

Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020 · 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our celebration of our Lord's resurrection! We are glad that you have joined us for worship! Easter means everything to a follower of Jesus since "the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the crowning proof of Christianity. If the resurrection did not take place, then Christianity is a false religion. If it did take place, then Christ is God and the Christian faith is absolute Truth" (Henry Morris).

Let us then, with great joy, prepare our hearts for worship by reflecting on the following prayer of preparation.

*O God of my exodus,
great was the joy of Israel's sons when Egypt died upon the shore;
far greater the joy when my Redeemer's foe lay crushed in the dust.
King Jesus burst the bands of death,
trampling the power of darkness forever.
He was delivered up for payment of my debt
and came from the prison house of the grave,
free and triumphant over sin, Satan, and death.
In Him, I died. In Him, I rose. In Him, I live.
By His victory, I triumph;
and through His ascension,
I shall be glorified for His Name's sake.
Amen!*



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EXALT THE RISEN KING

PRELUDE: "This Is My Father's World" Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS. Todd Erickson

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*During this time of "safer at home," we are worshiping together online each Sunday at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. and at 6:00 p.m.
Note, there will not be an online service this evening. Happy Easter!*

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CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

Words: Charles Wesley / Music: Lyra Davidica; arr. John Rutter / I Corinthians 15:57

**"Christ the Lord is risen today," Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! Sing ye heav'ns, and earth reply. Alleluia!
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died, our souls to save. Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!
Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia! Praise to Thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia! Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!**

INVOCATION

EASTER LITANY

Lord Jesus Christ, the heavens and the earth rejoice in Your mighty resurrection from the dead.

We praise You, Lord Jesus.

By Your resurrection you defeated all the evil principalities and powers
and set us free from their domination.

We thank You, Lord Jesus.

By Your resurrection You put to flight our fear and gloom and filled us with joy and peace.

We thank You, Lord Jesus!

By Your resurrection You defeated the power of death
and secured the day when we shall be like You,
in resurrected bodies, rejoicing before Your throne of grace.

We adore You, Lord Jesus.

By Your resurrection You have forever established Your glorious throne,
and now rightly bear the title of King of kings and Lord of lords,

**Wherefore, we laud and magnify Your excellent name
and forever proclaim Your glory. Amen.**

Words: Thomas Ken / Psalm 150

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise him, a-bove ye heav'n-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

TRUST THE LIVING CHRIST

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,
 You have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned Him Lord of all.
 Yet, we confess that we have not bowed before Him
 or acknowledged His rule in our lives.
 You have raised Jesus from the grave
 and shattered the power of sin and death.
 Yet, we confess we remain captive to fear
 and bound by the ways that lead to death.
 Forgive us, Father of mercies.
 Transform us and make us new
 so that we may know the joy of abundant life
 given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord,
 who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit now and forever.
 It's in the matchless name of our Redeemer, we pray.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON Colossians 2:13-15

*And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh,
 God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,
 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.
 This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities
 and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.*

SEE THE RISEN LORD

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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, forever. Amen.**

A WORD TO THE CHILDRENLynn Erickson

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "The Power of the Cross" arr. Mark Hayes

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend; arr. Hayes / II Corinthians 13:4

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us; took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin. Ev'ry bitter thought,
Ev'ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Congregation joins, singing words in bold print:

**This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.**

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, "Finished!" the vic'try cry.

**This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.**

This the pow'r of the cross: Christ was slain for us.

**Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death;
Life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.**

**This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONLuke 24:1-12

The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. (*Isaiah 40:8*)

SERMON: Real, But Is It Relevant? George Robertson

I. Courage for the Frightened (*Luke 24:1-5*)

II. Hope for the Lost (*Luke 24:6-7*)

III. Dignity for the Irrelevant (*Luke 24:8-12*)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne:
 2. Crown him the Lord of love: be - hold his hands and side —
 3. Crown him the Lord of life: who tri - umphed o'er the grave,
 4. Crown him the Lord of heav'n: one with the Fa - ther known,

hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 who rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 one with the Spir - it through him giv'n from yon - der glo - rious throne.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 To thee be end - less praise, for thou for us hast died;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down-ward bends his won-d'ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died e - ter - nal life to bring and lives that death may die.
 be thou, O Lord, through end - less days a - dorned and mag - ni - fied.

Words: Matthew Bridges / Music: George J. Elvey; arr. Metzger / Revelation 19:12

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE: "Hallelujah Chorus" from *Messiah* G.F. Handel

Words and Music: G. F. Handel / Luke 24:32

Hallelujah! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world is become
The kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;
And He shall reign for ever and ever.

King of kings, and Lord of lords. Hallelujah!

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccatà" from *Symphony No. 5* Charles-Marie Widor

*Musicians: The Chancel Choir; Jauna Ellis, soloist; Clay Hancock and Steve Hancock, violin;
Alex Schuettrumpf, Will Paladino, and Yiming Zhang, trumpet; Greg Luscombe,
Nathan DuVall, and Martin McCain, trombone; Stewart Plumlee, timpani;
John Sprott, percussion; Brad Jones, piano; Jill Peak and Samuel Metzger, organ;
Calvin Ellis, director (Note: some music used is from previous year's recording)*

General Fund Giving Update

	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	Variance	Last Year Actual
March	\$ 646,300	\$ 739,055	\$ 92,755	\$ 889,911
YTD 7/1/19-3/31/20	\$ 7,429,584	\$ 7,062,718	\$ (366,866)	\$ 7,194,270

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