

*Easter Sunday
March 31st, 2024
Presbyterian Church
at Shrewsbury*

*He is
Risen*



March 31st, 2024
Resurrection of the Lord
Our PCAS Vision: "To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning,
and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Order of Worship
*(*Please rise in body and/or spirit)*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Festive Fanfare

Arnold Sherman
Jubilee Bells

***Call to Worship**

Leader: It was early in the morning. Still dark.
The dawn just starting to cut through the fog.
The air hung heavy with expectation, as if the earth itself were holding
its breath.
The story comes to us in pieces and fragments, hints and images:

People: A vineyard garden, grapes ready for the harvest.
A stone, rolled away. The guards asleep at its side.
A pile of clothes, folded in an empty tomb.

Leader: Peter and John, running in with disbelief.
Walking out with questions and with hope.
Mary stays behind. To weep in the garden.
With her we look up, and through her tears
We see angels, seated in victory on top of the stone.

People: Do not be afraid, they tell us.
He is not here.
Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He. Is. Not. Here.

Leader: From the garden she hears a voice:
Why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?

People: And like a voice from heaven,
She hears that voice. The voice she is longing for.
The gardener speaks her name: Mary.

Leader: Jesus looks at you and Jesus speaks your name.
The world is new as he speaks your name.

You are made new as he speaks your name.
What the angels said was true
And it is true today.

People: Jesus is alive.

Jesus walks.

His heart beats in victory.

Easter is announced by every breath he takes.

Easter means that love has won.

Death is finished. Evil is conquered.

God is good.

Leader: Love's redeeming work is done.
It. Is. Finished. It. Is. Finished.
He is not dead.
He. Is. Alive.
Christ is Risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***Hymn #232**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Litany for Easter

Leader: We give thanks to you, O Lord, for you are good:
your mercy endures forever.

**People: We sing and shout for the joy of your salvation,
secured for us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ!**

Leader: Your living strength has triumphed!
The power of life has redeemed us!

People: We declare your saving works, O Mighty One.

Leader: Give us grace, O God, to open the gates of your righteousness so
that all your beloved ones may enter.

People: Let our lives bear witness that you are our salvation.

Leader: Christ, the stone which the builders rejected,
has become the cornerstone of your renewed people.

**People: This is your doing, O Lord,
and it is marvelous in our eyes;
let all people rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: We cry hosanna to you, O Lord: save us!
Work out your salvation for those who are in need today,
especially for those who labor under the shadow of death.

**People: Shine your resurrection light upon us
and lead us like a joyful parade into your presence.**

Leader: You are the God of life, **People: and we thank you;**
Leader: you are the God of new life, **People: and we exalt you;**
Leader: you are the God whose mercy endures forever,
People: and we pray rejoicing in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Acts 10:34-43
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Special Music I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Cynthia Dobrinski
Jubilee Bells

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn** #233 The Day of Resurrection!

Second Scripture Lesson Mark 16:1-8
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God**

Sermon "From Spectacle to Miracle"

Offering

Offertory Alleluia for our Time Chancel Choir

Doxology

***Prayer of Dedication**

Hallelujah Chorus

The congregation is invited to join the choir at the front of the sanctuary and join in singing. As you come forward, you will be handed the music.

***Benediction**

Leader: My sisters and brothers,
today we have celebrated
the glorious Mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.
Let us go forth, rejoicing in the knowledge that Jesus is alive.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Today, we look to the future -
to the new dawn of Eastertide
Let us go to live as people bathed in the light of resurrection.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Today, we remember the day when creation was made new when
God showed humanity its destiny.
Let us go as people living in the knowledge
that through the triumph of Jesus over death
the gates of heaven are opened.

People: Alleluia!

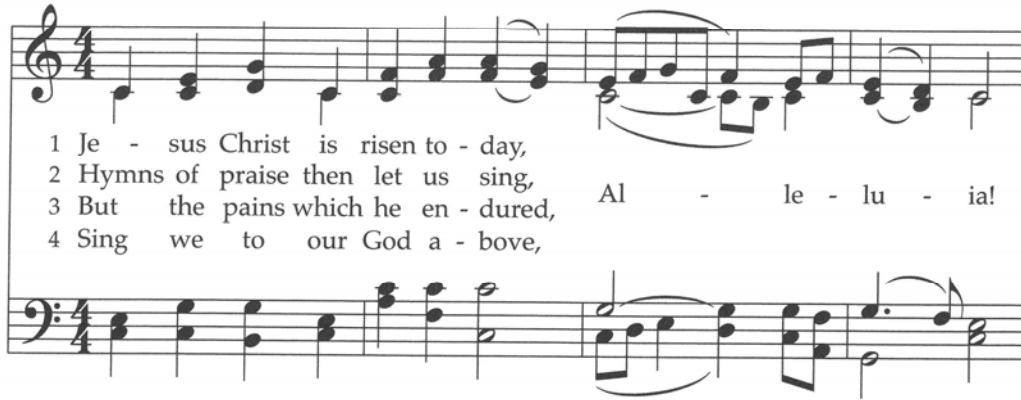
Postlude Toccata from Symphony for Organ No 5

