

EASTER SUNDAY

04.09.23

Order of Worship

* Congregation standing as you are able

Prelude

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"
Robert Williams, arr. Jeremy Bankson, LLANFAIR

Welcome and announcements

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Introit

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Chancel Choir

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free; his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

Hear him, ye deaf! His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ! Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy. O leap and sing for joy! text by Charles Wesley, 1739; music by Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829; arr. Eric Nelson, 2018; AZMON

* Call to worship

based on Revelation 5

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: With his blood, Jesus Christ has ransomed men for God from every

tribe and language and people and nation.

All: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

* **Hymn of praise 277,** vv. 1-4

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia! sons of men and angels say; Alleluia! raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia! death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia! where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia! made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia! ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia! Amen. text by Charles Wesley, 1739; music from Lyra Davidica, 1708; EASTER HYMN

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

based on 1 Corinthians 15 and Colossians 1

Leader: This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

All: Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

Leader: We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

All: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

Call to confession Hebrews 10:19-22

Since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Colossians 1:19-22

God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Christ, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

* Hymn of assurance 274

"Thine Be the Glory"

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes, where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom; let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting. *Refrain*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than conqu'rors, thro' thy deathless love: bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain text by Edmond Budry, 1884; music by G. F. Handel, 1747; MACCABAEUS*

Worship in the giving of God's tithe and our offerings

Christ, the Lord, is ris'n again; Christ hath broken ev'ry chain. Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, "Alleluia!"

He, who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, is our Paschal Lamb today; we, too, sing for joy and say, "Alleluia!"

He, who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross, lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry.

He, who slumbered in the grave, is exalted now to save; now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of kings. Alleluia!

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, thy ransomed people feed; take our sins and guilt away. Let us sing by night and day, "Alleluia!" text by Michael Weisse, ca. 1480-1534; music by Philip W. J. Stopford, 2013

* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

- * Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving
- * Scripture reading from 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, 54-57

Chad Middlebrooks

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

⁵⁴When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Death of Death" Brian Salter, lead pastor

The radical guarantees of the resurrection of Christ:

