



CONNECT TO TODAY'S ONLINE WORSHIP GUIDE: THIRDRVA.ORG/THIS-SUNDAY

Here we post current prayer concerns of those with health needs and those in need of comfort, the full scriptural text for today's service, a link to give online, and important announcements about the life of our church.

GATHERING

"THE BLESSED CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY" (J. S. BACH)

"INTRODUCTION AND FUGUE ON A THEME BY HANDEL"
(ALEXANDRE GUILMANT)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | FROM JOHN 1:29

- › Look, the Lamb of God,
- » **Who takes away the sin of the world.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

- › Hear the good news: the grave is empty!
- » **Hallelujah!**
- › Hear the good news: Christ is risen!
- » **Hallelujah! He is risen indeed!**
- › Where, O Death, is your victory?
Where, O Death, is your sting?
- » **Death has been swallowed up in victory!**
- › Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life.
The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.
- » **Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ!**
- › Christ is risen!
- » **He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY"

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

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

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

"WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME"

You were the Word at the beginning,
One with God, the Lord Most High,
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in you, our Christ.

*What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

You were complete in all your glory;
Still, Jesus, you brought heaven down.
Our sin was great; your love was greater.
What could separate us now?

*What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

Death could not hold you, the veil tore before you.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory,
For you are raised to life again.
You have no rival, you have no equal.
Now and forever God, you reign.
Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory,
Yours is the Name above all names.

*What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against.
What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

PRAYING

PRAYERS FOR RESURRECTION TO COME

» **Sing together:**

Oh, what a Savior, isn't he wonderful?

Sing alleluia, Christ is risen!

- › Risen Lord, we need your resurrection power to bring new life in us. The shadow of death persists among us. It drives us from you, from our neighbor, and from our best selves. Come revive our broken bodies and sinful hearts. Help us to hear the promptings of your Spirit, the same Spirit who raised you from the dead, who lives in us.

» **Sing together:**

Oh, what a Savior, isn't he wonderful?

Sing alleluia, Christ is risen!

- › Risen Lord, we need your resurrection power to bring new life to our city and nation filled with violence, disease, and division. Hear the pleas of the poor, the sick, the forgotten, and the overlooked. Grant our leaders wisdom and strength to know and do your will, and fill them with the love of truth and righteousness. Bring life where there is death, faithful one who redeems all things.

» **Sing together:**

Oh, what a Savior, isn't he wonderful?

Sing alleluia, Christ is risen!

- › Risen Lord, let your resurrection at last be worked through all the fabric of creation, till every fiber, every atom, every particle in play, is bathed in holy light, consecrated forever as your own. Till every sorrow we've sustained is redeemed, restored, renamed; till ones we've loved and lost and grieved are joined to us again; till all the brokenness that breaks our world is by your word made whole.

» **Sing together:**

Oh, what a Savior, isn't he wonderful?

Sing alleluia, Christ is risen!

Bow down before him, for he is Lord of all;

Sing alleluia, Christ is risen!

Adapted from "A Liturgy of Praise for Christ Who Conquered Death" in Every Moment Holy Vol. 2 and Walter Bruggeman's Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth.

GREETING OF PEACE

As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, pass the peace of Christ to one another as you're able.

THANKSGIVING

OUR OFFERINGS | FROM 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

› Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?

» **For all things come from you and what we now offer is already yours.**

Please be praying for our mission partner Murray Withrow and his family with Servant Partners as they minister in Richmond to the men in Church Hill and Mosby Court.

OFFERTORY | "WITHOUT HIS CROSS" (MARTIN)

Without his tears, there is no comfort.

Without his death, there is no life.

Without his blood, there is no pardon.

Without his cross, there is no crown.

Without his shame, there is no glory.

Without his grief, there is no joy.

Without his stripes, there is no healing.

Without his cross, there is no crown.

Lamb of God, you bring salvation

And with your grace our hearts are sealed.

Lord, with your tears of love you bathe our sorrows;

In your eyes we stand revealed.

Without his tears, there is no comfort.

Without his death, there is no life.

Without his blood, there is no pardon.

Without his cross, there is no crown.

Want to make a gift this morning? You can drop it in the basket in the Commons or give online at thirdrva.org/give.

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.

PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READING | 1 PETER 1:3-9

Read along in your Bible or the online guide for this Sunday at thirdrva.org/this-sunday.

