

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
First Presbyterian Church — Tallahassee, Florida
Resurrection of the Lord
April 20, 2025, 11:00 AM



James Tissot, Mary Magdalene Questions the Angels in the Tomb (Madeleine dans le tombeau interroge les anges), 1886-1894

GATHERING

Voluntary

Offertoire sur “O filii et filiae”

Alexandre Guilmant

Opening Sentences

Ethan Murphy

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Dr. Margaret Reed

Glory to you, O God:

**you have won victory over death,
raising Jesus from the grave
and giving us eternal life.**

Glory to you, O Christ:

**for us and for our salvation you overcame death
and opened the gate to everlasting life.**

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit:

you lead us into the truth.

**Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity,
now and forever. Amen.**

*Asterisks indicate to please rise in body or spirit. Congregational responses are in **bold print**.

*Litany for Easter

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried, and rose again on the third day.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe and proclaim this good news to the world.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

...in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

Rev. Glenn Hodges

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O Lord our God, we give you thanks
for the new life you raise up in us
through the mystery of our baptism—
the sorrow of the heavy cross,
the surprise of the empty tomb,
the love that death could not destroy.

By the power of your Holy Spirit,
poured out upon us in baptism,
fill us with the joy of resurrection,
so that we may be a living sign
of your new heaven and new earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Call to Confession

The Lord says: "Come." Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

*Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.**

Forgive us, God of mercy.

**Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

*Assurance of Pardon

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

Refrain sung by all; verse sung by the choir.

Congregational Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o -
- ver has been sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us
keep the feast, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Choir: Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil; But with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. [Refrain]

*The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

PROCLAIMING

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Dr. Margaret Reed

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word.

**Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit
so that we may proclaim the good news
of eternal and abundant life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 65:17–25

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 118:1–2, 14–24

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

The LORD is my strength and my might;

he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

the right hand of the LORD is exalted;

the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Epistle

Acts of the Apostles 10:34–43

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 234

Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

Gospel

John 20:1–18

Rev. Glenn Hodges

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

RESPONDING

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Call to Offering

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Anthem

Jubilate Deo

Samuel Coleridge–Taylor

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before His presence
with a song.*

*Be ye sure that the Lord, He is God:
it is He that hath made us,
and not we ourselves:
we are His people,
and the sheep of His pasture.*

*O go your way into His gates
with thanksgiving,
and into His courts with praise:
be thankful unto Him,
and speak good of His Name.*

*For the Lord is gracious;
His mercy is everlasting:
and His truth endureth
from generation to generation.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

*Presentation Hymn 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Prayer of Dedication

SEALING

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Refrain sung by all; verses sung by the choir.

This Is the Feast of Victory 513

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-

lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! lu - ia!

To stanzas Last time

... So we join our voices with the heavenly host who sings:

Hymn 513, v. 3

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

... so we proclaim, Great is the mystery of faith:

Hymn 513, v. 1

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

... all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and ever.

Hymn 513, v. 4

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kindom 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 kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 255

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

O FILII ET FILIAE

Hymn 511

Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven

LLANFAIR

Hymn 247

Now the Green Blade Rises

NOËL NOUVELET

*Prayer After Communion

Rev. Dr. Margaret Reed

SENDING

*Hymn 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

*Blessing and Charge

Rev. Glenn Hodges

The blessing of the eternal, triune God—Alpha and Omega,
first and last, beginning and end—be with you all. **Alleluia!**
Come, Lord Jesus! **Amen.**

Voluntary

Grand Choeur Triomphal

Alexandre Guilmant

IN WORSHIP TODAY

“**Kingdom**” or “**Kindom**” in the Lord’s Prayer? Kingdoms were the dominant community structure when our Scriptures were written. Some find it meaningful to think about other Biblical metaphors to convey the ethos of care and genuine kin-ships about which Jesus taught and preached. Please pray as you choose.

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations — **We offer prayers for healing** for Cole (grandson of Rich Peyton), Alan Williams, Martha Kutter, Sandy Burkholder, Wayne Friedemann, Morris Springer, Patricia Yeilding, Cindy Harden, Joyce Crawford, Bev Breedlove, Tara Reynolds, Sandra Sherrard, and Martha Snowden. **We offer prayers for strength and mercy** for the family of Carol Lou Phillips, who died this week, Evanna (Wayne Friedemann’s sister), Patricia McCoy Delancey, Thaddeus Gillon, and Aidan (grandson of Sue Safford). We pray for the staff and volunteers of Second Harvest of the Big Bend and all our mission partners, and for victims of gun violence in our community and our country. We pray for the Presbyterian Reformed Church in Cuba, Pastor Izett Samá Hernández, and Pastor Alison Infante. We pray for peace in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, and around the world. **We also pray for those in military service**, including Brian Guisao, Ross Yeilding, David DelRossi, and Owen Elzie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children are welcome in this service as full members of God’s family. Parents and children are invited to use whatever is useful in the basket by the back door. Child care for children under the age of kindergarten is in the Education Building. Please note that during worship the Education Building is locked. Please enter through the breezeway door.

Restrooms are located in this building through the door at the end of each aisle of the sanctuary.

An induction loop system is available in the sanctuary. To use the system, switch your compatible hearing aid to the T–telephone mode or request a wireless headset from an usher.

Large print versions of the *Glory to God* hymnal and worship bulletin are available from ushers.

