

Easter Sunday
April 20, 2025
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship (Responsive)
The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Let us, therefore, worship him;

Let us worship him in Spirit and Truth.

Hymn: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Invocation

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The Law of Christ:

Col 3:8-9

Pastor: The Apostle Paul summarized the moral law of God by saying:

Congregation: But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices.

Pastor: Beloved we have not done this as we ought; therefore let us confess our sin.

Corporate Confession of sin:

Gracious Lord, I am a miserable sinner. You have called me to rise up with wings of eagles to run and not be weary and to walk and not faint; but I am weary, and I have fainted under the pressure of temptation and often I am crawling around on the ground like a scavenger looking for bread. I have forgotten just how much I have been forgiven, and how great your grace is. You have commanded me not to love the world, but I am drawn away by the lusts of my eyes, the lusts of my flesh and by the pride of life. I am a constant liability to you, but by your grace you preserve me and cause me to persevere. Remind me once again of the foulness of my sin and the excellence of Jesus sacrifice. Remind me that I am your child and owe my entire position to you my Lord and Savior. Cause me to remember that your Resurrection life has come to me as a gift of your grace! Renew my will that I would do all that I do in the name of and for the glory of My Blessed Savior, your only begotten Son Jesus Christ through whose merits I pray. Amen.

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Isa 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Congregation: We give praise to God for although he was angry with us his anger has been turned away and by faith in Christ our sins are forgiven.

Pastor: How far has he separated your sins from you?

Congregation: As far as the East is from the West, and he has replaced them with the righteousness of Christ

All: Praise and glory be to God: the Father who loved us, God the Son who died and rose again for us, and God the Holy Spirit who dwells within us!

Pastor: 1 Cor 6:19-20

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Congregation: Holy Lord God, hear our words of thanks for sending us your Spirit, and that he now resides in us. Help us to follow him in all our thoughts, words, and actions, so that we would live to your glory. May He cause the love of Christ to shine forth from us in loving you and our neighbor. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Response:

Minister: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. (Ps 92:1)

Congregation: For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands. How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts! (Ps 92:4-5)

I Know That My Redeemer Lives – Glory Hallelujah!

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Confession of Faith:

Nicene Creed

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Song: Christ is Risen, He's Risen Indeed

How can it be, the One who died,
Has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death?
Sing, sing hallelujah.

For joy awakes as dawning light
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their Friend and King;
Christ, Christ He is risen.

CHORUS

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!
Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed;
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.

Where doubt and darkness once had been,
They saw Him and their hearts believed.
But blessed are those who have not seen,
Yet, sing hallelujah.

Once bound by fear now bold in faith,
They preached the truth and power of grace.
And pouring out their lives they gained
Life, life everlasting.

CHORUS

The power that raised Him from the grave

Now works in us to powerfully save.
He frees our hearts to live His grace;
Go tell of His goodness.

CHORUS

Pastoral Prayer

New Testament reading

John 20:1-18

Psalter: Psalm 29:1-5, 9-11

Now unto Jehovah, Ye Sons of the Mighty

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Epistle Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-9, 12-17, 20-23

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you-- unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:
that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,

that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,
and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.
Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.
And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.
For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.
But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Sermon: Resurrection Power

Eph 1:19-20

The Lord's Supper

Bread: The Day of Resurrection

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Cup: Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ,
Torn for you - eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death's cup that we may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, - and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

Offering:
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.

Prayer

Hymn: Up from the Grave He Arose

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Benediction

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