

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers 231



1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-lenge and to change



as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.



Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
 Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud-dled in an up - stairs room.
 Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:



let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
 He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
 ev - i - dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.



Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."

*** Call to Confession**

*** Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. Forgetting you, we hope to find peace in all the wrong places. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone. Amen.

*** Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news! In Christ, we are new creations. The old life is gone, thank God! A new life has begun. Know you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*** The Peace**

Leader: May the peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

(Please share the peace with a few neighbors.)

*** Welcome Song**

You're Welcome in the Name of the Lord

Traditional Cameroon

You're welcome in the name of the Lord. You're welcome in the name of the Lord,
for we see in you the glory of the Lord, you're welcome in the name of the Lord.

We love you in the name of the Lord. We love you in the name of the Lord,
for we see in you the glory of the Lord, we love you in the name of the Lord.

(Visitors, welcome, please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate.

Prayer request cards will be collected later in the service, please prepare them ahead of time.)

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Bible Psalm 22:25-31

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
May your hearts live for ever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.



Message for Children

Rev. Ulmer

New Testament John 15:1-8

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.



Sermon You are Never Alone – “Abide in Me as I Abide in You”

The Rev. Holly Ulmer

* Hymn GG 836

Abide with Me

William Henry Monk

(see next page for hymn)

836

Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide!
 earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see.
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 Heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

By blending end of day and end of life, the imagery of this well-known Victorian hymn has made it valuable for both evening services and funerals. Although the author wrote his own music for it, the present tune has been firmly associated with this text for over 150 years.

Affirmation of Faith

(adapted from *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*)

We are the church: the people who believe the good news about Jesus, who are baptized, and who share in the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace, the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love. We believe the good news that gives us comfort that we belong to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who died and rose again for our sake, so that nothing will ever separate us from God's love. We know this good news through reading the Bible and hearing it taught and preached. The Holy Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and helps us rely on its promises today.

Baby Blessing for Nathan Njong, son of Napoleon Njong and Nora Nche

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Traditional

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.

THE THANKSGIVING

Announcements

Call for the Offering

Having heard the good news and being assured of God's love and grace, our only response is one of gratitude.

Let us give thanks with what we have and who we are through our offering.

The musical score is presented in three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever more; praise Tri-une God, whom we adore. Amen." The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with block chords in the bass line.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551
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*** Prayer of Dedication**

THE SENDING

* Hymn GG 450

Be Thou My Vision

Irish ballad

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F[#]) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F[#]m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F[#]) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927
 Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

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*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Congregational Response**

Amen

African American spiritual

*** Postlude**

Fantasie in C Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

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Weekly News – April 28, 2024

Thank you for joining us online today. We are delighted for the opportunity to worship God with you. Please feel at home and join us again. Visitors are encouraged to drop us a line at our church website: <https://berwynpresbyterianchurch.net>, or to write to the church email address: berwyn.office@gmail.com. We would love to be in touch.

NOTE: Prelude will start at 10:20 a.m. The church bell will ring at 10:25 a.m. between two Preludes. Come a little early and relax with a few minutes of music before the start of the service.



LEADING WORSHIP TODAY:

The Rev. Holly Ulmer, *Minister*

Dr. Gabriel Ruiz-Bernal, *Music Director*

Elder Gwen Mufor, *Worship Associate*

SUPPORTING WORSHIP TODAY:

Camera, Facebook and sound system operation provided by the Berwyn Stream Team.

Members of the Choir (*recorded music or in person*)

Napoleon Njong and Offia Uche, *Deacons, Ushers*

THIS WORSHIP SERVICE IS BEING LIVESTREAMED TO THE INTERNET.

YOU MAY APPEAR ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE CHANNEL.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be collected during the worship service. Please fill out a prayer request card found in the pew racks so you will be ready to pass it in at the appropriate time.

TIME FOR PRAYERS with the Board of Deacons

Sundays from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm for all prayers. Members are encouraged to join by zoom or telephone by clicking on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83559134324?pwd=YkszemlaTDJMMzJpeWZqR3ZjcU9XQT09>

Meeting ID: 835 5913 4324

Passcode: 478708

For more details, contact Elder Victoria Uche, Worship Chair, or Alain Moudji

SPRING CLEANING AT BPC

Deacon Alain Moudji in collaboration with the property management is organizing a 3 day spring cleaning of the church, dates to be announced in worship. We are inviting all members of the congregation to participate in this clean up. For the last 3 years, we haven't taken care of our church building and environment. Students might earn service hours during this time. Please plan to participate in these 3 day sessions. For more details, please contact Deacon Alain Moudji or Elder Shadrack Fogwe.

