



**Westminster Presbyterian
Church**

Midweek Eastertide Prayer Service

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021
Sanctuary · 11:45 a.m.**

PRELUDE

Sonata in b minor

Domenico Scarlatti

***OPENING SENTENCES**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
maker of heaven and earth.

Ps. 124:8

Those who trust in the Lord for help
will find their strength renewed.
They will rise on wings like eagles;
they will run and not get weary;
they will walk and not grow weak.

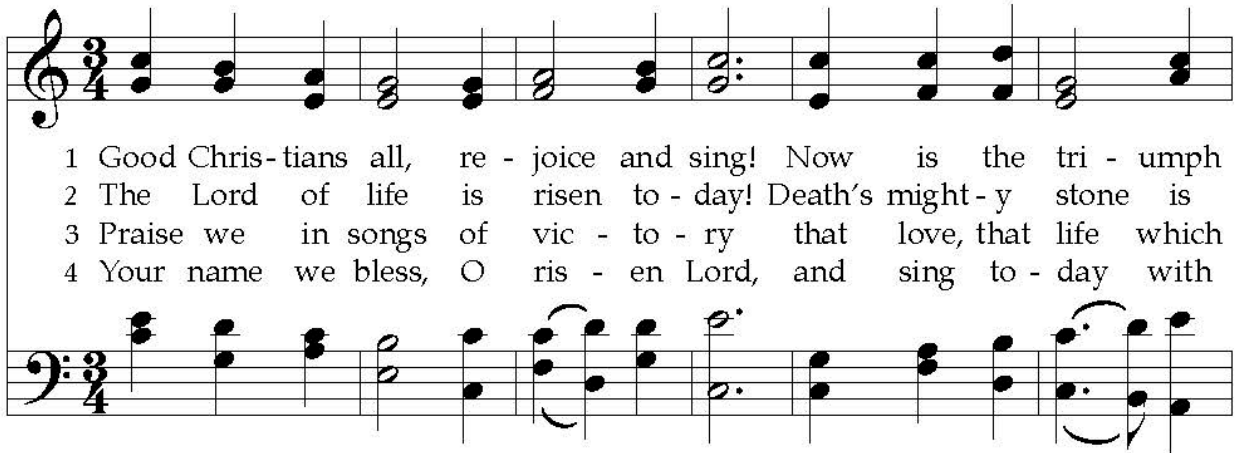
Is. 40:31

Praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised!

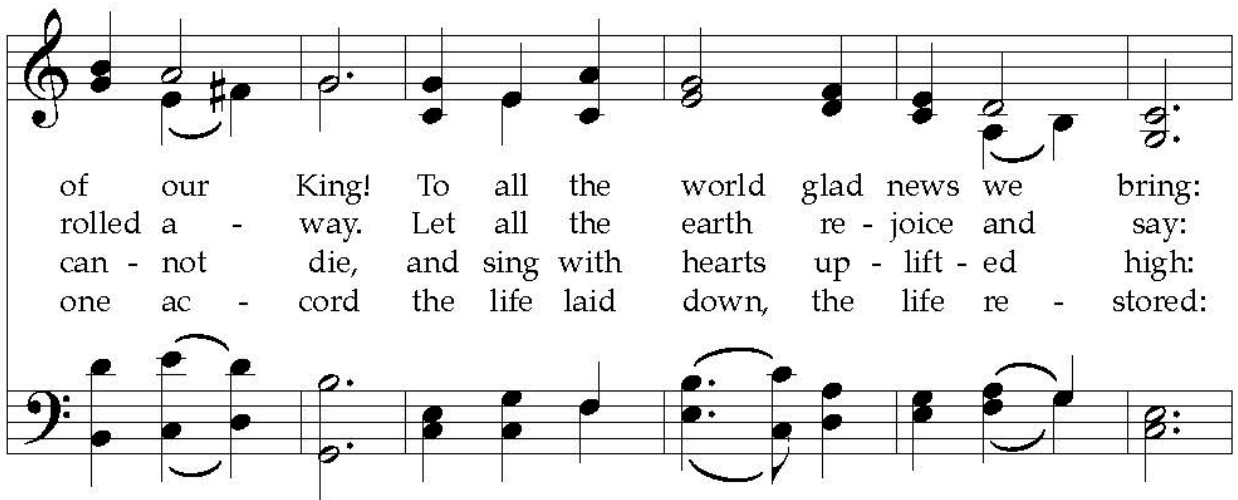
PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Eternal God, we give you thanks
that through the gift of our baptism
you call us to a new way of life
in your realm of grace and peace.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
let your will be done in our lives
and in this world that you love;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

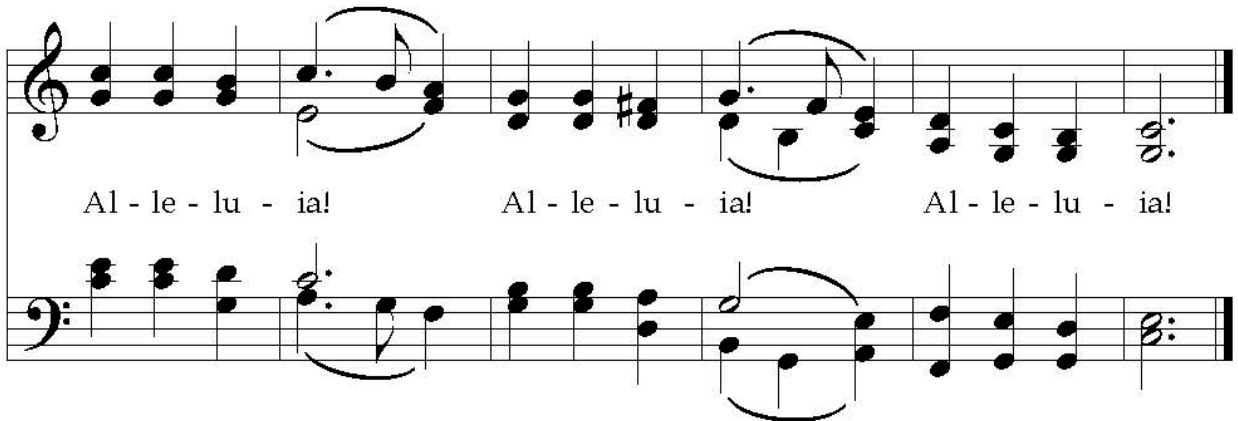
Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris-tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Death's might - y stone is
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:
rolled a - way. Let all the earth 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!

