
ORDER OF WORSHIP
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When the musical prelude begins, the congregation is invited to spend time preparing their hearts for corporate worship.

GATHERING HYMN

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high: Alleluia!
Sing ye heavens and earth reply. Alleluia!

2. 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!

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Christ the Lord is Risen Today

3. 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!

4. 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!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Corinthians 15:1-4, 54-57

Leader: 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. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:

People: **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.**

Leader: Death is swallowed up in victory.

People: **O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?**

Leader: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

People: **But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

Jesus Is Alive

1. There is now a hope that lasts beyond our days,
For the One that once was buried lives again.
Now the tomb is bare and empty, and the stone is rolled away.
Praise the Risen One who overcame the grave!
2. All you broken hearted, all you worn and weak,
Come find living water, everlasting streams.
To the wandering spirit, lost and searching, wanting something more,
Find the Risen King who overcomes the world!

Chorus

Let there be dancing in the darkness,
And let our song break through the night.
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King,
For Jesus is Alive!

3. No more condemnation, no more doubt and fear,
For our sin and shame, they have no power here.
In His resurrection, perfect love has set the captives free.
Praise the Risen King who stands in victory!

Chorus

Bridge (2x)

Hallelujah, death is undone;
Hallelujah, Jesus has won;
Hallelujah, we overcome;
Oh in Jesus, oh in Jesus!

Chorus (2x)

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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

SONG OF PRAISE

1. What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to him belong
Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Chorus

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal.
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death!

2. What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?
Chorus

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, you declare that we have been raised with Christ. You assure us that when he appears, we will appear with him in glory. Therefore, you tell us to set our minds on things above, where Christ is seated, at your right hand. You call us to count ourselves dead to sin. But we have failed to put to death our impurity, evil desire, and covetousness. We have not put away anger, wrath, malice, and slander. We are satisfied with our old self and its practices. Forgive us. And through your spirit, enable us to live more and more according to our new self in Christ, putting on compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. As you have forgiven us, may we also forgive, doing all things in the name of the Lord Jesus.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

3. Unto the grave, what will we sing?
"Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with him
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore!
Chorus (2x)

Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death!

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John 20:30-31

SONG OF ASSURANCE

1. I know that my Redeemer lives,
What hope this sweet assurance gives;
That He, who gave His life for me
Arose with healing in His wings.
He lives, the tomb is empty still,
Redemption's promise He fulfilled;
No condemnation now remains,
The stone of death is rolled away,

Chorus

My Redeemer lives,
My Redeemer lives,
On heaven's throne and in my very soul;
I know that my Redeemer lives.

2. I know that my Redeemer lives,
And all my life is bound to His;
In realms above, He intercedes
Our sinless Savior, Perfect Priest.
No fear can follow where He guides,
His constant presence is my light;
No power on earth or heav'n above
Can separate us from His love.
Chorus

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I Know That My Redeemer Lives

3. I know that my Redeemer lives,
In life and death, I trust in Him;
My soul secure, my future safe
He'll not forsake me to the grave.
He lives and He will not delay,
My eyes will wake to brightest day;
And in my flesh I'll see Him stand
When Christ, in glory, comes again.
And every eye will see Him stand
When Christ, in glory, comes again.

Chorus 2x

On heaven's throne and in my very soul,
I know that my Redeemer lives!

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SERMON

**“The Authentic, Self-Aware, Gospel Story”
- Rev. Bryan Rigg**

Matthew 28:1-20

MATTHEW 28:1-20

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you."⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

¹¹ While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place.¹² And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers¹³ and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.'¹⁴ And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble."¹⁵ So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

SERMON NOTES

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

1. Here is love vast as the ocean
Lovingkindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life our ransom
Shed for us His precious blood
Who His love will not remember
Who can cease to sing His praise
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heav'n's eternal days

2. On the mount of crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide
Grace and love like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above
Heav'n's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

1. Arise, my soul, arise,
Shake off your guilty fears.
The bleeding sacrifice
On my behalf appears.
Before the throne my surety stands,
Before the throne my surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Chorus

Arise (Arise), Arise (Arise)
Arise, Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise (Arise), Arise (Arise)
Arise, Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

2. He ever lives above,
For me to intercede.
His all redeeming love,
His precious blood, to plead.
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.
Chorus

Here is Love Vast as the Ocean (Everlasting Praise)

3. On the morn of resurrection
Mercy filled the thirsty grave
Where the stone of death burst open
Springs of life flowed unrestrained
Love no heart could ever measure
Joy no sorrows will outrun
Rush upon the soul believing
In the risen reigning Son

4. Oh this love vast love of Jesus
Bids us come and drink and live
To this weary world of longing
What more could our Savior give
Now to Christ who fully loved us
And who freed us from our sin
Be all glory and dominion
Everlasting praise to Him

Now to Christ who fully loved us
And who freed us from our sin
Be all glory and dominion
Everlasting praise to Him
Everlasting praise to Him

Arise My Soul Arise

3. Five bleeding wounds He bears,
Received on Calvary.
They pour effectual prayers,
They strongly plead for me.
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Don’t let that ransomed sinner die!”
Chorus

4. My God is reconciled,
His pardoning voice I hear.
He owns me for His child,
I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.
Chorus 2X

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BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD!

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