1. We rise. (vv. 20-23)

2. Christ reigns. (vv. 24-28)

3. Death dies. (vv. 54-57)

Pastoral prayer

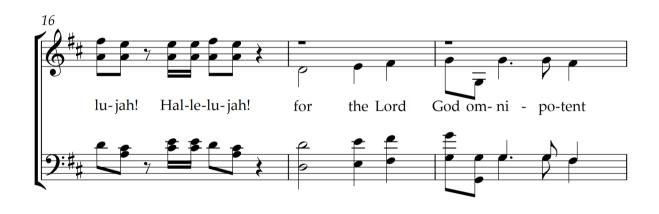
George F. Handel



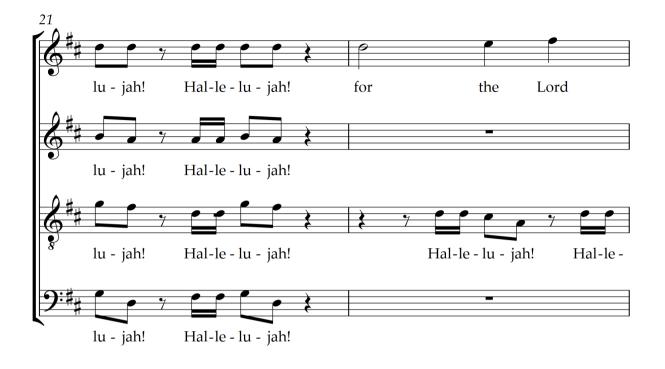


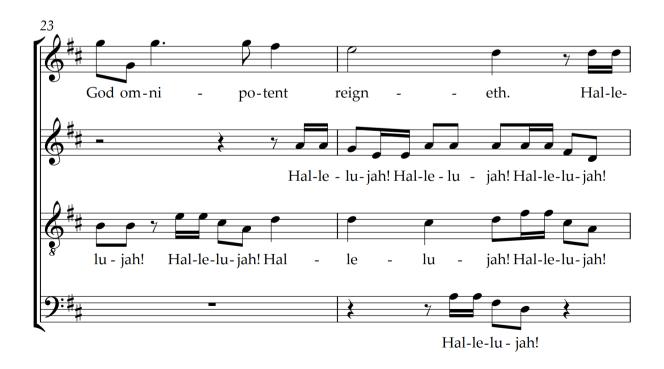


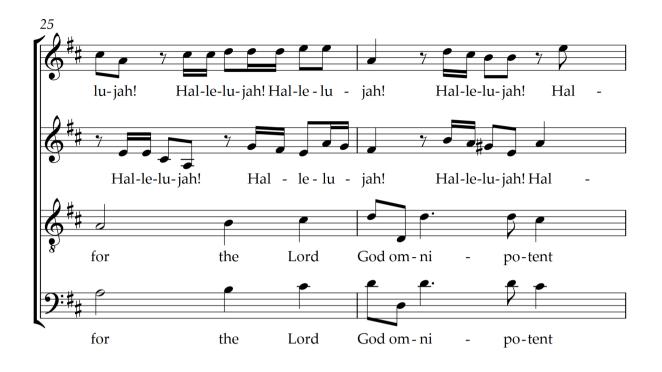


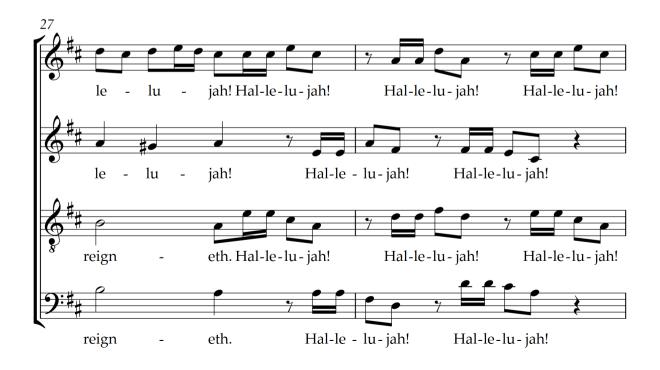


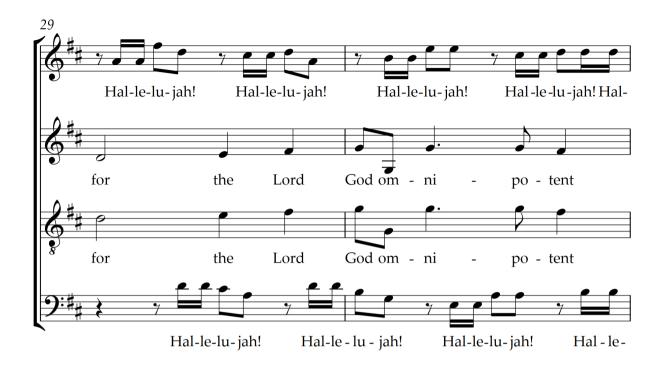


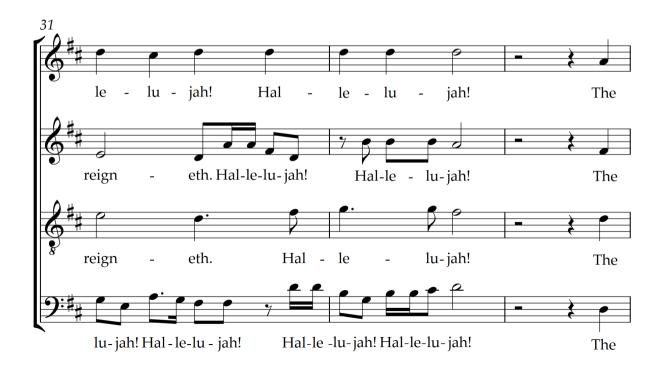


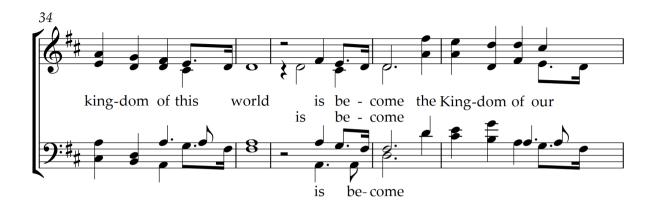


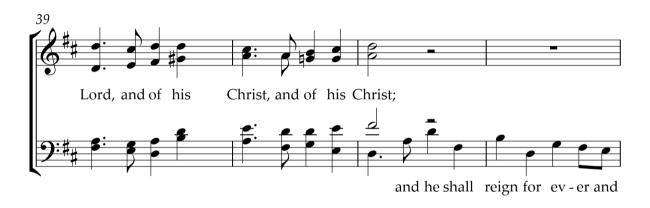


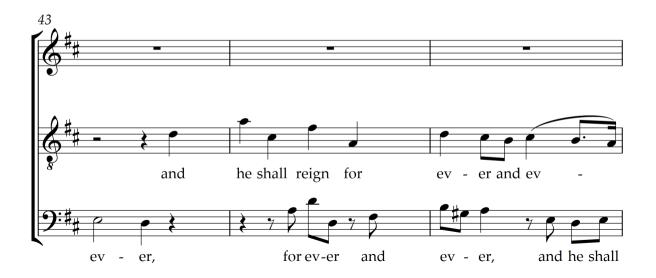


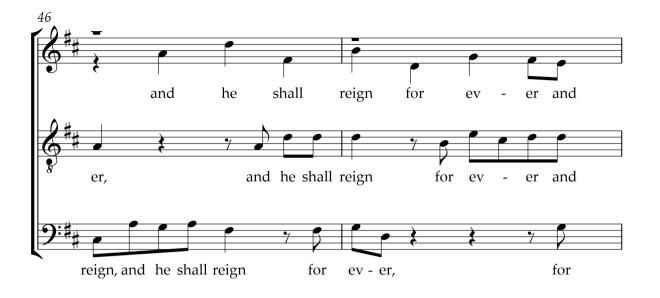


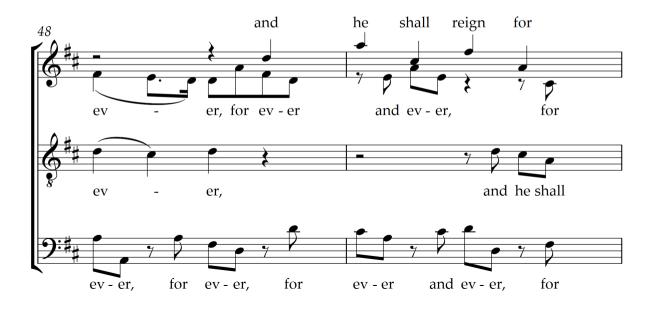


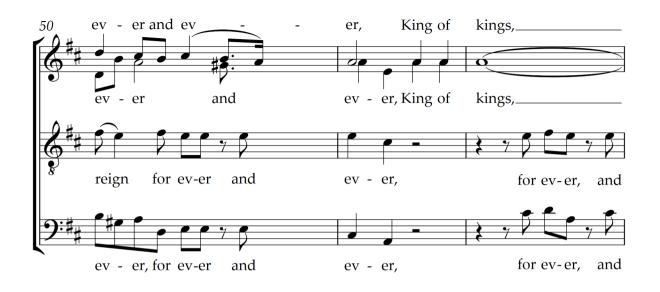




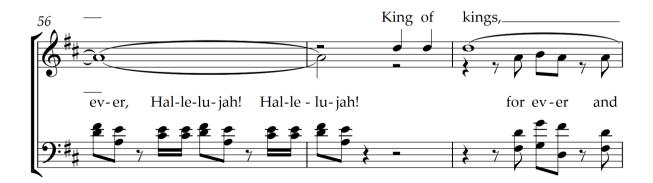




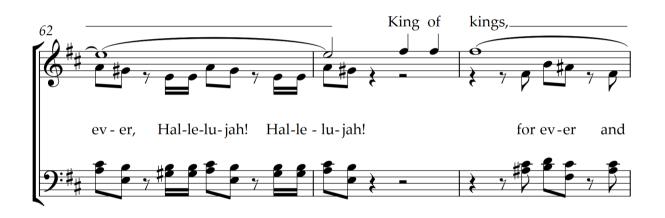


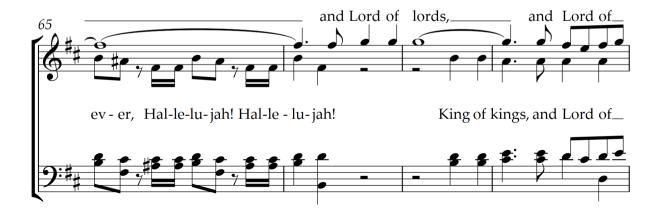


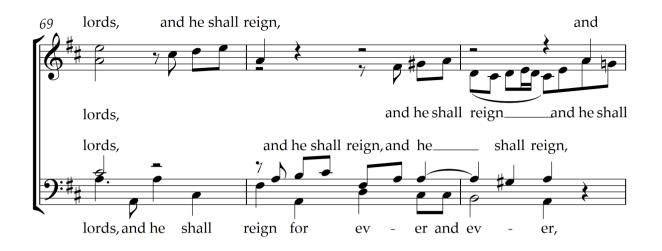




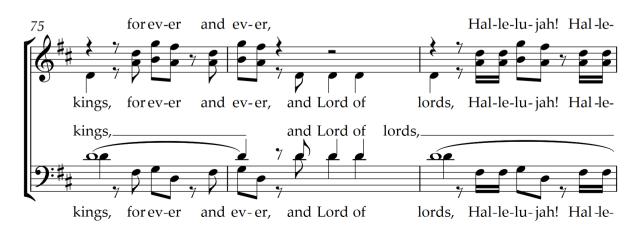








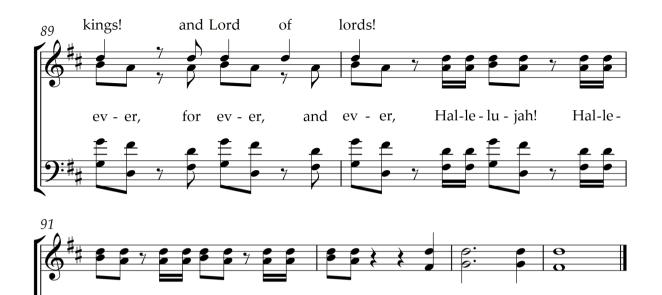












- * Benediction
- * Congregational response

"Threefold Amen"

* Postlude

Toccata from Symphony 5 Charles-Marie Widor

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director Joshua Knight – organ Eric Miller – trombone Jacqueline Miller – trombone

lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le - lu-jah!

Nate Oster – timpani Bob Schmidt – trumpet Harrison Wells – trumpet

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IN MEMORIAM Janet Patricia "Pat" Monroe

March 17, 1933 – April 2, 2023

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES THIS MORNING AND NO SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING TONIGHT.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF TODAY'S SERVICE, please turn in your copy of the Hallelujah Chorus either to an usher or by placing it in the wooden bin provided. We reuse these each year.