PSALM 118: 1-5, 19-29

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

**Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

Let the house of Aaron declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."

**Let those who fear the Lord declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

In distress I called to the Lord,
who answered by setting me free.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

**"This is the gate of the Lord;
here the righteous may enter."**

I give thanks to you for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.

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

By the Lord has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

Hosanna! O Lord, save us!

We pray to you, Lord, prosper our days!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.**

The Lord has given us light.

From a procession with branches
up to the corners of the altar.

**You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.**

**Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;
God's mercy endures forever.**

PSALM PRAYER

Holy and mighty God, your Son's triumph over sin and death has opened forever the gate of eternal life. Save us, we pray, when we are in distress, pressed to the point of falling. Let our lives, and let the whole creation reflect the brilliant light of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

I John 5: 1-13

⁵ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴ for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵ Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ There are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. ⁹ If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰ Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Satisfy us with your love in the morning,
and we will live this day in joy and praise.

Ps. 90:14

(These prayers will include time for individual silent or spoken prayer.)

***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.**

***HYMN 536** Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen SURGE ECCLESIA
[see page 6 for hymn]

CHARGE

Beloved, since God loved us so much,
we ought to love one another.
**No one has ever seen God;
if we love one another,
God lives in us,
and God's love is perfected in us.**

I John 4: 11-12

BLESSING

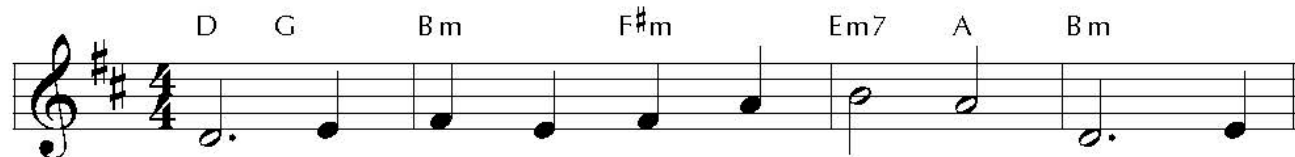
May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Alleluia! Amen.

Rom. 15:13

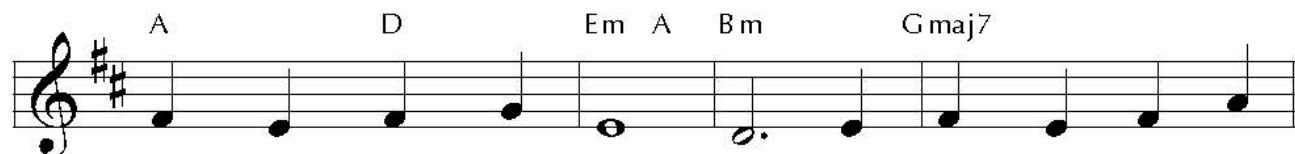
**(Those who are able may stand.)*

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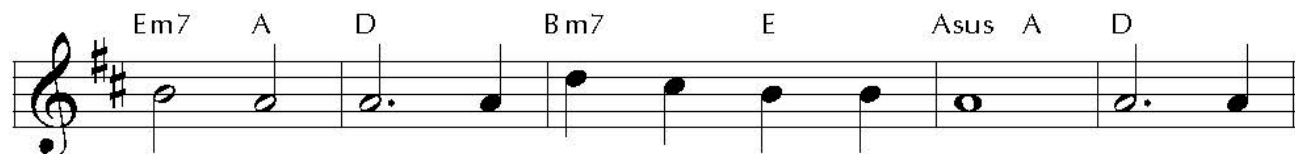
536 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



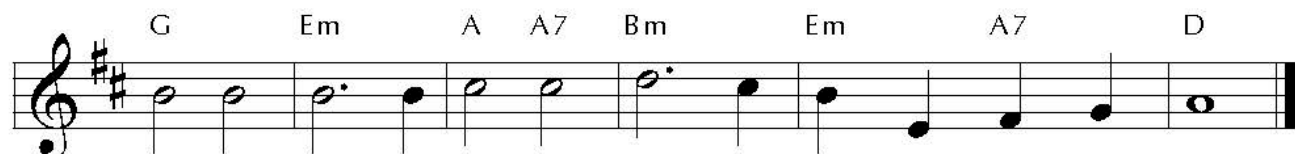
1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age



meal of love and grace; may we through such love en -
 Christ, though wound - ed, whole; bro - ken, shared, our lives are
 called us to re - ceive; pres - ent by God's lov - ing
 be our dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our des - ti -



vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise. Al - le -
 hal - lowed to re - lease and to con - sole. Al - le -
 nur - ture, Spir - it - ed then let us live. Al - le -
 na - tion from this day and un - to death. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: God, the won - der of our days.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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Purpose Statement

*Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light
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“For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.” (2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

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