



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Do Justice · Love Kindness · Walk Humbly

The Service of Worship

April 12, 2020 – Easter Sunday

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

ABOUT OUR HYMNS *Our Music Minister will play the intro for each hymn, then we will sing only the first verse. You are encouraged to read the remaining verses as the words there offer peace and hope.*

THE ORGAN PRELUDES

Variations on *O Filii et Filiae* (O Sons and Daughters) Jean-François Dandrieu
Partita on O Sons and Daughters (*O Filii et Filiae*) Wilbur Held
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GREETING

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Tuttle

Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death,
raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

**Glory to you, O Christ: for us and our salvation you overcame death and
opened the gate to everlasting life.**

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth.

Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever, Alleluia, Amen!

THE HYMN NO. 232 JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

Easter Hymn

THE ACT OF CONFESSION

Cherrie Barton Henry

Why do we confess our sin?

Because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

But why do we do this together?

Because we are a community, a covenant people.

Then let us confess our sin.

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit,
we have been raised from the waters of baptism
to share in your glorious resurrection.

Yet we have not lived as Easter people.

We are unsure of your promise,
confused by your will,
and afraid in the face of danger.

Like Mary, we weep at the tomb,
but do not recognize your presence.

Call us by name, risen Lord,
that we may know you with confidence.

Whenever we are tempted to fear death,
give us courage to confess your Easter victory.

Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts,
keep our minds on your reconciling love.

Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil,
reveal to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression.

Forgive us our sin, and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation
through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A TIME OF PERSONAL SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

arr. David N. Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SHARING OUR MISSION

Westminster's Easter Offering

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Hymn 544: *Sung three times*

Bless the Lord (Taizé)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalms 118

Alex Stayer-Brewington

Please join in reading the verses in bold.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

Let those who fear the Lord say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.

With the Lord on my side I do not fear. What can mortals do to me?

The Lord is on my side to help me; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in mortals.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

All nations surrounded me; in the name of the Lord I cut them off!

They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the Lord I cut them off!

They surrounded me like bees; they blazed like a fire of thorns; in the name of the Lord I cut them off!

I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the Lord helped me.

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

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

This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 20:1-18

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON “Reflections from the Garden”

Alex Stayer-Brewington,
Chris Tuttle, Cherrie Barton Henry

MOMENTS OF SILENCE

THE HYMN NO. 248 CHRIST IS RISEN! SHOUT HOSANNA!

Hymn to Joy

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Individuals on our prayer list will be prayed for by first name only to protect privacy.

If you or someone you know needs our prayers, please send an email to

prayersandcares@wpcdurham.org, and it will be received by our staff and

Congregational Care Committee.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING

You may give your offering through our website at www.wpcdurham.org/give, or through your myWPC account. For questions regarding online giving, please email Sharon Morgan (sharon@wpcdurham.org).

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GO IN GOD'S NAME

THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION

THE HYMN 238 THINE IS THE GLORY

Judas Maccabeus

THE ORGAN POSTLUDES

This Joyful Eastertide (*Vruechten; from Five Festive Preludes on Easter Hymns*)

Jan Bender

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (*Gaudeamus partier; from Five Festive*

Preludes on Easter Hymns)

Jan Bender

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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,

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 Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

238 Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
 with - out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering
 to thy home a - bove.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is a vocal line in G minor, starting with a treble clef and a common time signature. The lower staff is a basso continuo line, starting with a bass clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are placed between the two staves, aligned with the vocal line.

TEXT: Edmond Louis Busby, 1884; trans. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923, alt.
MUSIC: George Frederick Handel, 1748

JUDAS MACCABEUS
5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5 with refrain

APRIL 12 WEEKLY UPDATE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunities to learn, serve, worship, grow, and stay connected

Easter Offering Half of this year's Easter Offering will be given to the **Durham Nativity School** (DNS). DNS provides a tuition-free, enriched learning environment and a twelve-year support system for middle school boys from financially-challenged backgrounds. The school promotes a rigorous academic program and nurtures the whole child to reach his potential through knowledge, moral values, learning skills, discipline, and character development while instilling the value of service for others. Check our Facebook page for a special video message from a former DNS student. He spoke to us at Westminster about four years ago when he was an eighth-grader at DNS – Find out where he's been attending high school and where he's planning to attend college! There's also a video message from Carolyn Davidson, a long-time Durham Nativity School volunteer and supporter, on why the deacons selected DNS as a recipient of our Easter Offering and the incredible work this school is doing for its students every day and especially now. Please give generously if you can.

The other half of the offering will support **One Great Hour of Sharing**, an ecumenical effort that began in 1949, and continues to provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

You may give to the Easter offering through our website at www.wpcdurham.org/give, or through your myWPC account. We also offer a text-to-give option. Text **WPCDURHAM Easter \$25.00** to **73256** to give \$25 to the Easter Offering fund using your text messaging. To donate a different amount, just change the amount from \$25.00 to the amount you'd like to contribute. Standard text messaging rates may apply. You may also mail a check to the church office; be sure to write Easter Offering on the check memo line. Please do not hand-deliver checks to the church while Durham is under the stay-at-home order; the church office is closed through May 17.



