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# Resurrection of the Lord/ Easter

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“Easter” comes from an Old English word related to dawn and shining. At Easter, we stand in light of the resurrection to see a new creation, transformed by the grace and glory of God, and celebrate the presence and power of the risen Christ in his church by proclaiming his good news and rejoicing in the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is the “Lord and giver of life.” Theologically, the faith we claim and the life we live depend on the affirmation, celebration, and proclamation of Christ’s resurrection.

## WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

### Welcome and Announcements

***The Lord is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!***

### Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

(vs. 1) Jesus Christ is risen today, Al-le-lu-ia! Our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Al-le-lu-ia!

(vs. 2) Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia! Sinners to redeem and save, Al-le-lu-ia!

(vs. 4) Sing we to our God above, Al-le-lu-ia! Praise eternal as God’s love, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Al-le-lu-ia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Al-le-lu-ia!

### Prayer of the Day and 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: Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

Assurance

(vs. 1) Blessed assurance, Jesus in mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

(vs. 3) Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love. *Refrain.*

## WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament Lesson:** Jeremiah 31:1-6  
**Psalter Lesson:** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
**Epistle Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 3:1-4  
**New Testament Lesson:** Matthew 28:1-10

**“This is Our Story; This is Our Song: Possibility”**

Peter Thompson

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### Responsive Anthem

#### Lift High the Cross Chancel Choir and Brass, Easter, 2019

Arr. R. A. Nichols

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.  
Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.  
All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.  
O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally.  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.  
So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory.  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.*

### Prayers of the People

### Call to Offering

### Offertory Anthem

#### Fanfare for Easter Chancel Choir and Brass, Easter, 2018

J. Marshall

*Christ is Risen! Alleluia!  
Now is Christ risen from the dead and is become the first-fruits of them that slept.  
For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.  
Christ is Risen! Alleluia!*

## WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

### Prayer of Dedication and Benediction

### Postlude

#### Toccata, From Symphony No. 5

C. M. Widor

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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In compliance with the Governor's "Stay at Home" order, FPCLY Church Offices will continue to be closed for business through June 10. The closure of the church offices means there will continue to be no in-person gatherings at FPCLY. This includes worship, spiritual growth classes, Bible studies, programs, meetings, or otherwise. We are continuing to work on creative and alternative ways to provide support and inspiration to all. Please stay tuned to how you can be connected during this time.**

**Please be sure to check out [www.fpclly.org](http://www.fpclly.org) or FPCLY's Facebook page for updates and information on how you can be CONNECTED. Whether it is a scripture verse and prayer of the day, devotional, book reading, or chat board, we welcome your participation. We welcome all to share your stories and songs as to what you have going on in your life, family, home, or neighborhood.**

**If you have an emergency and need to talk with either Peter or Chad, please call him directly. Members Helping Members are also available through phone contact only.**

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