SERMON | "A LIVING HOPE"

RESPONDING

THE APOSTLES' CREED

- › Christians, what do you believe?
- » **I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**
- I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.**
- Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- › Lift up your hearts!
- » **We lift them up to the Lord.**
- › Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- » **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- › Holy and merciful God, our Father, you have made us in your image and for yourself. You have made this good world for us to tend and to enjoy. God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**
- › You sought your ancient people when they strayed from you. You freed them from the oppressor and brought them home. God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**
- › You have sent your Son to bring us home to you. By his Incarnation—
- » **Hallelujah! You have found us.**
- › By his Death—
- » **Hallelujah! You have forgiven us.**
- › By his Resurrection—
- » **Hallelujah! You have freed us.**
- › God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**

- › In union with Jesus Christ of Nazareth, our Great High Priest, and with all who worship you, both in heaven and on earth, we offer you our praise, singing:
- » **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he, blessed is he Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

- › Holy and merciful God, our Father, send down your Holy Spirit on our bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and on your people, that we may be the body of Christ, reconciled to you and to each other by his blood. By your Holy Spirit make us—
- » **One with Christ, one with each other, and one in mission to all the world,**
- › Until Christ shall come in final victory and we feast together at his heavenly banquet. We cry,
- » **Maranatha! Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen!**

The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is one of the two sacraments we celebrate (the other is baptism). It's one of the most important things we do when we gather together, because the bread and juice are concrete signs of what Jesus has done for us on the cross. When we come forward to receive them, we believe that Jesus is actually present through the Holy Spirit, extending his grace and forgiveness to us. We welcome anyone to the table who is willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. If you are not able to receive Communion, we invite you to use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers:

PRAYER OF THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

"Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth and the Life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Lead me into the light and life you promise. Amen."

PRAYER OF BELIEF

"Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am more blind and sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete acceptance. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen."

Adapted from prayers written by Rev. Scot Sherman, Redeemer Presbyterian Church

WORDS OF INSTITUTION | FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

- › “The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

As we take the elements together, spend a few moments meditating on the mercy of God given to us in Jesus’ death and resurrection. Praise and thank God for his gift of love that binds us together in unity through Jesus’ sacrifice!

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 for ever. Amen.**

SENDING

“IN CHRIST ALONE”

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song—
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh—
Fullness of God in helpless babe!—
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save.
’Til on the cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am his and he is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no human plan,
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
’Til he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand!

COMMISSION AND BLESSING | FROM HEBREWS 13:20-21

- › May the God of peace,
who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great Shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight;
and may the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.
- » **Amen!**
- › Let us go forth to serve the world as those
who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- » **Thanks be to God. Christ is risen! Hallelujah!**

“PRAISE THE LORD WITH DRUMS AND CYMBALS”
(SIGFRID KARG-ELERT)

EASTER LILY DONATIONS

The following members and friends of Third have provided the lilies for today’s services:

- Sarah Winfield, in loving memory of her parents, Jean and Bob Winfield.
- Mary Ann Hancock, in memory of her husband John and in remembrance of their 69th wedding anniversary on April 5.
- Mary Ann Hancock, in memory of Myrtle Hacker and Betty Cox.
- Frank Faust, for all of the saints who have departed and have joined eternity, and in memory of his sweet wife, Page.
- Walker, Ruthie, Ross and Heidi Little, in honor of Bob and Elaine Metcalf and in memory of John and Marji Robertson.
- Chancy Guo, in honor of her little brother, George Guo.
- The Men’s Bible study, in memory of Doug Macomber.
- David and Kay Lynch, in loving memory of their parents, Leigh and Mary Phillips and Gene and Barbara Lynch.

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #182

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day! Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - le - lu - ia!

F Dm7 G C F C/G G7 C

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!

G C G Am G/D D7 G

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids him rise; Al - le - lu - ia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Al - le - lu - ia!

C F C F C/G G7 C

Sing, O heavens, and earth, re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

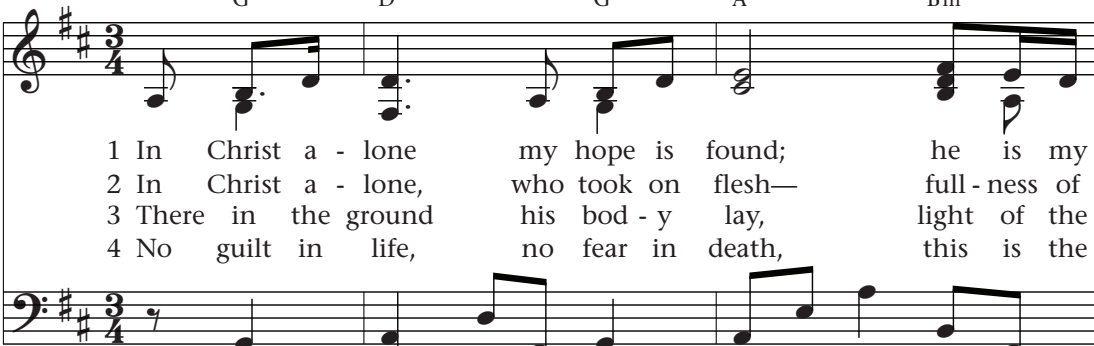
Words: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt., P.D.

