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Remember Jesus Christ,
risen from the dead,
the offspring of David,
as preached in my gospel.

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2 Timothy 2:8



“Preaching God’s Sovereign Grace to a World of Need”

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The Lord's Day

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God's Call to Us to Worship Him

"Be still and know that I Am God"

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

***His Call to Us to Worship Him** Matthew 28:1-8; Revelation 5:12

Elder: *[Read Matthew 28:1-8]*

Brothers and sisters, the Lord is risen!

Women: The Lord is risen!

Men: The Lord is risen!

Elder: The Lord is risen indeed!

People: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Elder: May the risen Lord bless you from the right hand of the Father.

People: May the Lord be pleased to welcome us into his court.

Elder: Let us worship our risen Lord!

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymns of Our Procession Into the Presence of God**

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Assurance of His Pardon Isaiah 44:21-22

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Thine Be the Glory

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Intercessory Prayer

Christ is Made Known to Us

His Word is Opened to Us

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Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

"The grass withers, the flower fades ...

But the Word of our God will stand forever."

Message: Rejoice!

Prayer for Response and Obedience

Hymn of Preparation

Our God Reigns

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The Invitation and the Warning

Sursum Corda – Minister: Lift up your hearts.

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***Charge and Benediction: Hallelujah**

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

“So Great a Cloud of Witnesses”

Studies in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

“Rejoice!”

Mt. 28:1-10

(see also: Mk. 14:27-28; 16:1-8; Lk. 2:15; 24:1-11; Jn. 20:1-10; Rom. 4:25; 1 Cor. 15:24)

Trace the exaltation of Christ (rf. WSC #28):

_____ and in coming to _____ the world at the last day.
in _____ at the right hand of God the Father,
in _____ up into heaven,

Christ’s exaltation consists in his _____ again from the dead
on the third day,

Therefore, the resurrection is just the _____.

I. It begins with the appearance of the King’s angels.

II. It begins with the testimony of the faithful.

III. It begins with the appearing of the Savior.

A. What is Jesus if he is not dead?

B. Who are you if Jesus lives?

My Own Thoughts

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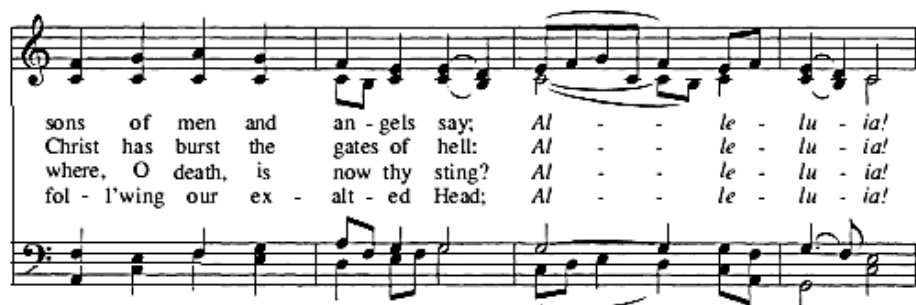
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:57

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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 his 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!

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sing ye heav'n's, 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!

5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia!*
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Alleluia!*
thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*
hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!*

Charles Wesley, 1739

EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7 .al.
Lyra Davidica, 1708; all.

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

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I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Ex. 15:1

1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness;
 2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ hath burst his pris - on,
 3. Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4. Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness;
 and from three days' sleep in death, as a sun hath ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.
 thine own peace, which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Responsive Reading of the Moral Law

From the Psalms

Leader: I am the Lord your God, ... 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. ... You shall have no other gods before me. (Is. 43:1; Ex. 20:2)

People: **[All] the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, ... Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. (Ps. 96:5; Ps. 20:7)**

Leader: You shall not make for yourself a carved image ... You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your god am a jealous God (Ex. 20:4-5)

People: **Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them. (Ps. 115:8)**

Leader: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, (Ex. 20:7)

People: **Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness! ... Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together! (Ps. 115:1; 34:3)**

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ... the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. (Ex. 20:8, 11)

People: **How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! ... Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! ... Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere. (Ps. 84:1; 110:4; 84:10)**

Leader: Honor your father and your mother (Ex. 20:12)

People: **I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. (Ps. 89:1)**

Leader: You shall not murder. (Ex. 20:13)

People: I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; ... Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! (Ps. 139:14; 23-24)

Leader: You shall not commit adultery. (Ex. 20:14)

People: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, ... The Lord bless you from Zion! May you see your children's children! (Ps. 50:14; 128:5)

Leader: You shall not steal. (Ex. 20:15)

People: [You] anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Ps. 23:5-6)

Leader: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. (Ex. 20:16)

People: Put false ways far from me and graciously teach me your law! (Ps. 119:29)

Leader: You shall not covet ... anything that belongs to your neighbor. (Ex. 20:17)

People: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it. Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain! (Ps. 35-36)

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. (Ps. 145:18-19)

People: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. (Ps. 19:14)

all quotations are taken from the English Standard Version

Thine Be the Glory

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:57

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with -

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won; an - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom; let the church with glad - ness,
 out thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes,
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth,
 thro' thy death - less love: bring us safe thro' Jor - dan

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where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;
 to thy home a - bove.

end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Edmond Budry, 1884
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MACCABAEUS 10.11.11.ref.
 From George Frederick Handel, *Judas Maccabaeus*, 1747

Our God Reigns

1. How love - ly on the moun - tains are the
2. He had no state - ly form; He had no
3. Out of the tomb He came with grace and

feet of him Who brings good
maj - es - ty, That we should
maj - es - ty; He is a -

news, good news
be drawn to Him.
live, He is a - live.

An - nounc - ing peace, pro - claim - ing news of
He was de - spised, and we took no ac -
God loves us so, see here His hands, His

hap - - pi - ness.
 count of Him,
 feet, His side.

Our God reigns! Our God reigns!
 Yet now He reigns with the Most High.
 Yes, we know He is a - live!

Our God reigns! Our God reigns!

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Statement of Faith

Our Missional Confession

We believe in the gospel – ordained by the Father, revealed in the Son and breathed out by the Holy Spirit – to be the only message of the true Scriptures found in both the Old and New Testaments, given and entrusted from generation to generation for the declaring of this good news in every common tongue throughout the entire world.

We believe the only hope for fallen and lost mankind to be the gospel of Jesus Christ – the very Word of God himself and very truth amidst a world of myriad falsehood – to be the mercy of a sovereign Lord who has given His church the Great Commission not to hide the gospel under a bushel but to carry it forth to all the nations as a city of light set on a hill, to be the power of that gospel to reclaim and redeem sinners through the reconciling work of Christ on the cross and the gift of life by Christ rising from the dead, to be the strength and assurance of His promise to always be with all who honor and obey him in both going and sending, casting the seed of His word abroad and in standing with and supporting those who so cast.

We believe in the final return of Jesus Christ who shall gather His completed church together from every nation, tribe and tongue and who shall reign forever as King of kings and Lord of lords and whose kingdom shall know no end.

Psalm 134

Verse 1

Oh bless our God with one accord, ye faith-ful

ser_vants of the Lord, who in his house do stand by night: and

praise him there with all your might.

Verses 2 – 3 and Doxology

Lift up your hand, in prayer draw nigh unto his sanctuary high;
Bless ye the Lord, kneel at his feet; and worship him with reverence meet.

Jehovah bless thee from above, from Zion in his boundless love,
Our God, who heav'n and earth did frame; Blest be his great and holy name.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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