

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**April 4, 2021**  
**Resurrection of the Lord**

*While in-person Worship services are suspended, Montgomery Presbyterian Church will be recording services. The following is an order of service that you can use to follow along with the recorded service, or use to read and reflect on your own. The service is posted on the church's Facebook page, [on YouTube](#), and on the MPC website, [www.mpchurch.net](http://www.mpchurch.net). Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this challenging time.*

**PRELUDE** *Up From the Grave He Arose* The Handbells

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Elder for April is Dick Reese, 513-675-3569.
- The Deacon for April is Sandra Bowen, 513-236-7158.

**INTROIT** *Acclamation for Easter* Maris Ryan, Sue Poulos, Gay Piller

*This is a time for alleluias! This is a day to lift your voice!  
This is the dawn of new beginnings! This is the day for joyful noise!  
Alleluia, Alleluia! This is resurrection day!  
Alleluia! Sing Alleluia!  
Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Christ is risen from the grave!*

*This is the day the garden awakens! This is the time for hope and life!  
This is the moment death is shaken! This is the dawn of truth and light!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! This is resurrection day!  
Alleluia! Sing alleluia!  
Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Christ is risen from the grave!*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*by Roddy Hamilton*

When the world was young, at that first sunrise, and the new light held a promise of new days and fresh mornings...The Word spoke...

...When the Word spoke and creation sparked and the alleluias unfolded the dawn was set free...

...When the dawn was set free the trees clapped hands and mountains bowed and the birds sang a new song fresh every morning...

...Fresh every morning the day holds a hope that this day is God's and this day holds the promise and this day is a new beginning...

...A new beginning is the song of the morning that takes the shadows of night and paints them gold and green or the earth rejoices...

...The earth rejoices for stones have rolled and tombs have been emptied and angels are whispering and death has been conquered...

...Death has been conquered and resurrection has left footprints in the dew that tell us he has gone ahead of us he is not among the dead he is not here...

Let us worship God.

### **PRAYER**

Holy One, you come to us with power beyond all knowing. You lift all things out of the dust, you breathe love into every cell, you call us into communion with you, and you claim victory over death. Blessed be your holy name now and forever. Amen.

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Jesus' rising from the dead assures us that we, too, have been given new life. Let us repent of our sin before God and one another, certain of God's mercy.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love.

Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost.

Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.

*Silence is kept*

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

By the grace of God and the witness of our ancestors, the good news of Jesus Christ is our rock and our salvation. You shall not die, but live. The rejected cornerstone has become your strength and your song. I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **HYMN**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

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### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God, through the work of your Holy Spirit, that in the hearing of your Word we may receive new life. Amen.

**FIRST READING***Psalm 150*

Praise the LORD!  
Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty firmament!  
Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!  
Praise him with trumpet sound;  
praise him with lute and harp!  
Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
praise him with strings and pipe!  
Praise him with clanging cymbals;  
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!  
Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD!

The Word of God for the people of God!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SPECIAL MUSIC***The Trumpet Shall Sound*

Steve Thiel, Paul Piller

**SECOND READING***John 20:1-18*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went

and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**MESSAGE**

Rev. Ben Shaw

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The 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 now hear as we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

**BLESSING AND CHARGE**

And now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all this day, and unto your life eternal. Amen.

**POSTLUDE**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Brian Cashwell

# 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  
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EASTER HYMN  
 7.7.7.7 with alleluias

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 주예수 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