

Easter

Sunday Morning

March 31, 2024

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March 31, 2024 · 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

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.*

EXULT IN HIS RESURRECTION

PRELUDE: "Festival Fanfare" Edwin M. Willington
James Ryan, conductor

CALL TO WORSHIP: Based on John 11; Revelation 5:12 David Bowen (8:00)
Brett Wynne (9:30)
Brad Morrow (11:00)

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life.
Whoever believes though he die, yet shall he live,

And everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,

**To receive power and wealth
and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

♠PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 233 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

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

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious 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!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell: 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!

✦INVOCATION

✦CONFESSION OF FAITH. Westminster Larger Catechism Question 52

Why did 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 which He did for our justification,
progress in grace, support against enemies,
and to assure us of our own resurrection from the dead at the last day.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE EASTER HYMN

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

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!**

HOPE IN HIS RESURRECTION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Father in heaven, in raising Jesus from the grave,
You shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We waste Your gifts, wander from Your ways, and forget Your love.
We overlook others and are constantly absorbed with ourselves.
Forgive us, Father of mercies.
Transform us and make us new
so that we may know the joy of our salvation
given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. I Corinthians 15:54c-57

*Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Resurrection Hymn" (See, What a Morning) Steven Strite

Words and Music: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend; arr. Steven Strite / Matthew 28:6

Alleluia, Alleluia.

See what a morning, gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light, as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ the Man, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?" As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb.
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name; it's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

Congregation joins:

**One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
Honor and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority.
And we are are raised with Him,
Death is dead, life has won, Christ has conquered.
And we shall reign with Him, for He lives:
Christ is risen from the dead.**

*The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Philip James (8:00)
Todd Erickson (9:30)
Josh Preston (11:00)

✦GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN Sarah Logan Song
Director of Children's Ministry

LIVE IN LIGHT OF HIS RESURRECTION

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

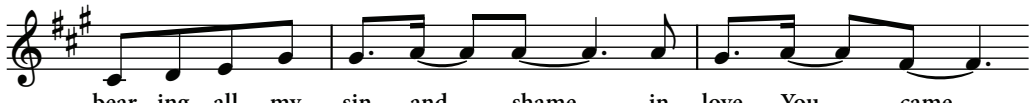
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom,
And the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

♠HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Worthy Is the Lamb" Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir

Words and Music: Darlene Zschech; arr. Jason Michael Webb / Revelation 5:11-12



Thank You for the cross, Lord; Thank You for the price You paid;



bear - ing all my sin and shame, in love You came,



and gave a - maz - ing grace; Thank You for this love, Lord;

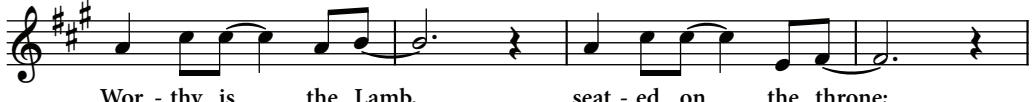


Thank You for the nail - pierced hands; Washed me in Your cleans - ing flow,

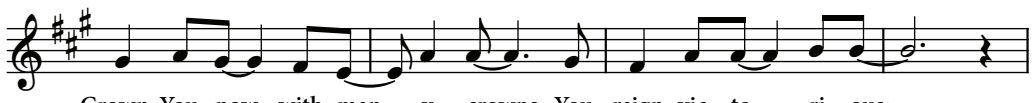


now all I know Your for - give - ness and em - brace.

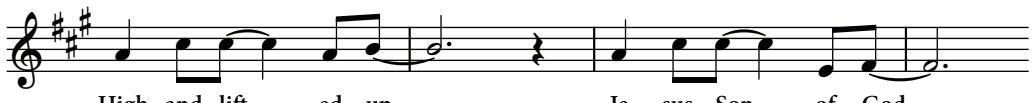
Chorus



Wor - thy is the Lamb, seat - ed on the throne;



Crown You now with man - y crowns, You reign vic - to - ri - ous;



High and lift - ed up, Je - sus, Son of God,



the trea - sure of heav - en cru - ci - fied;



wor - thy is the Lamb; wor - thy is the Lamb.

