

**ALTAVISTA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BERRY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**“THE TOMB AND THE CROSS”
1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31
JOHN 20:1-18**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 12, 2020**

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed!**

Psalm 114 (NASB)

Hymn

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,

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our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
un - to Christ, our heavenly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

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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.

Glory to God 232

TEXT: Stanzas 1–3, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740; Spanish trans. Juan Bautista Cabrera, alt.; Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea; Korean trans. © The Christian Literature Society of Korea

MUSIC (EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7 with alleluias): *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. from *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as Your faithful children. We have been disobedient to Your commands. We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness but have indulged in evil gossip. We have not lived in imitation of Jesus Christ. Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love and teach as Christ loved and taught. Draw us back to the beginning, where all that you created was good. Fill our veins with your love, so that, like the disciples on Easter morning, we come running back to you. Amen.

A moment of silent, individual confession

Assurance of Pardon

Forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson

I Corinthians 1:18-31 (ESV)

New Testament Lesson

John 20:1-18 (NRSV)

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Profession of Faith, Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Song of Thanksgiving *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.**

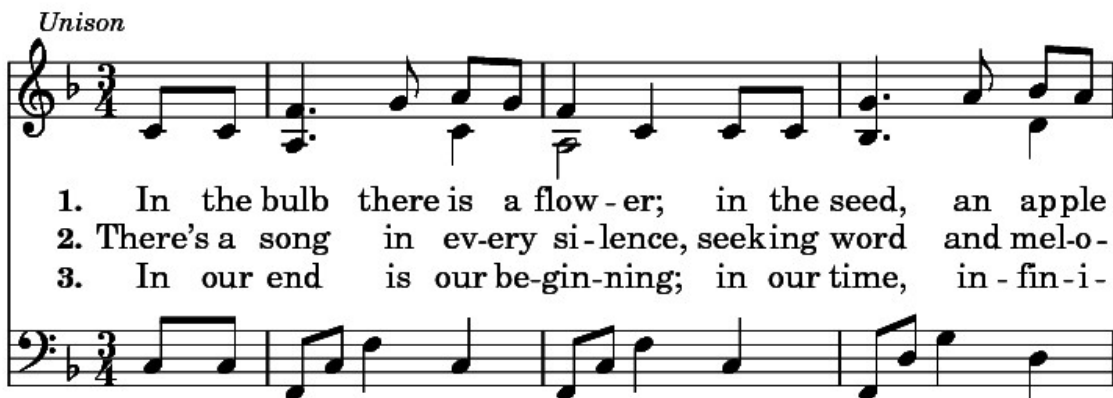
Prayer of Dedication

Hymn

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In the Bulb

Unison



1. In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an apple
2. There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seeking word and mel-o-
3. In our end is our be-gin-ning; in our time, in - fin - i -

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tree; in co- coons, a hid-den prom - ise: but - ter -
 dy; there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness bring - ing
 ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our

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flies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of
 hope to you and me. From the past will come the
 life, e - ter - ni - ty. In our death, a res - ur -

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win - ter there's a spring that waits to be, un - re -
 fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y, un - re -
 rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry, un - re -

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vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
 vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
 vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

Charge
Benediction