Music (EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7 with alleluias): *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, P.D.

IN CHRIST ALONE

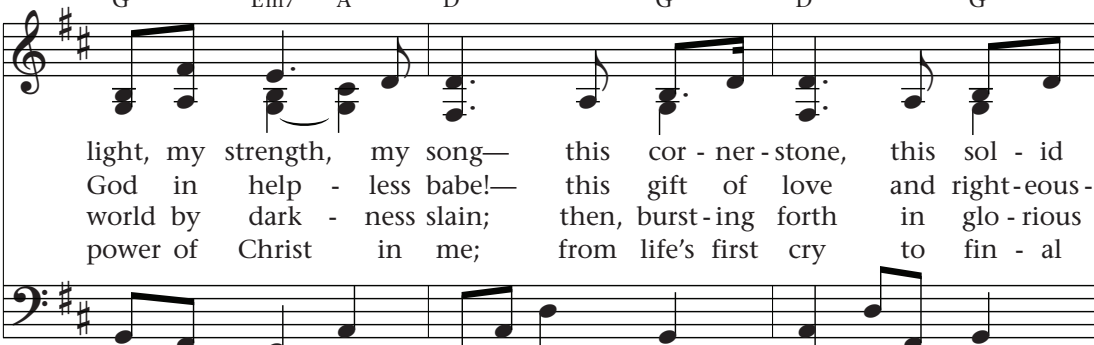
"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #770

G D G A Bm



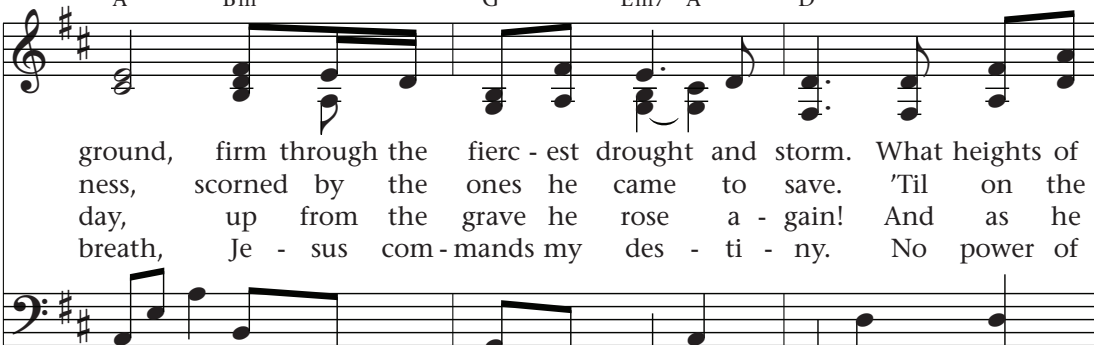
1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my
2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh— full - ness of
3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

G Em7 A D G D G



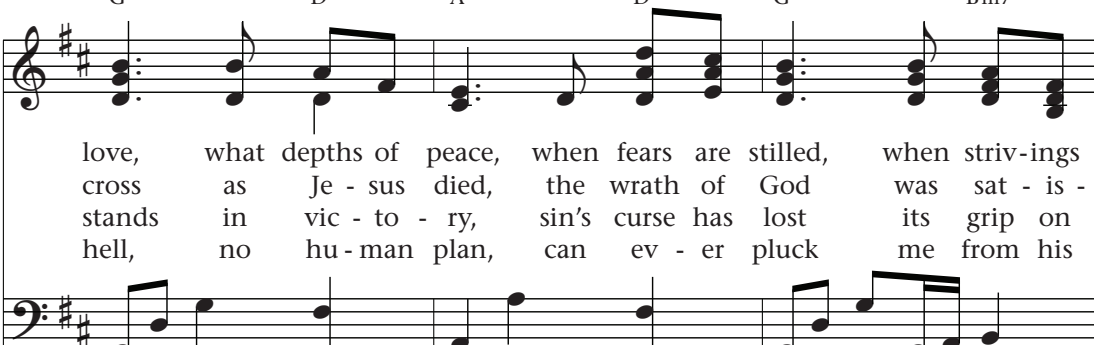
light, my strength, my song— this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe!— this gift of love and right - eous -
world by dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fin - al

A Bm G Em7 A D



ground, firm through the fier - est drought and storm. What heights of
ness, scorned by the ones he came to save. 'Til on the
day, up from the grave he rose a - gain! And as he
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No power of

G D A D G Bm7



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
hell, no hu - man plan, can ev - er pluck me from his