



Albany, New York
April 9, 2022
Service of Worship 10:00 a.m.

Words of Welcome

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

Time for Children

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Choral Anthem

Crown Him

Arr. Dan Forrest



Prayer for Illumination

Living God, with joy we celebrate
the presence of your risen Word.
Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit
so that we may proclaim the good news
of eternal and abundant life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Scripture Lesson

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.

Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Sermon

"Surprise!"

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff



Hymn #246

Christ Is Alive!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD



Prayers of the People

Fatmata Hilton

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.**



Offering

Gail Garrison

Offertory Anthem

Face to Face (Peter's Song)
Solo: Christopher Price

Mark Harris, Michael O'Brian



Hymn #607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, a people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**



Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME



Closing Hymn # 236

The Strife is O'er

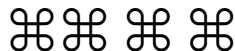
Benediction

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

Closing Postlude

Praise We Our God

Healey Willan (1880-1968)



We welcome Margaret Randall as this week's accompanist. Thank you Margaret!

Thank you to our special guests:

Trumpet

Amanda Roberts

Tony Leonardi

Trombone

Larry Roth

Tim Solinger

French Horn

Josh Feldman

Tuba

Benjamin Lowder

Singer

Kaitlyn Bechand

John Xia

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2023 Easter Flower Dedications

The flowers that have been dedicated are a continuing witness to the faith and love with which we remember and treasure our friends and loved ones.

Margaret Elbow Conn, in loving memory of
Meg & Matt Elbow; Anne Gibson Elbow; Dick Conn

Beth Coombe & Stuart Kopplin in loving memory of their very dear grandparents:
**Philip & Ethel Coombe; Earl & Phyllis Norton;
Wesley & Florence Kopplin; Lavern & Arlene Packel**

Margaret M. Mayer, in loving memory of:
Bill Mayer

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Neil & Jane Volk

Lois Wilson, in memory of:
**Hugh M. & Margaret N. Wilson;
Julie Mader**

***Our Easter Banner was
given to the Glory of God in Celebration of the Life of Nancy Strandens Willison
by her family on Easter 1998***

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 heaven - 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 heaven - ly host,

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

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.

SPANISH

- 1 *El Señor resucitó, ¡Aleluya!
 muerte y tumba ya venció. ¡Aleluya!
 Con su fuerza y su virtud ¡Aleluya!
 cautivó la esclavitud. ¡Aleluya!*
- 2 *El que al polvo se humilló, ¡Aleluya!
 vencedor se levantó. ¡Aleluya!
 Cante hoy la cristiandad ¡Aleluya!
 su gloriosa majestad. ¡Aleluya!*
- 3 *Cristo, que la cruz sufrió, ¡Aleluya!
 y en desolación se vio, ¡Aleluya!
 hoy en gloria celestial ¡Aleluya!
 reina vivo e inmortal. ¡Aleluya!*
- 4 *Cristo, nuestro Salvador, ¡Aleluya!
 de la muerte es triunfador. ¡Aleluya!
 En El hemos de confiar. ¡Aleluya!
 Cantaremos sin cesar. ¡Aleluya!*

KOREAN

- 1 예수부활 했으니 할렐루야
 만민찬송 하여라
 천사들이 즐거워
 기뻐찬송 부르네
- 2 대속하신 주 예수 할렐루야
 선한싸움이겼네
 사망권세 이기고
 하늘문을 여셨네
- 3 마귀권세 이긴주 할렐루야
 왕의왕이 되셨네
 높은이름 세상에
 널리반포 하여라
- 4 길과진리 되신주 할렐루야
 우리부활 하겠네
 부활생명 되시니
 우리부활 하겠네

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.

607 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551
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here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;

praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

The Strife Is O'er

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Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped; Christ ris - es
 4 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shouts of ho - ly
 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 sting thy ser - vants free, that we may live, and

has be - gun.
 joy out - burst.
 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 sing to thee:

The Latin text from which this hymn has been translated may well be older than its earliest printing in a 17th-century collection published in Cologne. It is set to an adaptation of a portion of the Gloria Patri section from a 16th-century choral version of the Magnificat.