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John 20:3-8

Sunday Schedule

9:00 Christian Formation
10:00 Worship

Nursery for Ages 0-5 and Mother's Room:

We have a safe and fun nursery located at the end of the hall in the Veritas Cafe. Please follow the signs. We use a Kid Check program for security.

Video: There is a video feed of the worship live-streamed to the Conference Room at the end of the hallway for anyone who needs to step out of the service.

John 11:25-26

Jesus does not merely say that he will bring about the resurrection or that he will be the cause of the resurrection (both of which are true), but something much stronger: I am the resurrection and the life. Resurrection from the dead and genuine eternal life in fellowship with God are so closely tied to Jesus that they are embodied in him and can be found only in relationship to him. Therefore "believes in me" implies personal trust in Christ.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 21, 2019 | The Resurrection of Our Lord

Reflection and Preparation

Death died when Jesus went to the cross, and in his resurrection he has triumphed once for all over the tomb. If death is dead, what is left to fear? The most fearsome thing in the world—the grave, death, the end—has been tamed. Death cannot touch you. Death cannot harm you Christian, nor can any of the thousand little deaths that threaten us every day. Jesus won, and so now neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither height nor depth nor any other created thing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Risen Lord.

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.
The one who believes in me will live,
even though they die;
and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

CHARLES WESLEY, 1739



1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day." Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Loves re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Lives a - gain our glor - ious King; Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, — Al - le - lu - ia!



Sons of men and an - gels say; — Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids him rise; Al - le - lu - ia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Al - le - lu - ia!
Made like him, like him we rise; Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing ye — heav'ns and earth, re - ply. — Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. — Al - le - lu - ia!
Where thy — vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the — cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

“We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

SEE WHAT A MORNING

KEITH GETTY & STUART TOWNEND, 2003



1. See, — what a morn - ing, glo - rious - ly bright, with the
 2. See — Ma - ry weep - ing, "Where — is he laid?" As in
 3. One — with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, through the



dawn - ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem; fold - ed the grave - clothes,
 sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb. Hears a voice speak - ing,
 Spi - rit who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty. Hon - or and bless - ing,



tomb — filled with light, as the an - gels an - nounce "Christ is
 call - ing her name; it's the Mas - ter, the Lord, raised to
 glo - ry and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and au -



ris - en!" See God's sal - va - tion — plan, wrought in
 life — a - gain! The voice that spans the — years, speak - ing
 thor - i - ty. ***And we are raised with — him; Death is



love, borne in pain, paid in sac - ri - fice, ful - filled in
 life, stir - ring hope, bring - ing peace to us, will sound 'til
 dead, love has won, Christ has con - quered. And we shall



Christ, the — Man, for he lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead.
 he ap - pears, for he lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead.
 reign with him, for he lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead. *Repeat to ****

Confession of Sin

Confession

In order to stand before the holy God of the universe, we must come with clean consciences. Therefore, early in the service we confess our sins to him. This is not meant to be a time of maudlin groveling in our failures, but rather an expectant grasping of the grace of Jesus toward sinners like us. The assurance of pardon is the promise of the gospel in God's word to the penitent.

Christian holiness consists not of trying as hard as we can to be good but of learning to live in the new world created by Easter, the new world we publicly entered in our baptism. There are many parts of the world we can't do anything about except pray. But there is one part of the world, one part of physical reality, that we can do something about, and that is the creature each of us call 'myself.'

**Father in heaven, thank you for the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Thank you for inviting us to follow Jesus and lay down our lives.**

We come to you this morning grateful for your grace,
yet also aware of our failures and shortcomings as evidenced through the events of Holy Week.

We, like Peter, have denied you:

Lord, please forgive us.

We, like the disciples, have at times abandoned you and are nowhere to be found:

Lord, please forgive us.

We, like Pilate, have washed our hands of responsibility:

Lord, please forgive us.

We, like Barrabas, have murdered others, at least in our hearts:

Lord, please forgive us.

But in the bright light of Easter morning, O God,
our sin is exposed,
AND your grace is revealed.

Gracious God, forgive us in your love this Easter, that with joy, we may witness to your awesome deeds in the cross and empty tomb, through Jesus, the Risen One. Amen

(You are invited to confess your sins silently.)

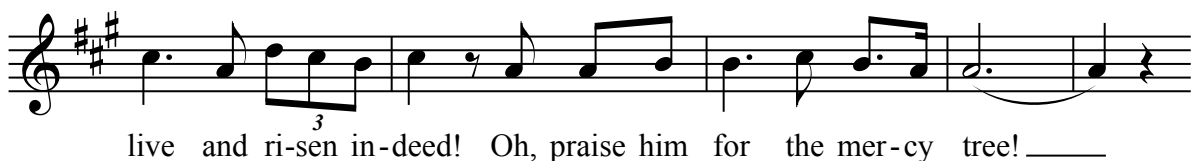
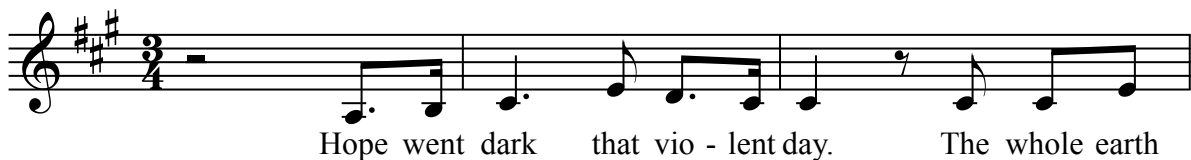
MERCY TREE