SCRIPTURE LESSON.Matthew 28:1-20
(page 835 in *pew Bible*)

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

SERMON: Resurrected to SendGeorge Robertson

- I. **Go to the Fearful** (1-10)
- II. **Go to the Deniers** (11-15)
- III. **Go to the Nations** (16-20)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Sermon Notes

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♠HYMN OF COMMITMENT: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" DIADEMATA

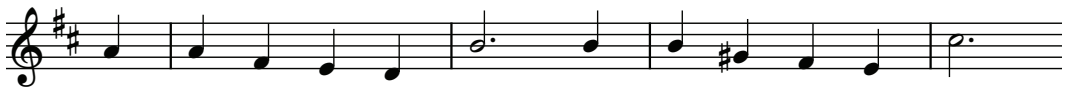
Words: Matthew Bridges, Godfrey Thring / Music: George Elvey; arr. Samuel Metzger / Revelation 19:12



1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on His throne:
 2. Crown Him the Lord of life: who tri - umphed o'er the grave,
 3. 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!
 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,
 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.
 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.

♠BENEDICTION

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

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

Congregation joins Choir to sing (score on page 246 in hymnal):

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: "Final" from *Symphony No. VI* Louis Vierne

♠Indicates congregation standing

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*Instrumentalists: Alex Schuettrumpf and Joey Moore, trumpet; Leander Star, horn;
 Greg Luscombe and Nathan DuVall, trombone; Michael Karcz, timpani; Stewart Plumlee; percussion*

Chancel Guild Memorials and Honorariums

Annually, a substantial part of the Chancel Guild's budget to decorate the church throughout the year comes from gifts given at Christmas and Easter in honor or memory of loved ones.

In Memory of:

Jim McCormick by his family; *Julia Katherine Kennon Nunnally* and *Myles A. Frank* by Betsy and Darrell Horn and children; *Bill and Dorothy Carpenter* by Mary and Clint Saxton and family; *George Hite McLean, Jr.* and *Mary Elizabeth and John Overton* by their family; *Melissa Katherine Bowie* by Emily and Sean Bowie, Virginia, Dorothy, Thomas, and Bryce Bowie; *Robert Bolding* by Wendy and Mark Bolding; *Colby Morgan* by Leslie Morgan and family; *Mr. and Mrs. John T. Stout* by the Elmer Stout Family; *Dial Boyle Jackson* by her family; *Ruth and Buddy Morrison* by their family; *Dial Boyle Jackson* by her family; *J. Todd "Sluggo" Stewart* and *Patrick Wilson Halloran III* by the Park Family; *Lee Ragland, Jr.* by Carolyn Ragland; *Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Tarkington, Jr.*, *Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Anderson*, and *Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Tarkington, Sr.* by Ferrin T. Mavar; *Barbara Albright* by Bill Albright; *Wilton Hazelwood* by Sandy Hazelwood; *Dr. James and Mrs. Walterine Flanagan* by Bryan, Claire, Lilly, and Hunter Hallum; *Sara Misner*, *Russ Billings*, *Lawanna Ingram*, *Martha Ann McKee*, and *Tim Russell* by Janet Misner; *Doris Wilson Garner* by Orin and Mary Davidson; *Timothy Russell* by Katherine Russell; *Bucky Shappley* and *Lois Pittman* by Pat Shappley; *Graham Russell Stewart* by his family; *Emily Smith Britton*, *William J. Britton III*, *Louise and Frank Smith*, *Elizabeth McVaugh Cross*, and *George H. Cross* by Cynthia and Mike Cross, their children, and grandchildren; *Julia H. Davidson* by Orin and Mary Davidson; *Blanche and Bob Webb* by Judith Belisomo and family; *Margaret Jones Fletcher* by Dr. & Mrs. James M. Hamlett III;

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In Gratitude for:

Grace Simmons and her service to the Children's Choir Ministry by Pat Corbitt; *Anita Pollard*, *Marilyn Whittemore*, and the Covenant Women's Sunday School Class by Marcie Eubanks; *The faith-turned-sight of Marshall and Liza Goree* and *Bill and Mary Emert Willson* by their grandchildren; *Lee and David Bowen* by AnneDavis and Tim Vander Have; *The Caring Ministry*, *the Music Ministry*, and *Lee and David Bowen* by Janet Misner; *All the Pastors* by Anonymous.

In Honor of:

The Music Staff: Calvin Ellis, *James Ryan*, *Leo Davis*, and *Katie Hutcheson* by Jim and Pat Corbitt; *Mr. and Mrs. E. Kelton Morris, Sr.* by Hailey, Courtney, Hale, and Kelton Williamson; *Ann Hunt* by Carrie, Ryan, Ruby, and Betsy Anderson; *Joe, Shelby*, and *Katie Louise Pascal* by Diane and Walt Chambliss; *Dr. Nicholas Gotten, Jr.* by Pamela Gotten.



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