

PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 11, 2021

Order of Worship

10:30 am



GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude

Nimrod

Edward Elgar, arr. Robert Glover

Will Benton, organist

Call to Worship

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed.

God is alive. New birth is given.

In Christ, hope is alive. A new age is dawning.

In Christ, joy is alive. Redemption is here.

In Christ, love is alive. Death cannot harm us.

In Christ, we are alive. New life is within us.

In Christ, the church is alive. God's spirit is within us.

God of life, we worship you. God of creation, we praise you.

God of resurrection, we come to celebrate you.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Hymn No. 246

Christ is Alive

Scripture Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

pew Bible, N.T., pg. 224

Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear.

We claim that we have no sin but you know the truth about us.

We say that we have not seen you even when you stand among us now.

**So often, our lives and our words fail to show and speak the truth
of the love and goodness you have given in your Son, the Word of life.**

Forgive us, God of grace.

**Breathe on us with your Spirit to set us free from doubt and sin,
so that we may be at peace with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(time of silent prayer)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Response No. 231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

THE WORD

Welcoming the Children

The children's bulletin is available on the plpc.org and the Park Lake Up2Date weekly email.

Blessing of Children

tune - Hymn No. 535, Tallis Canon

Go with them, Lord, and guide their way, through this and every coming day,

That in Your spirit strong and true, their lives may be a gift to You.

Scripture Reading

John 20:19-31

Pew Bible, N.T., page 108

Sermon

Still Afraid?

Dr. Dan DeBevoise

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

(page 17 Glory To God hymnal)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

he descended to the dead;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory

The Lord of the Dance

Joel Raney

Catherine Johnson and Jill Schubert, handbells

Will Benton, organist

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 257

The Risen Christ

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Love Divine, All Love Excelling

setting by Joel Raney

Will Benton, organist

There will be a congregational meeting immediately following the worship service this morning for the purpose of acting on the co-pastors terms of call.

A zoom link was posted in the Park Lake Up2date email and will be available on the Park Lake Facebook page for those who would like to participate virtually.

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 - ery age, till earth and sky and


prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery 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.


231 Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers




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:

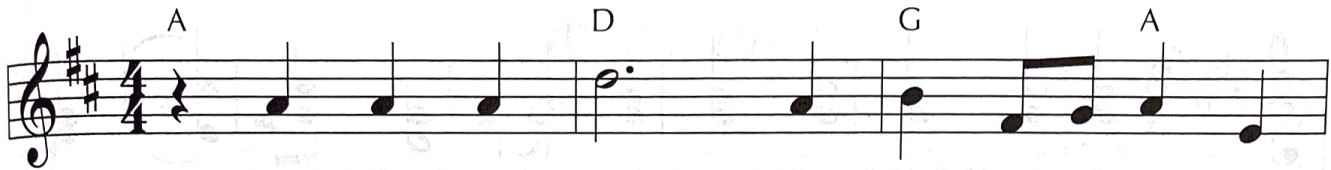


let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
ev - i - dence of trans-for-mation in which God is known and seen.

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."

The Risen Christ

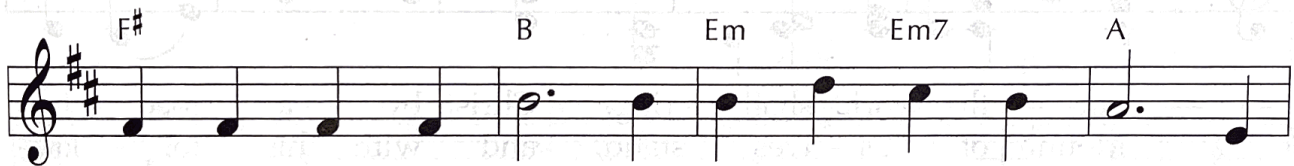
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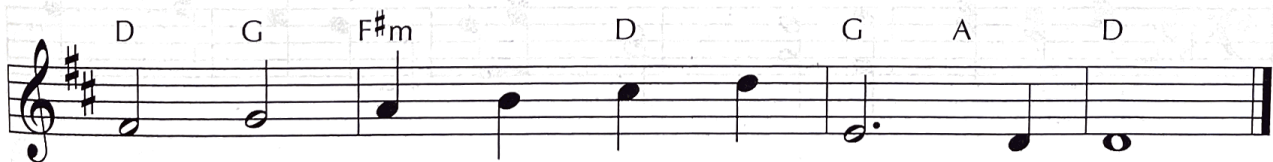
1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound - ed
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound - ed
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound - ed
 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and



feet from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y
 side, breathes out his Spir - it on them to a -
 hand the bread for those who fail to un - der -
 stand with the op - pressed in this and ev - ery



street, un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear, and
 bide whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve; new
 stand, re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - gering tears, en -
 land, till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be, re -



speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
 grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.
 flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.
 stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.