KRISSY NORDOFF, MICHAEL W. NEALE, 2012

Choir:

On a hill called Calvary
stands an endless mercy tree.
Ev'ry broken weary soul,
find your rest and be made whole.
Stripes of blood that stain its frame
shed to wash away our shame.
From the scars, pure love released:
salvation by the mercy tree.

In the sky between two thieves
hung the blameless Prince of Peace,
bruised and battered, scarred and scorned,
sacred head pierced by our thorns.
"It is finished," was his cry.
The perfect Lamb was crucified.
His sacrifice, our victory;
our Savior chose the mercy tree.





Death has died, love has won; Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah!



Je - sus Christ has o - ver - come; he has ris - en from the_ dead!



One day soon we'll see his face; ev' - ry tear, he'll wipe a -



way. No more pain or suf - fer - ing; praise him for the mer - cy tree! ____



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Choir:

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Assurance of Pardon

Praise God for the mercy tree!
You have not been left in your sins.
For Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have died.
For since death came through a human being,
the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;
for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.
In Christ your sins are forgiven and your future is established forever.
Thanks be to God!

Welcome and Announcements

Offering

The offering is part of our regular worship. Our hope is that all gifts offered will come from an understanding that we give because God first gave to us, and that every penny will be carefully and thoughtfully invested in cultivating faith in Jesus Christ.

Prayers for the Church and World

Passing of the Peace

As recipients of God's grace, we gladly receive peace from him. In response to his grace, we also extend that grace to one another with a handshake or a hug. Traditionally, Christians have greeted one another during this time in the service with the phrase, "The peace of Christ be with you."

From 1 Cor 15:20-22

Offering

If you would like to give online, we now have a method for doing so. Text GIVE to 208-591-8044 and follow the instructions that are texted in reply.

Sermon

John 20:1-18

1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. 2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. 4 Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7 as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus’ head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. 8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

10 Then the disciples went back to their homes, 11 but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb 12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. 13 They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” 14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. 15 “Woman,” he said, “why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” 16 Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” 18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

“Encountering Jesus”
Rev. Brad Chaney

The Lord's Supper

Communion

Wine is available in the inner two circles; grape juice is available in the outer ring. Gluten-free wafers are available in a basket on the back table.

We hold the bread and wine until everyone has been served in order to eat and drink together.

We ask that you dispense with your cups by the back door following the service.

Just as the climax of all history will be the Wedding Supper of the Lamb, we conclude our worship in the presence of God by feasting. The Spirit takes the common elements of bread and wine and feeds us spiritually with the body and blood of Jesus, for our nourishment and growth in grace, and so strengthens us to be sent out into the world as God's agents of his generous hospitality.

The Lord's Supper, also called Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ who acknowledge their sins against God and their neighbors, and confess their need for the grace of Christ to partake of this meal. If you are a Christian and haven't been baptized, please talk with one of our pastors. We would be honored to baptize you.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Christian, what is the faith we share around this table?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into 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.

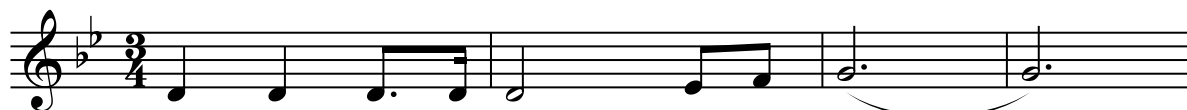
Father, we rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son, and that he has conquered death, risen to rule over all powers of this earth. We praise you that he summons us into new life, to follow him with joy and gladness.

By your Spirit, lift us from doubt and despair, and set our feet in Christ's holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life, and all we have may show forth his love.


Praise, glory, and thanksgiving to you, our God, forever and ever. Amen.

WORTHY IS THE LAMB

DON WYRTZEN, 1973, ADAPTED FROM REV. 5:12



Wor - thy is the Lamb that was slain; _____



Wor - thy is the Lamb that was slain. _____




Wor - thy is the Lamb that was slain, _____ to re - ceive _____




Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength, Hon - or and glo - ry and



bles - sing! _____ Wor - thy is the Lamb, Wor - thy is the Lamb,



Wor - thy is the Lamb that was slain. _____



Wor - thy is the Lamb! _____

HALLELUJAH CHORUS

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

SENDING AND BENEDICTION

“Behold, I am coming soon!” Christ says.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the First and the Last,
the Beginning and the End.
I am the Root and the Offspring of David,
and the bright Morning Star.”

**The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!”
And let him who hears say, “Come!”**

“Yes, I am coming soon.”
Come, Lord Jesus.

May the grace of Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—
bless you now and forever.

From Revelation 22:13-21