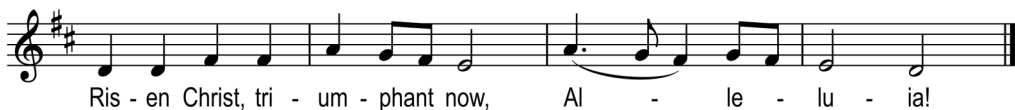
arr. Dan Forrest

If God be for us, who can be against us?  
He who did not spare his only Son, but gave him up for all,  
Shall he not with him freely give us all things?

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
All creation join to say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

*Please join with the choir in singing the last stanza:*



**\*DOXOLOGY***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

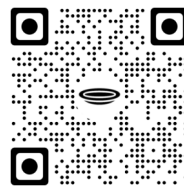
**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

**\*INVITATION AND THE LORD'S DAY GREETING**

We are glad you are worshiping with us today. If you are joining us online, please remember to 'sign' our online friendship register:

- Click on the *Welcome to WPC!* Click here to sign the Friendship Register banner at the top of the website page
- Visit [mywpc.org/friendship](http://mywpc.org/friendship) or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.

**\*HYMN 248**

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

Toccata from Symphony V

Widor

The service of worship concludes after the postlude. The music can be enjoyed or used as an opportunity for prayer. You may remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly and without disturbing those who choose to stay.

## 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!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

## ∞ THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ∞

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in honor of her daughter, Charlene P. Ballard, on the occasion of her 40th birthday today, by Elizabeth Padgett.

## ∞ THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ∞

### **PASTORS**

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

WPC Chancel Choir

Matt Kitzen-Abelson, trumpet

Chris Hammel, trumpet

Cooper Johnson, horn

Charles Anderson, trombone

Lisa Farrell, percussion

### **PROGRAM STAFF**

Melody Dillon, Director of Children and Family Ministries

### **LITURGIST**

Jim Winthrop

### **GREETER**

8:00am Rodney and Molly Lawrence

9:30am Trish Vandre, Anne Nicastro

11:00am Tracey McGann, Dick Hubbard

### **USHERS**

8:00am Gary Davis, Jodie Davis, Audrey Davis, Megan Davis

9:30am Matthew Underwood, Pat Underwood, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Tom Moul, Brian McGann, Martha Jean Howell

### **SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN**

Laura Bechtler

### **\*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHERS**

Dick Sahlen, Linda Eichhorn

### **\*WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney

**AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS:** Matt Slack and John Schoenberger

\*Satellite campuses

☞ THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ☞

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

- 8:00am In-person Worship / Sanctuary  
9:30am In-person Worship\* / Sanctuary  
11:00am In-person Worship\*\* / Sanctuary  
12:00pm Easter Egg Hunt / Williamsburg Baptist Church

**MONDAY, APRIL 6**

**The Church Office will be closed for the Easter Monday Holiday.**

**We will reopen on Tuesday, April 7 at 9am.**

- 1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7**

- 10:00am Adult Bible Study / Rm 220  
2:00pm From His Hands Motel Ministry Meal Prep / Kitchen  
6:30pm Presbyterian Women's Circle 4 / Rm LL010  
6:30pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue / UKirk Rm  
7:00pm Class of 2029 Elders Training / Rm 220  
7:00pm Class of 2029 Incoming Deacon Training / Stevenson Hall  
7:00pm Earth Care Committee Meeting / Library and Zoom  
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8**

- 7:30am Men's Bible & Bacon Study / Stevenson Hall  
10:00am Presbyterian Women's Circle 14 / Rm 220  
6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Rm  
7:00pm High School Bible Study / Rm 222

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9**

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning  
4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Youth Choir Rm  
5:00pm Worship Ministry Mtg / Rm LL010  
6:00pm ARC W&M Literacy Program / Rm LL049  
7:00pm Deacon Monthly Meeting Mtg with Incoming Deacons / Stevenson Hall  
7:30pm Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

☞ NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ☞

**April 12, 2026 • 2nd Sunday of Easter**

Pastor Pam's sermon will be based on 1 Peter 1:3-9.