Weekend Pastors On Call April 17-19: Cherrie Barton Henry
April 24-26: Alex Stayer-Brewington
May 1-3: Chris Tuttle

Westminster Finds Ways to Support and Love Our Community The past few weeks have been challenging for everyone. In the midst of fear and anxiety, however, WPC has continued to do many wonderful things to help our brothers and sisters in our community. During its virtual meeting last week, the Local Missions Committee voted unanimously in support of the following programs:

- **Meals On Wheels:** WPC has donated \$4,400 to assist in the continuation of providing meals for clients during the Covid-19 crisis. Given the need to protect clients and volunteers, MOW has moved from preparing meals themselves to delivering catered frozen meals one time a week. The additional cost for MOW to provide the catered frozen food has cost \$8,800 to date. The Committee hopes our church's donation will provide a little assistance in this desperate time for our community's most vulnerable people.
- **Iglesia Emanuel:** WPC has donated \$1,000 to help maintain its food pantry. Iglesia Emanuel is receiving more people in need of food assistance, with more needs than they are able to meet with current resources. As the crisis deepens, this population will be among some of the most vulnerable as many will lose jobs, be ineligible for any type of government assistance, and be in desperate need of emergency food assistance. Iglesia plans to maintain their food bank as long as possible. The Committee felt strongly the congregation would want to answer this desperate plea for help.
- **Love and Nourish:** WPC has donated \$2,000 to support an initiative started by Southern Harvest Hospitality Group in partnership with The Honeysuckle Farm and Unique Places to Save by creating family meal packages for the Durham and Cary community to purchase that in turn provides free meals for families in crisis. This program, Love and Nourish, is working with agencies like Families Moving Forward, Durham Public School Foundation, and End Hunger Durham to connect families in immediate need with nutritious meals.

There are still many other ways the Westminster congregation can help. On the back of this page is a chart listing a few agencies with close ties to WPC and their immediate needs. If you have questions about how you can help, email Kim Tupper at tupperk@hotmail.com or the agency liaison listed.

Your Giving is Essential Please continue to give your offering and make your pledge payments even though we can't gather in person at this time. Our Business Manager, Sharon Morgan, has created easy-to-follow, downloadable instructions on giving through your **myWPC** account, either as a one-time or a recurring gift. Visit <https://bit.ly/WPCgiveonline> to access the instructions. Please email Sharon at sharon@wpcdurham.org with any questions.

If you choose to give by personal check, please mail it. Please do not hand-deliver checks to the church while Durham is under the stay-at-home order; the church office is closed through May 17.

Thank you for supporting Westminster's mission and ministries!

WESTMINSTER LOCAL MISSION AGENCY PARTNERS & LIASIONS

Agency	WPC Liaison/Contact	Immediate Need
Families Moving Forward	Rachel Chang - racheljoychang@gmail.com	Using the link, you can donate to FMF or purchase items for FMF through Amazon wish list: https://fmfnc.org/covid19needs . FMF is also requesting hand-sewn cloth facemasks.
Food Bank of Central & Easter NC	Bill Pogue - bmapogue@aol.com	Financial Support – donate to https://foodbankcenc.org/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI8eeL4ZbL6AIVIODIC1bZglgEAAYASAAEgIGBvD_BwE
Meals on Wheels	Sue McCaughan - sue.mccaughan@gmail.com	Using the link, you can donate to MOW of Durham, volunteer to deliver food, and purchase items for MOW through Amazon wish list: https://www.mowdurham.org/covid19
Durham Nativity School	Carolyn Davidson - carolyn.davidson@firsthorizon.com	Donate to the Easter offering at https://www.wpcdurham.org/give/ or give through your myWPC account.
Partners for Youth Opportunity	Nancy Safrit - halexsa@aol.com	Financial support – donate to https://pyoportunity.org/ PYO is hoping to provide \$100 gift cards for students purchase food. In addition, looking for donation of old computers that can be erased and reset so student can work from home during pandemic.
Iglesia Emanuel Hispanic Ministry	Nancye Bryan - nancye@durhambryans.com	Financial support – donate to https://emanueldurham.org/ . Iglesia is also in need of hand-sewn cloth masks since many of its members work in the service industry.
Reality Ministry	Lynn Toms - lynn.toms@gmail.com	<p>Because the Talent Show will not happen this year causing a \$40k loss, financial support is appreciated. Donate to https://realityministriesinc.org/.</p> <p>In addition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Help create and send out coloring books to participants. 2. Send care packages to participants 3. Create and send fun videos to participants <p><i>More details coming soon on these items.</i></p>