



SUNRISE SERVICE

CELEBRATE THE
RESURRECTION

[C] CHRIST is risen! He is not here!

[P] Without question, there is no greater story, no event, no drama -- fiction or fact --

[C] that can ever diminish this news,

[P] CHRIST is risen!

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[C] Alleluia! JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN! Praise God! Jesus Lives! The Lord of life rises victorious over sin and death. ALLELUIA!

GATHERING HYMN "JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY"

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pain which he endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation has procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!

Praise him, all you heavenly host. Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(P) Let us pray...

(C) Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

1st Reading – Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

[M] Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

[W] *Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."*

[M] The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

[W] *Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"*

[M] The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

[W] *I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.*

[M] The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

[W] *Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.*

[M] "This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

[W] *I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.*

[M] The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

[W] *By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.*

[C] **This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and 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 and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 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, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Gospel – Mark 16:1-8

Read by Pastor Bob McKee

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror

and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

SHARING THE PEACE

SERMON

“FROM FEAR TO ACTION”

Pastor Bob McKee

SERMON HYMN

"THINE IS THE GLORY"

Thine is 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 grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above.

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

APOSTLES' CREED

[C] I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GATHERING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: **“CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY”**
 (Arr. By Carol Tornquist)

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS (Please Stand)

[P] Let us pray.

[C] **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have Blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[P] Jesus, with sorrowful, repentant hearts we watched the soldiers nail You to the cross on Friday.

[C] **We heard Your words of love and forgiveness that You spoke from the cross.**

[P] We watched as they carried Your limp body into the tomb.

[C] **Friday we cried. Today we rejoice! You have turned our tears of sorrow into tears of joy!**

[P] What a miracle to watch You turn a tree of death into a tree of life.

[C] **Your tomb is empty, but Your promises are not! You rose in the midst of our mourning and gave us fullness of life. You have changed our lives!**

[P] We give You our eternal praise as the Son rose in the morning to disperse our gloom, fear, and anxieties. You have replaced them with peace, as only You can give.

[C] **For victories large and small, we give You thanks!**

[P] We commend our lives, joys, and sorrows into Your care, the One who cares for us.

[C] **Bless us and grant us Your peace as we live as Your Easter people, proclaiming Christ crucified and Christ, our living Savior. Amen and alleluia!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

[C] **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION. THE EUCHARIST (be seated)

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Those who are baptized and believe in our Lord's presence"...in, with, and under the bread and wine..."are invited to commune with bread and your choice of wine or grape juice by intinction. If you are not communing, please receive a blessing of the day.

COMMUNION HYMN:

"LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER"

**Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.**

**When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.**

**When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.**

**When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

[P] The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

[C] Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

"THE STRIFE IS O'ER, THE BATTLE DONE"

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the victor's triumph won'...
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia'...**

**The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions has dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst! Alleluia!**

The three sad days are quickly sped,
He rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen head! Alleluia!

He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heav'ns high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell. Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded you,
From death's sting free your servants too,
That we may live and sing to you. Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

Pastor Bob McKee

THE DISMISSAL

[P] Alleluia! Christ is risen!

[C] He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

"I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER"

Claudia Zichterman

(By John F. Wilson and Rowland H. Prichard)

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