NEW TOTAL FOR PER CAPITA!

We have received \$1,845 toward the \$4,953 we will pay Presbytery. That is 37%. Thank you!

MISS COLLEGE PARK DIAPER DRIVE

Please donate or share news of the Miss College Park Diaper Drive! A beautifully decorated box is located right outside the chapel. This community service project aims to help parents obtain basic health necessities for their children. Donations are accepted until April 30th. All donations will go to the Greater DC Diaper Bank and the Pregnancy Center on Route 1.

THANKS FOR PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Thank you for the stream of used printer cartridges that we take to Staples to earn reward certificates. In 2023, we earned \$308 in rewards that were used to get an array of items at no cost to our budget. Example items are copy paper (regular, legal, card stock) mailing labels, envelopes, office calendar, foam boards, sign holders, face masks, and hand sanitizer. An added benefit that it keeps the cartridges out of landfills.

WANT ENVELOPES? If you would like a box of offering envelopes, contact Dot Brown, djbrown7553@gmail.com. Conversely, if you have a box of envelopes for 2024 but would rather not have them for 2025, let her know.

FEEL FREE TO USE OTHER DOORS

Door 2 (that goes up to Kidder Hall) was the main entry for worship services until the pandemic. Then after months of being directed to door 5 (front porch), you may have forgotten about using any other door. Door 2 leads up to Kidder Hall and is especially welcome if food is being brought to Kidder Hall for Birthday Sunday. Door 1 (by the office) or door 7 (lower end of the side drive) will also get you into the building and out of the weather more quickly than going to the front door.

JOIN THE BPC CHOIR!

We extend an invitation to newcomers who share our passion for music. If you're interested in joining our vibrant music family, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Music Director, Dr. Gabriel, at berwynmusic@gmail.com. We invite you to attend our choir practice on Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm, where you can create beautiful melodies with us. We can't wait to make music with you!

GIVING TO THE CHURCH

Thank you for your continued giving to support Berwyn Church! Here are the various ways we can continue to make our contributions and pledges. Choose the most convenient method!

- Pay by your cell phone using CashApp, and texting to **\$B2God** or dialing 301-768-2729 and then checking that the name Rex Powell, treasurer, appears confirming that it is going to the church account.
- U.S. Mail – send your check to Berwyn Presbyterian Church, 6301 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740
- Use BillPay through your bank and they will mail us the check.
- Place your offering in the basket in the sanctuary if you are worshiping in-person.

HAVING A MEETING OR OTHER ACTIVITY?

Be sure to advise Property team members Shadrack Fogwe and Rex Powell well in advance to get it on the office planning calendar if it will be in the church building.

Also please email Lynne at berwyn.office@gmail.com on Mondays so that it can be included in the calendar part of the Weekly News, whether in-person or by Zoom.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Rev. Holly Ulmer, Stated Supply Pastor, please email her at revhollyulmer@gmail.com

Rev. Holly is happy to meet with you either in-person or via zoom by setting up an appointment.

Victoria Uche, Clerk of Session, send an email to clerkofsession.berwynpc@gmail.com

Dr. Ophilia Mbah, Moderator, Board of Deacons, send an email to deaconboard.bpc@gmail.com

Dr. Gabriel Ruiz-Bernal, Music Director, regarding music at Berwyn or the stream team that operates camera, sound, and Facebook, send an email to berwynmusic@gmail.com

THIS WEEK AND NEXT AT BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, April 28, 2024

- 10:30 am, Worship Service (in Sanctuary and on Facebook)
- 4:00 pm, Property Management Committee (Blue Room, Contact: Shadrack I. Uche)
- 6:00 pm, Time for Prayer (Zoom, Contact: Elder Victoria Uche)

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

- 12:15 pm, Weekly News Deadline (berwyn.office@gmail.com)

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

- 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 4, 2024

- 11:00 am, Church Life (Zoom, Contact: Elder Gwen Mufor)

Sunday, May 5, 2024 ~ Communion Sunday

- 10:30 am, Worship Service (in Sanctuary and on Facebook)
- 6:00 pm, Time for Prayer (Zoom, Contact: Elder Victoria Uche)

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

- 12:15 pm, Weekly News Deadline (berwyn.office@gmail.com)
- 7:15 pm, Worship Committee Meeting (Zoom, Contact: Natalie Murray)

For Church Calendar items, please send an email to berwyn.office@gmail.com
(Contact: Lynne Brady) For Weekly News items, deadline is Tuesday, 12:15 pm.
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