Charles-Marie Widor


Worship Leaders

Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening
Director of Music Ministries:	Marcello Velame
Liturgist:	Linda Zucaro
Music Ministry	Erica Lewis
	Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth
	Chancel Choir
	Jubilee Bells
Ushers:	Brian Sergeant
	Diane Suarez
Zoom Hosts:	John Palframan
	Jim Wright

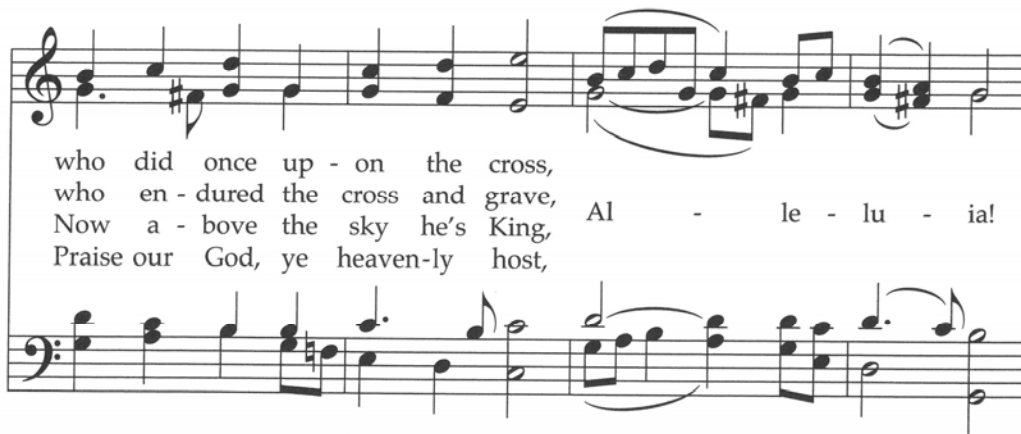
232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



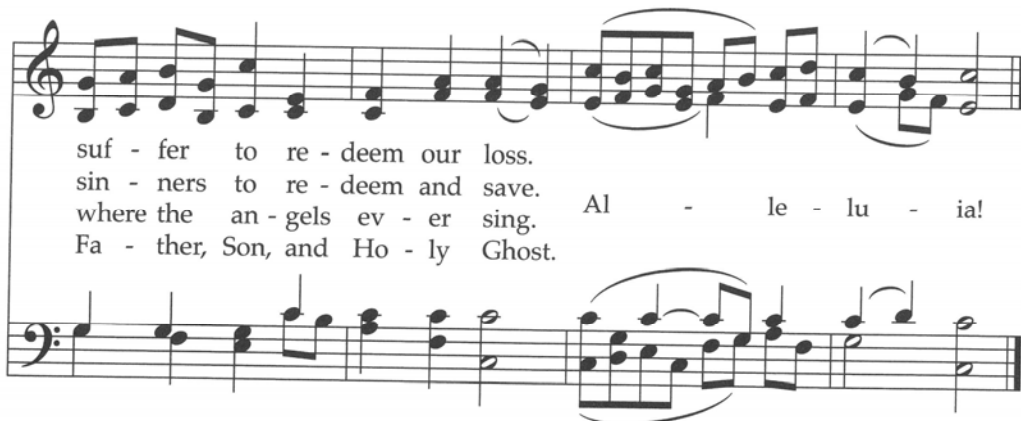
1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured,
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
un - to Christ, our heav - en - 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 heav - en - ly host,



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.

233 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.



EASTER LILIES

In Memory of

**My husband Andrew Walker, my parents Peg & Bob Bruguere,
and my Aunt Eleanor Dunn.**

By Peter Bruguere

Doris & Edward Coccaro and Jean & Elwood Carter

By Mike and Debi Coccaro

Our parents

By Rev Katherine Cunningham and Kurt Kaboth

Dr Joseph Davies III, Helen & Melville Halliday, and Patricia Gasperini

By Joyce Davies

Barbara A. Murray, devoted mother and grandmother.

With love her daughter Sherri Laberdee and granddaughter Ashley Burket

**Marie & Sergio Campagnola, Sr, Anita & Jack Mackay, Sr,
and Virginia Hammond**

By Jack, Michele, & Evan Mackay

William , Helen, & Robert Schanck and Ann & David Muyskins

By Kirsten & Bill Schanck

Craig Sergeant and George & Dorothy Bett

By the Sergeant Family

Audrey Semple a longtime proud Deacon

By Barry Semple

Karen Pettitt, Jan Starke, and George Starke

By Sue and Sean Starke

Gladys & Richard Pearson, Barbara & Steve Vodhanel, and Steve Vodhanel, Jr

By Nancy & Rich Vodhanel

In Honor Of

Our children and grandchildren

By Al & Jane Wagner

Family

By Carol McLain

The Glory of Jesus Christ

By May Truxal



1	APR, MON	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
2	APR, TUE	● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
		● 5 – 7pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
3	APR, WED	● 8 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Bible Study (TR)
4	APR, THU	● 4:45 – 5:45pm	Yoga Small Group - (FH)
		● 6 – 7pm	Bells (SR)
		● 7 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani choir practice (FH)
6	APR, SAT	● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
7	APR, SUN	● 8:45 – 9:30am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday School
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 11:30am – 1pm	Worship Committee (TR)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)
		● 6 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Worship (FH)