MANY IN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY are mourning the tragedy that touched our sister congregation, Covenant Presbyterian Church (Nashville), on March 27. If you would like to donate toward the care of those affected at the church and school, you may give via the "March 27 fund" or through the PCA Foundation by visiting covenantpres.com.

OPEN REGISTRATION FOR MOTHER'S DAY OUT will be held Thursday, April 13 at 9:00 a.m. at lmpc.org/mdo. Space is limited.

LMPC MEN, JOIN US FOR MOUNTAIN MEN'S BREAKFAST on Saturday, April 22 at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. We will share breakfast together and be challenged and encouraged by our special guest, Jonathan Ingraham. No registration required.

YOUNG ADULTS AGE 23 AND ABOVE, meet up at Canopy, Lookout Mountain for a spring social. We will enjoy an evening of food and fellowship on Thursday, April 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Appetizers will be provided and drinks will be available for purchase.

A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held at the end of each worship service in the sanctuary and fellowship hall on Sunday, April 30, for the purpose of electing the nominated elders and deacons to the class of 2026. A brochure about the candidates will be available electronically and in print closer to the date of the meeting.

To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit lmpc.org/news.

THE EASTER FLOWERS ARE GIVEN IN MEMORY OF

Peggy Christine Ballenger by Lee and Ross Ballenger

Elizabeth (Betsy) Caulkins Bookout by Caroline Bentley and Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Caulkins IV

Donnie Brock by Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Caulkins IV

