

New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church
Easter Sunday
The Festival of the Resurrection
April 21, 2019

PRELUDE

STRIKING OF THE HOUR *"Joy to the World"*

THE DISCIPLES DISCOVER THE EMPTY TOMB

LUKE 24

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "**Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.**" And they remembered His words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb. Stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

APOSTLES' CREED

Church, the eternal Son of God became a man, lived in perfect righteousness, called us to believe in Him, endured the scorn of division that our wretched hearts had wrought, and suffered the death that we deserved. Yet death could not hold Him! So now, to what confession do you hold fast, although our world considers it foolishness?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell...

Silence

In order to bring death to death, an end to sin, and a permanent overthrow of the devil's kingdom, the Lord Jesus did not stay dead. And so... **the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion**

of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVOCATION

THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF THE SAVIOR,
GOD UNITES US IN HIM

COLOSSIANS 3

Since you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

We will put to death therefore what is earthly in us, and put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven us, so we shall forgive. And above all we will put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Hymn: *“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”*

Hymn: *“This is My Father’s World”*

CONFESSING THAT WE GIVE LIFE TO OUR SIN
INSTEAD OF DEATH

1 CORINTHIANS 15, COLOSSIANS 3

O Lord, our God, You have declared to us that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day, and that He appeared to hundreds. **And yet we confess that we have lived as if there is no resurrection of the dead! We once walked in impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, and still we give life to such idols. Help us, Father! Enable us by Your Spirit to put these things to death, and to put off the old self with its practices. Renew us after Your image, and increase our faith to believe that the resurrection of Christ is our hope.**

Worshippers may silently confess their sins and lack of faith

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON JESUS’ RESURRECTION PROVIDES

1 PETER 1

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for He has forgiven your sins! **According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. By God’s power we are now guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Hallelujah! Amen.**

Hymn: *“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”*

SHARING THE PEACE

Church, you do not have a righteousness of your own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, that you may know Him and the power of His resurrection, sharing in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, that by any means possible you may attain the resurrection from the dead! This is your hope! This is your peace! So may the peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

“Joy to the World”

He is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.**

SERMON *“The Result of the Resurrection”* (1 Peter 1:3-12)

Hymn: *“I Will Glory in My Redeemer”*

Hymn: *“Arise, My Soul, Arise”*

Hymn: *“It is Finished”*

CHRIST’S RESURRECTION GUARANTEES OURS 2 CORINTHIANS 4, ROMANS 6

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak. **For we know that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us together into His presence.**

If we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His! So may Jesus Christ, declared by the power of His resurrection to be the Son of God, give you grace and peace, now and forever.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus, Amen!