Visitors: We are glad you are here this morning! If you have questions about our congregation or about church membership, please let us know by using the friendship registers or speaking to one of the greeters so we can connect you with the right people.

Check-in



Let us know
you came to
Worship today!



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Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - every age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - every place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain 234

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 forth 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 Je - ru - sa - lem, who 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 the Light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
 your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.

One of the many ancient hymns translated into English in the 19th century, this 8th-century Eastertide hymn was originally part of a longer Greek liturgical text. This tune was created for this text by a church organist who later rose to fame as a composer of operettas.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

D A D

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures

Bm A D G D Bm E A D

high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise

D

God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it

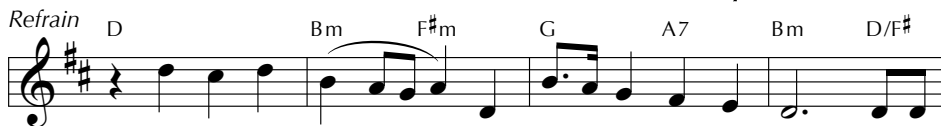
G A D Em A Bm

one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

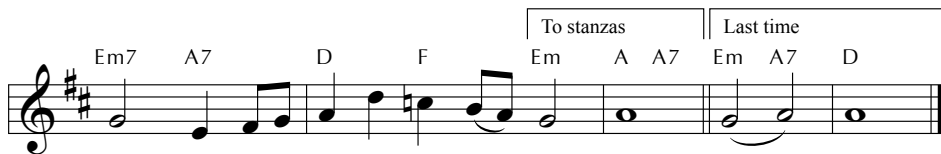
Em D G A Em G A D

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

This Is the Feast of Victory 513



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-



lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! lu - ia!



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia!

This exuberant unrhymed paraphrase is especially well suited for use at celebrations of the Lord's Supper in Easter Season. The stanzas are derived from several passages in Revelation (5:9–10, 12–14; 7:10b, 12), while the refrain possibly refers to 1 Corinthians 15:54b–56.

TEXT: John W. Arthur, 1970

MUSIC: Richard Hillert, 1975, alt.

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FESTIVAL CANTICLE

Irregular

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing 255

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al -

1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing with
le - lu - ia!
2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; a -
3 When Thom - as first the ti - dings heard, how
4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see; and

heaven - ly hosts to Christ our King; to - day the grave has
mong them came their Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be
they had seen the ris - en Lord, he doubt - ed the dis -
look up - on my hands, my feet; not faith - less, but be -

lost its sting!
with you here."
ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
liev - ing be."

5 No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

These stanzas from a 19th-century translation of a longer 15th-century Latin text are the continuation of hymn no. 235 and are based on the traditional gospel reading for the Second Sunday of Easter. They are sung to a 15th-century French tune adapted for church use.

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven 511

1 Come, be - hold! the feast of heaven
 2 All is read - y, come at - tend Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 All who trust in God be - long
 4 As the Lord our God has willed,

has to mor - tal flesh been given.
 as the Lord's in - vit - ed friend; Al - le - lu - ia!
 at this ban - quet with this throng.
 here the hun - gry soul is filled;

Hear the Word of God de - clared:
 come from north, west, south, and east; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Share the mys - tic ho - ly food;
 here the wea - ry are re - freshed.

"Come! the ban - quet is pre - pared."
 cel - e - brate the joy - ful feast.
 taste and see: the Lord is good. Al - le - lu - ia!
 All who share God's feast are blessed.

Though rightly viewed as a meal of remembrance, the Lord's Supper is also an occasion of anticipation. This text draws on abundant biblical imagery to evoke the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to share the feast anew "in the kingdom of God" (Matthew 26:29/Mark 14:25/Luke 22:16).

247 Now the Green Blade Rises

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain;

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Although there were some traditional Easter carols, this hybrid one has been created by grafting a 20th-century English text onto a late 15th-century French tune. The allegory of the dying and rising grain as a parallel for Christ's Resurrection is probably based on John 12:24.

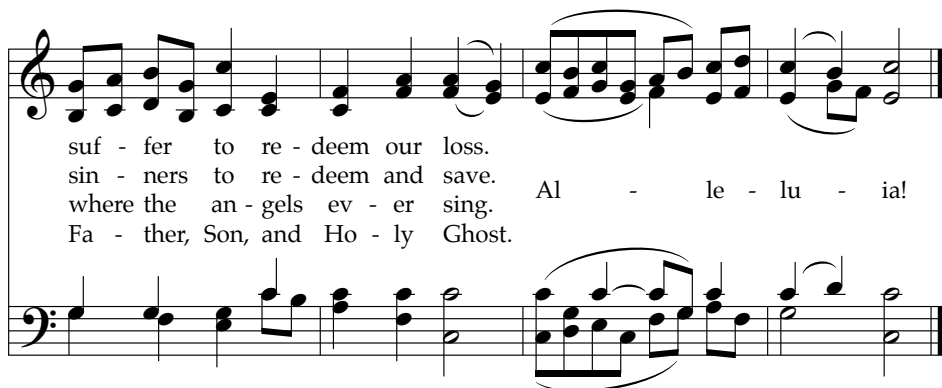
232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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.



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
기쁜 찬송 부르네
- 2 대속하신 주 예수 할렐루야
선한 싸움 이겼네
사망권세 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