



Alleluia

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021



BLACK MOUNTAIN Presbyterian Church

PRELUDE

Easter Glory

arr. James Curnow (ASCAP)

Chris Imhoff, *trumpet*; Michael Barker, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the good news – the grave is empty, Christ is risen!

Hallelujah! We praise the risen Christ!

This is the good news – the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never put it out.

Hallelujah! We give thanks for Christ's light in the world!

This is the good news – once we were no people; now we are God's people!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen indeed!

Let us worship our Easter God.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Chris Imhoff, Wesley Owen, Drew Banzhoff, and Owen Gast; *brass instrumentalists*



Christ the Lord is risen to - day Al le lu ia!
Love's re - deem - ing work is done Al le lu ia!
Lives a - gain our glo - rious King: Al le lu ia!
Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Al le lu ia!



All cre - a - tion join to say, Al le lu ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won Al le lu ia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al le lu ia!
Praise to you by both be given: 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!
Je - sus died, our souls to save: Al le lu ia!
Ev - ery knee to you shall bow Al le lu ia!



Sing, O heavens and earth re - ply Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Christ has op - ened par - a - dise Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now. Al - - - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our plans and priorities do not always make space for your interruptions.
 Caught up in the busyness of our world,
 we lack Sabbath time to ponder the meaning of Easter in our lives.
 Have mercy on us, saving God.
 After a year of Covid, we are accustomed to death and disappointment.
 We are well acquainted with cynicism and disillusionment.
 Have mercy on us, resurrecting God.
 We are slow to believe your good news.
 We are scarred by false hopes.
 Grant us your peace.
 We confess our lack of trust, our limited vision,
 our uneasy comfort with the miracle of your resurrection!
 We believe. Help our unbelief...

- Silent Prayers -

And yet you, O God, have created us for covenant keeping.
 You have created us to see new life and resurrection all around us.
 You have created us to live your Easter good news.
 Forgive us.
 Forgive us, and help us live as a people shaped by your voice,
 your hope, your reign. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the gospel.
 In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

RESPONSE TO PARDON

Halle, Halle, Halleluja

HALLE HALLE

Matt Begley, song leader

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - - - lu - - - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - - - lu - - - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - - - lu - - - jah, hal - le -

lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:1-12

SERMON

An Idle Tale?

HYMN

The Strife is O'er

VICTORY

Refrain (before stanza 1 and after the final stanza)

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

The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
The three sad days are quick - ly sped;
Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee,
the vic - to - ry of life — is won;
Christ ris - es glo - rious from — the dead:
from death's dread sting thy ser - vants free,
the song of tri - umph has — be - gun.
all glo - ry to our ris - en Head!
that we may live, and sing — to thee:
Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for our church and nation, for the church universal,
and for all of the world's people, indeed for all life, for all Creation, saying,
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With joy, we pray for our church in Black Mountain as we gather, at a distance,
united this morning at the empty tomb. Help us to see you, O God, in those we do not expect
to encounter and give us courage to cross borders and seek you in the least among us.
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With gratitude, we give you thanks for those who are seeking faith
and desiring to walk in your ways, for the newly baptized, and for those who are
lost and struggling with daily life and meaning. Guide them and keep them,
open their eyes again and again to your presence, your wisdom, and your blessing.
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With humility, we pray for this planet, our home that we love and need.
Heal what we have scarred and broken; renew in all people, a newfound reverence
for ways to live in harmony with all forms of life, in all its interconnected divine symmetry.
Help us in finding your awe and wonder that your creation reflects.
God in you mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With compassion, wipe away the tears of all who weep.
Give the spiritual inspiration and the ethical will to feed the hungry,
clothe the naked, and comfort those who are in trouble.
Inspire us to live for our brothers and sisters of all places -near and far.
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember those who saw our risen Lord and witnessed to his resurrection
so that we all might seek and find resurrection and commit to bring transformation to this world
through our faith and obedience to your unconditional love. May we be inspired to live lives
of Hosanna, and share words of Alleluia, as we live out our days.
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Passing from the darkened midday sun to the light of dawn,
from ways of bondage and oppression to freedom and justice, from death to life,
we commend to you, gracious and ever-living God,
all for whom we pray, **Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Arr. ST Kimbrough

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Paraphrase on “Thine Is the Glory”

Alexander Guilmant



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Members: share prayer requests, pastoral concerns, or updated contact information.

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Jim Davies at home with Helen under hospice care

Paul & Diane Ginther received great news about their **three-month-old granddaughter Charlie** – her MRI showed no brain tissue in the small mass on her head so she will receive low risk skull/scalp surgery this summer

Please hold **Katherine Holman and her extended family** in prayer following the death of her sister-in-law, Marie Holman Anderson, for they mourn, even as they celebrate Marie's life and heavenly homecoming

Barbara Jenkins, on IV fluids and pain meds

Carolyn Johnson recovering from knee surgery

Bob McMurray had knee replacement surgery, prayers for a speedy recovery

Our PC(USA) Mission Co-workers: **John McCall** in Taiwan;
Dan & Elizabeth Turk in Madagascar. Outreach Foundation: **Frank Dimmock**
Seminary Student: **Emily Beaver**, Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia

Our partner Presbytery and partner church, **Ebenezer, in Guatemala**
The situation in Guatemala is very difficult with COVID-19. It seems that our Ebenezer church members are healthy, but many are not able to work and it is not easy to get food.

Please remember in prayer these people with ongoing concerns:

Martha Jean Alvis, Nada Barnett, Daisy Buckner, Chad Carlton, Jane Collins, Doris Hogle, Becky Hughes, Barbara Jenkins, Mary McElrath, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Penny Sampson, Renee & Charles Sandy, Callie Shaffer, Richard Speegle, Paul Willison, Jack Wynn



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*Almighty and gracious God,
through the rising of your Son from the grave, you broke the power of death.
Meet us today as you met the women at the tomb.
Then, in the midst of our earthly worries, may we have the grace to know and live in new ways.
Give us conviction that we might live with strength and courage.
Kindle in us your faith and hope and love, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Prayer composed by Mary Brueggemann

Our Church's Vision

Embodying the Love of Christ

Inspiring through Worship and Faith Formation • Nurturing through Fellowship
Equipping to Serve • Welcoming to All

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Mike Ballard, *clerk*

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