

The Lord's Service

The Resurrection of the Lord

APRIL 04, 2021



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE *Prayer of Saint Gregory* ALAN HOVHANESS ; *The Blessed Christ is Ris'n Today* JOHANN S. BACH
Aria FUX ; *Easter Medley* ARR. FRACKENPOHL ; *Joyful, Joyful* ARR. LAUDERMILCH
Please use the prelude as a time of silent preparation for the worship of the Triune God.

GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP SEE LUKE 24:34
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

☒ PRAYER OF THE DAY
Brightness of God's glory and exact image of God's person, whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison, as you have shared our frailty in human flesh, grant us to share your immortality in the Spirit. Let no shadow of the grave terrify us, and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you. Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days, as the first and the last, the Living One, our immortal Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

☒ HYMN OF PRAISE *Worship Christ, the Risen King!* 286

CONFESSION OF SINS

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 fail to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, we ignore your call to discipleship. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn. 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. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊗ RESPONSIVE READING OF THE LAW

You shall have no other gods before me.
For from him and through him and to him are all things.

You shall not make for yourself a graven image.
In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.
Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.
Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

You shall not kill.
Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

You shall not commit adultery.
You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

You shall not steal.
Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor
Rather speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house, or anything that is your neighbor's.
Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

⊗ GLORIA PATRI

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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, amen.

INTERLUDE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of life, your Spirit raised Jesus from the dead. Your Spirit inspired the prophets and writers of Scripture. Send your Spirit now to give us light, encouragement, faith, and hope through the proclamation of the everlasting gospel. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 25:6-9

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 CORINTHIANS 15:50-58



GOSPEL READING

MARK 16:1-8



RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON

Taunting Death



THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

(not collected, brought up by deacons)



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⊗ SURSUM CORDA
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

⊗ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

⊗ THE LORD'S PRAYER
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.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* 420

At the lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King, who hath washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side; praise we him whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine, gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.	Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed; paschal victim, paschal bread; with sincerity and love eat we manna from above.
Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.	Mighty victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie; death is conquered in the fight, thou hast bought us life and light: hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise; holy Father praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

⊗ HYMN OF DEPARTURE *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* 277

⊗ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⊗ POSTLUDE *Rigaudon* CAMPRA

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Steve Flewelling (9:00AM)
Bob Maucher (11:30AM)

ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

BRASS QUINTET (9:00AM): Zachary Hommel (*trumpet*); Tristan Hayes (*trumpet*);
Megan Decker (*horn*); Vic Izzo (*trombone*); Adam Kuliszewski (*tuba*)

TRUMPET (11:30AM): Zachary Hommel

Taunting Death

1 CORINTHIANS 15:50-58

1. The Declaration (v. 50)

The contrast between the present and future body is s_____.

Perishable, dishonor, weakness: imperishable, g_____, p_____.

Flesh and blood _____ inherit the kingdom of God.

The kingdom here is w_____ future.

Talk of the kingdom needs the r_____ of this text.

Inheriting the kingdom requires _____ resurrection.

Only the imperishable can inherit the i_____.

2. The Mystery (vv. 51-53)

The mystery answers the d_____ of the declaration.

Not just the _____, but the l_____ need this transformation.

The transformation is f_____ and in_____.

He will transform our l_____ body to be like his g_____ body.

Utter certainty: the mortal _____ clothe itself in immortality.

3. The Victory (vv. 54-57)

_____ Christ appears, _____ death is swallowed up.

In the body of the _____ Christ this is a _____ fulfilled.

The taunt is both p_____ and f_____.

To live in Christ is to _____ death.

4. The Labor (v. 58)

Because tr_____ is certain, nothing is in v_____.

Get all of your _____ in the _____.

