

Easter

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

APRIL 5, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

We rise because He has risen. We live because He liveth. His incorruption is ours; and His glory is our glory. All that we shall have in that resurrection-day we shall owe to Him alone who died for us, and who rose again. Faith knits us to His cross. Faith links us to His grave. Faith connects us with His resurrection in the fulness of its eternal love and power. Through Him who is our resurrection we shall know what it is to have death swallowed up in victory, and to sing the song of triumph:

“O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death was sin; the strength of sin was the law.

But thanks be to God, Who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

HORATIUS BONAR (1808-1889)

SCOTTISH CHURCHMAN, POET, AND HYMN WRITER



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper

The Prelude

Prelude to the *Te Deum*

M.-A. Charpentier

The Announcements

Rev. Cameron Whitehurst

The Chiming of the Hour

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen!

† The Call to Worship – 1 Peter 1:3, 2:9 (*congregation reads bold type*)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

He has called us out of darkness and into His marvelous light.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

•† The Hymn No. 233

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

† The Apostles' Creed – inside cover of *The Hymnal*

† The Prayer of Invocation

† The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father Which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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, for ever. Amen.**

The Gloria Patri (*sung by choir*)

C. V. Stanford

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Call to Confession – James 4:6b-10

God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Psalm 28:6-8

Blessed be the LORD! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him. The LORD is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

The Pastoral Prayer

•✠ The Hymn No. 227

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

The Offering

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7*

The Anthem

Now Glad of Heart be Everyone

K. Lee Scott

Now glad of heart be everyone! The fight is fought, the day is won,
The Christ is set upon His throne, Alleluia!
Who on the rood [cross] was crucified, who rose again, as at this tide,
In glory to His Father's side, Alleluia!
Who baffled death and harrowed hell and led the souls that loved Him well
All in the light of lights to dwell: Alleluia!
To Him we lift our heart and voice and in His paradise rejoice
With harp and pipe and happy noise. Sing Alleluia!
Then rise all Christian folk, with me and carol forth the One-in-Three
That was and is and is to be, Alleluia!
Now glad of heart be everyone! The fight is fought, the day is won,
The Christ is set upon His throne, sing Alleluia!
(Christliche Gesangbüchlein, 1568)

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Prayer for Illumination

† The Reading of God's Word – Mark 15:42-16:8

pew Bible, page 1085

*If you are visiting today and do not own a personal copy of the Scriptures,
please take one from the table in the narthex as our gift.*

All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.

**The grass withers and the flowers fade,
but the Word of our God shall stand forever. Amen.**

Isaiah 40:6b, 8

The Personal Meditation and Preparation of the Heart

*Children age four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.
They may be picked up in Room E-100 after the service.*

The Sermon

Like a Rolling Stone

Rev. Cooper

The Closing Prayer

2026 Easter Lilies

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.

Psalm 116:15

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Adams by Mary and Sam Adams and family

Martha Alexander by Caroline Weiss

Joseph Anderson by the Ostberg family

Marie K. Anderson by Melodie and Cody Jones and family

Kathi K. Atkins by Brian Atkins, James, and Leigh Anne; Melissa Mount and Mark Hertenstein;

Leah and David Funderburk

Sarah Bailey by Megan and Jason

Walter Matthew Bamberg by Laura and Josh Brewer

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton C. Berry by their families

Betty and Richard Blades by the Blades family

Carol Pounds Bowen by Charlene and Charles Yates

Martha Yarbrough Bowen by Charlene and Charles Yates

Dr. and Mrs. Tom Braddock by The Reverend Kurt Cooper and family; an anonymous donor

Joe Len Brewer by Laura and Josh Brewer

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 Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Shaw and family
Elizabeth Dowe Franklin by Laura and Josh Brewer
Preston Leon Franklin by Laura and Josh Brewer
Mr. Thomas T. Gallion by Mrs. Warren H. Goodwyn and family
Gordon Gray Godwin by his family; Bo Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. James E. Godwin by Mr. and Mrs. Rob Godwin and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Godwin
 and families; Mr. and Mrs. John Stallings, Jr. and family
Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Godwin by Mr. and Mrs. John Albritton, Jr.
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Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hapke by Sheila and Tom Govan
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Mr. & Mrs. Edward L. Lowder by their families
B. R. Lowe by Joy Lowe; and his family
Cathy Lowe by her family
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Lucy and Fred Johnson

The Reverend Hal Eugene McNeely by Mr. and Mrs. John Albritton, Jr.; Leah and David Funderburk

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Paul Wilhite Miles by the Miles, Vainstein, and Allan families

Judy Moody by Claude Moody; Stuart and Mary James Newsome, Stuart, Jr., James Edward,
and Claude

