

The background is a solid purple color. Overlaid on this are several white line-art illustrations of tulips. The tulips are drawn with fine lines, showing the texture of the petals and the structure of the stems and leaves. They are scattered across the page, with some in full bloom and others as buds.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4, 2021

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

**Welcome to the celebration of our Lord's resurrection!
We are glad you have joined us for worship.**

Why did Jesus Christ rise and what are the benefits we receive?

"Christ rose again from the dead the third day by His own power; whereby He declared himself to be the Son of God, to have satisfied divine justice, to have vanquished death, and him that had the power of it, and to be Lord of the living and the dead: All of which He did ... for our justification, progress in grace, support against enemies, and to assure us of our resurrection from the dead at the last day." (from the Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 52)

Thus, Easter Sunday means everything to a follower of Jesus, since His bodily resurrection from the dead is the crowning proof that every promise of God rings true. The resurrection is also the believers' victory cry; death is dead and love has won! As we celebrate together and prepare our hearts for worship, you are invited to reflect on the following prayer:

*Almighty God, Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,
overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.
Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection,
may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Mask wearing is required while on campus.
- Gold dots are placed about three feet apart on the backs of Sanctuary pews as a visual aid for appropriate distancing—at least two spaces between you and the next family, but not more than two. In addition, if you are seated in the front section on the floor where alternating pews are *not* roped off, please stagger your seating in relation to those sitting in front of you.
- When exiting the Sanctuary, please exit by row to the closest exterior Sanctuary door (back rows to the North doors; front rows to the South doors). Also, please keep masks on throughout the worship service and while on campus.
- Overflow seating is available in the Fellowship Hall and Chapel. Masks are not required to worship in the Chapel but must be worn until seated.

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

THE JOYFUL PRAISE OF THE RISEN SAVIOR

PRELUDE: "Flourishes" Carlyle Sharpe

*Samuel Metzger, organ
James Ryan, Conductor*

CALL TO WORSHIP Todd Erickson (8:00)
Barton Kimbro (9:30 & 11:00)

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

Words: Charles Wesley / Music: Lyra Davidica; arr. Cynthia Dobrinski / 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!**

*Handbell Choir
Phil Chandler, director*

♠INVOCATION

♠LITANY OF PRAISE Based on Matthew 28:6; I Corinthians 15:54; Romans 6:4; I Peter 1:3-4

This is the good news: The grave is empty; Christ is risen.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news: Death is swallowed up in victory; Christ has won.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news: Just as Christ was raised from the dead, we too may live a new life in Him.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news: He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us.

Hallelujah!

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MACCABAEUS

Words: Edmond Louis Budry / G.F. Handel; arr. Paul Leddington Wright / I Corinthians 15:57

**Thine be the glory, risen conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded graveclothes, where Thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.**

THE DIVINE PARDON OF THE RISEN SAVIOR

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,
by raising Jesus from the grave,
You shattered the power of sin and death.
Yet, we confess, we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
By raising Jesus from the grave,
You crowned Him Lord of all.
Yet, we confess, we have not bowed before Him
or acknowledged His rule in our lives.
Forgive us, Father of mercies.
Transform us and make us new by Your Spirit
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.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON Romans 8:33-34

*Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.
Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—
who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Easter Festival" Michael Bryson

Words: Charles Wesley / Music: arr. Michael Bryson / Matthew 28:6

Christ the Lord is ris'n today!
All creation, join to say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns and earth, reply: Christ is risen!

Lives again our glorious King.
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Dying once He all doth save.
Where thy victory, O grave?

Christ the Lord is ris'n today!
All creation, join to say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply:
Love's redeeming work is done. Fought the fight, the battle won.
Death in vain forbids Him rise. Christ has opened paradise!

✦ *Congregations stands and sings:*

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!

Christ the Lord is ris'n today!
All creation, join to say;
Christ is risen! He is risen! Alleluia!

*The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO: A WORD TO THE CHILDREN Peggy Stephens

THE PREVAILING PEACE OF THE RISEN SAVIOR

✦ 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.**

◆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 stands and sings 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.**

Jauna Ellis, soloist

SCRIPTURE LESSON.John 20:11-29

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with

you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

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

SERMON: From Death to Life George Robertson

I. Despondent (*John 20:11-18*)

II. Disconnected (*John 20:19-23*)

III. Disillusioned (*John 20:24-29*)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: “Hallelujah Chorus” from *Messiah* G.F. Handel

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

Congregation joins Choir to sing:

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!

POSTLUDE: “Toccata” from *Symphony No. 5* Charles-Marie Widor

Samuel Metzger, organ

✦ *Indicates congregation standing*

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*Instrumentalists: Susan Enger, Alex Schuettrumpf, trumpet; Caroline Kinsey, horn;
Greg Luscombe, Nathan DuVall, trombone; Stewart Plumlee, percussion; Ed Murray, timpani*

*Handbell Choir: Becki Albert, Haleigh Boykin, Jim Cantrell, Jennifer Chandler, Calvin Ellis, Beth Fischer,
Fred Flinn, Mary Lawrence Flinn, Suzanne Lattimer, James Ryan, Emily Taylor, Mimi Vestal, Christy Young*

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We gather for worship on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 11:00 and again on Sunday evenings at 6:00 for prayer, praise, and teaching from God’s Word. Our morning and evening services frame our weekly Lord’s Day worship.

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In Gratitude for:

Todd Erickson, David Bowen, and Barton Kimbro by 2021 Fellows; *Dr. Steve Threlkeld* by Warren Curtis and family; *Gerry and Jill Peak* by Jim and Pat Corbitt; *Lee and David Bowen, Gerry Peak, and the Caring Ministry* by Janet Misner; *Mary Stetler, Haley and Carrie Lee Stetler* by Carrie Riedmeyer; *Shine Ministry participants, parents, and volunteers (past and present)* by Walker W. Bush.

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