Missions Work Highlight

TIM & THERESE GALAGE

With Mission to The World in South Africa

As in the US, we have been greatly impacted by Covid in South Africa. Nonetheless, we have been able to resume face-to-face ministry activities, including classroom teaching at the Bible Institute, pastor's reading group, and conference speaking on Role of Deacon. Tim's role as MTW Regional Director for Southern Africa has been more impacted due to travel restrictions arising from COVID. A 10 year plan for future ministry is in draft stage, awaiting in-person meetings with various national partners to finalize collaboration MTW aspires to assist with Reformed and Presbyterian church planting and denomination building in several locations in the region. PRAY for timely completion of this plan. PRAY for the newly formed Southern Africa Reformed Mission (Tim is chair). Seeking to raise \$100K to support 3 reformed and Presbyterian planting projects. PRAY for the Galage's as they orientate and mentor a new missionary family, and for discernment for doctors in identifying Therese's medical issue. (Fainted while driving)

Announcements

Today, the Fellowship Team will be holding a brunch in between our two worship services, from approximately 10:15 to 11:15. To allow enough time for eating and fellowship as we celebrate the risen Christ, **it will be necessary to move the start time of the second service to 11:30**. After the brunch, it would be a great help if you would please clean up your tables by disposing of your plates, cups, utensils and napkins in the trash cans. Also, if you have children, please make sure their table is cleaned up, too.

There will be **no Evening Service** tonight.

Youth Group meets 7PM on 4/15 in the Teen Room.

Scripture Texts

ISAIAH 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken.

⁹In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

1 CORINTHIANS 15:50-58

⁵⁰I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

⁵¹Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—

⁵²in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

⁵³For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

⁵⁴When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

⁵⁷But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Scripture Texts, *continued*

MARK 16:1-8

¹When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.

²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb

³and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.

⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

⁸Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Worship Christ, the Risen King!

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He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Matt. 28:6

1. Rise, O church, and lift your voic-es, Christ has con- quered death and hell.
2. See the tomb where death had laid him, emp- ty now, its mouth de- clares:
3. Hear the earth pro - test and trem - ble, see the stone re - moved with pow'r;
4. Doubt may lift its head to mur- mur, scoff- ers mock and sin- ners jeer;
5. We ac- claim your life, O Je- sus, now we sing your vic - to - ry;

- Sing as all the earth re - joic - es; res - ur - rec - tion an- thems swell.
 "Death and I could not con- tain him, for the throne of life he shares."
 • all hell's min - ions may as- sem - ble, but can - not with - stand his hour.
 but the truth pro - claims a won - der thought- ful hearts re - ceive with cheer.
 sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your con - quest keeps us free.

- Come and wor - ship, come and wor- ship, wor- ship Christ, the ris - en King!
 Come and wor - ship, come and wor- ship, wor- ship Christ, the ris - en King!
 • He has con- quered, he has con- quered, Christ the Lord, the ris - en King!
 He is ris - en, he is ris - en, now re - ceive the ris - en King!
 Stand in tri - umph, stand in tri - umph, wor- ship Christ, the ris - en King!

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:57

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 his 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!

5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia!*
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Alleluia!*
 thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*
 hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!*

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

Westminster Church is both a place and a people. We gather in this sacred space to worship, to learn, and to serve God as he meets us in Christ. To this end we dedicate our time, our talent, and our resources. Here the Gospel of Christ is freely proclaimed: *We are weaker and more sinful than we ever dared admit, but through Christ we are more loved and accepted than we ever dared hope.* As a community of Christians, we are building a bridge to the future through faith and friendship. To this end, we pray God will give us strength, vision, and wisdom. We are thankful that you could join with us today. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Welcome to Westminster!

Westminster Stated Services

Worship	9:00 AM, 11:00AM
Sunday School (<i>Sept–June</i>)	11:45 AM
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 PM

Westminster Kingston

Sunday School	10:00 AM
Worship	11:00 AM

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Cover

The Celtic cross reminds us, as Presbyterians, of our historical roots in the British Isles dating back at least to the fifth century. *Post Tenebras Lux* is a Latin slogan from the 16th-century Protestant Reformation meaning *After Darkness, Light*. The cross and the slogan combine to express our desire to be rooted in the ancient faith and to embrace the attainments of the Protestant Reformation.

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