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Mr. and Mrs. Haygood Paterson, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. John Stallings and family

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Joseph D. Phelps by the Lash family

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Eleanor and James Pruettt by the Pruettt family

Hazel Nicolas Quiggins by Caroline Weiss

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Mr. and Mrs. Marlow Reese by Mrs. Warren H. Goodwyn and family

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhodes by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Griffin and family

Mr. and Mrs. Spears Rhodes by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Griffin and family

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Weiss, Sr. by Mrs. Robert P. Weiss, Jr.
Kathryn Elliot Patterson Williams by Beverly and Ed Patterson
Pat Thomas Williams, Sr. by Mrs. Pat Williams, Sr. and family



*Thank you to all who provided lilies to enhance the worship of our God.
The plants may be picked up on Monday, April 6, from 9 until 3 o'clock in the Sanctuary.*

SERMON NOTES

Mark 15:42-16:8

Like a Rolling Stone

I. The Reality of Death (15:42-47)

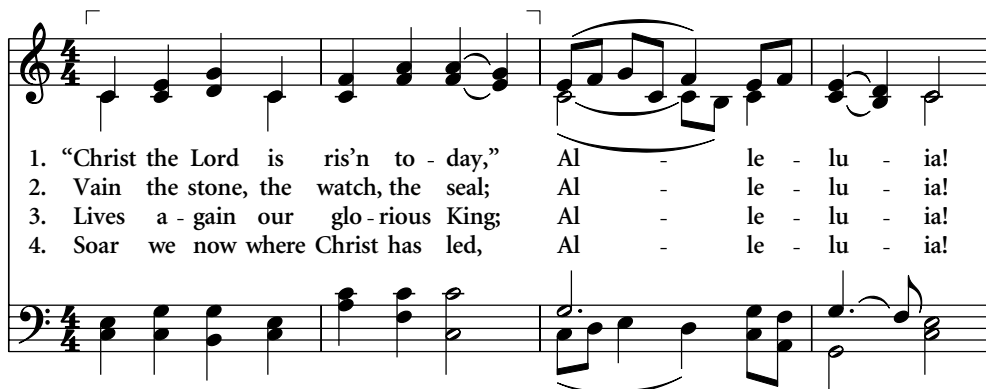
II. The Astonishment of the Resurrection (16:1-8)

III. So What?




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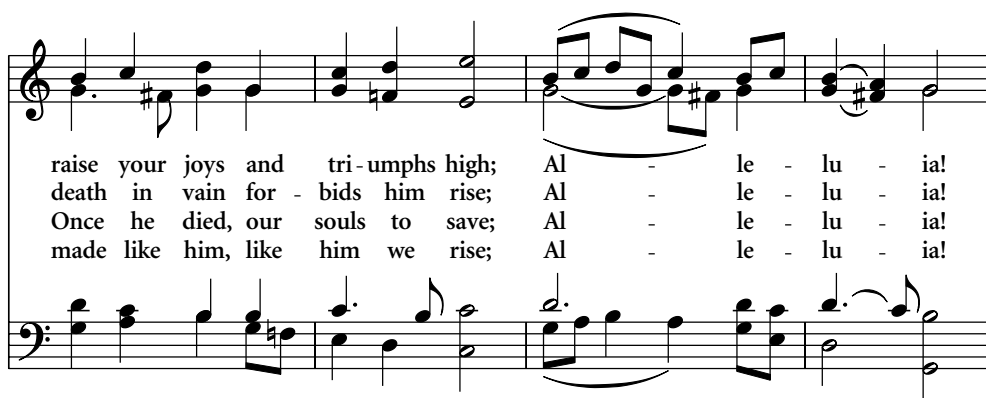
233 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!



sons of men and an - gels say; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell; Al - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - le - lu - ia!



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 death in vain for - bids him rise; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - le - lu - ia!
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - le - lu - ia!

sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

Alleluia

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1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 2. He's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia, he's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia,
 3. He is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia, he is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia,
 4. I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia, I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 he's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia, he's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia!
 he is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia, he is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia!
 I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia, I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia!

227 The Day of Resurrection!

1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3. Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth her 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;
 let the round world keep tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from this world to the sky,
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 in - vis - i - ble and vis - i - ble, their notes let all things blend,

our Christ hath 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 hath ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

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Thine Be the Glory

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won; an - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom; let the church with glad - ness,
 out thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes,
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth,
 through thy death - less love: bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Sing! 236

1. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2. The Lord of life is ris'n for aye; bring flow'rs of song to
 3. Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
 4. Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 strew his way; let all man - kind re - joice and say:
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:

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