Mr. and Mrs. Winford Brock by Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Caulkins IV

Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Caulkins III by Caroline Bentley

Margaret Clark by Robert, Houston, Grace Anne, Walker, and Hampton Clark

Atticus Bartholomew Centurion Doe by the Doe family and Judy and Tony Pepper

<u>Cori Fordice</u> by Judy and Tony Pepper

David Friberg by Nate Oster

Liza and Marshall Goree by Marsha, Dottie, and Allison

Autumn LaPorte Guarisco by the Barham family

Merilyn and Ross Hall by Stephanie and David Wharton

Evelyn and Clarence Halvorson by Marni and Steve Halvorson

B. Daniel Harnsberger by his children and grandchildren

Charlsie and Charles H. Harris, Jr. by Lee and Ross Ballenger

Charles H. Harris III by Lee and Ross Ballenger

Dick Lindeman by Charlotte Lindeman, their children and grandchildren

Nancy Browne Maclellan by her family

Aaron Madaris by Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Caulkins IV

Hazel and Raymond S. Mathews by Lee and Ross Ballenger

Corinne Goree McGee by Marsha, Dottie, and Allison

The Very Rev. Norman and Tillie Ann Milbank by Marni and Steve Halvorson

<u>Alfred DeWitt Perry</u> by Ann Henley and Doug Perry and Ash, Della, Clara Parker, Kappy, and Hennie

Beebe Merrill Phillips by Merrile and John Stroud

Doug Sizemore by Evelyn Sizemore and Stephanie and Michael Nadeja

Drake Smisson by Susan Smisson, Matthew Smisson, and Hope Woodruff families

Rachel Tucker by the Tucker Men

<u>Linda Wagner</u> by Melanie and Rob Riddle and family

<u>Peg and Bob Wharton</u> by Stephanie and David Wharton

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Anne and Trey Carr by Laura Parker and family

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