

|  |                                |                      |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Liturgy for Corporate Worship  |                                | April 20, 2025       |
| Resurrection Day   |                                | Chris Holmberg       |
| Prelude  |                                |                      |
| Welcome and Announcements  |                                |                      |
| Introit  |                                | Choir                |
|  | Because He Lives               |                      |
| Responsive Call to Worship   |                                |                      |
| Leader: Jesus Christ is risen!   |                                |                      |
| Congregation: He is risen indeed!  |                                |                      |
| Leader: O death, where is your victory?  |                                |                      |
| Congregation: O death, where is your sting?  |                                |                      |
| Leader: Thanks be to God!  |                                |                      |
| Congregation: Who gives us victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ!   |                                |                      |
| Leader: Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!   |                                |                      |
| Opening Hymn   |                                | 360                  |
|  | Christ the Lord Is Risen Today |                      |
| Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession   |                                |                      |
| Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, our atoning sacrifice and the light of the world. Amen. |                                |                      |
| Assurance of Forgiveness   |                                | Colossians 1:13-14   |
| The Gloria Patri   |                                | 572                  |
| Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.   |                                |                      |
| Prayer of Dedication & The Lord’s Prayer   |                                | Elder Sam Winegarden |
| 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. 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.  |                                |                      |

|   |                               |                    |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Special Music   |                               | Mixed Ensemble     |
|   | Were You There?               |                    |
| Unison Scripture Reading  |                               | Matthew 27:62-66   |
| Anthem  |                               | Choir              |
|   | Hallelujah! Resurrection Day! |                    |
| Reception of New Members  |                               |                    |
| Sermon Hymn   |                               | 405                |
|   | I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord      |                    |
| Sermon  |                               | Rev. Pete Scribner |
|   | Matthew 28:1-10               |                    |
| Apostles’ Creed   |                               | 851                |
| 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, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from there he shall 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.   |                               |                    |
| Closing Hymn  |                               | 265                |
|   | In Christ Alone!              |                    |
| Benediction   |                               |                    |
| Parting Hymn  |                               |                    |
| God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet; Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.   |                               |                    |
| Postlude  |                               |                    |
| Our Prayer of Confession this morning was adapted from <i>The Book of Common Worship</i> .  |                               |                    |

May you all have a blessed Easter!

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," *Al - le - lu - ia!*  
2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done; *Al - le - lu - ia!*  
3. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; *Al - le - lu - ia!*  
4. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; *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!*  
Christ hath burst the gates of hell; *Al - le - lu - ia!*  
where, O death, is now thy sting? *Al - le - lu - ia!*

raise your joys and tri-umphs high; *Al - le - lu - ia!*  
lo, the sun's e - clipse is o'er; *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!*

sing ye heav'ns and earth re - ply. *Al - le - lu - ia!*  
lo, he sheds his blood no more. *Al - le - lu - ia!*  
Christ hath o - pened par - a - dise. *Al - le - lu - ia!*  
where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? *Al - le - lu - ia!*

5. Soar we now where Christ hath led, *Alleluia!*  
foll'wing our exalted Head; *Alleluia!*  
made like him, like him we rise; *Alleluia!*  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies. *Alleluia!*
6. 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!*

<sup>62</sup> The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup> and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.'  
<sup>64</sup> Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." <sup>65</sup> Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can."  
<sup>66</sup> So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

Anthem

**Halleluiah! Resurrection Day!**

Come see the place where Jesus lay, angels have rolled the stone away!  
Sing Hallelujah! Resurrection Day!  
Tell me, oh death where is your sting? You cannot hold he risen King!  
Sing Hallelujah! Resurrection Day!

Down to the tomb, the Savior had gone,  
But Sunday morning, there came a new Dawn.  
God's mighty angel, at break of day,  
Came to the grave stone, and rolled it away.

Come see the place where Jesus lay, angels have rolled the stone away!  
Sing Hallelujah! Resurrection Day!  
Tell me, oh death where is your sting? You cannot hold he risen King!  
Sing Hallelujah! Resurrection Day!

The angel told Mary, shake off your fear, Jesus is risen, He is not here.  
Tell His disciples; He's no longer dead. Just as He promised, just as He said.

He arose a victor from the dark domain  
And he lives forever with His saints to reign.

Come see the place where Jesus lay, angels have rolled the stone away!  
Sing Hallelujah! Resurrection Day!  
Tell me, oh death where is your sting? You cannot hold he risen King!  
Sing Hallelujah! Resurrection Day!  
Sing Hallelujah! Resurrection Day!

# I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

405

1. I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,  
 2. I love thy church, O God: her walls be - fore thee stand,  
 3. For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers as - cend;  
 4. Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heav'n - ly ways,

the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.  
 dear as the ap - ple of thine eye and grav - en on thy hand.  
 to her my cares and toils be giv'n, 'til toils and cares shall end.  
 her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

5. Jesus, thou Friend divine,  
our Savior and our King,  
thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe  
shall great deliv'rance bring.

6. Sure as thy truth shall last,  
to Zion shall be giv'n  
the brightest glories earth can yield,  
and brighter bliss of heav'n.

Timothy Dwight, 1800  
CCLI# 594962

ST. THOMAS (Williams) S.M.  
Aaron Williams, 1763

## Sermon Text...Matthew 28:1-10

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>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." <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my  
2. In Christ a - lone! Who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less  
3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the world by dark - ness  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the pow'r of Christ in

song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the  
babe! This gift of love and righ - teous - ness, scorned by the  
slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the  
me. From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com -

fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
ones he came to save. 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died,  
grave he rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - to - ry,  
mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,

when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for -  
the wrath of God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am  
can ev - er pluck me from his hand; 'til he re -

ter, my all in all— here in the love of Christ I stand.  
sin on him was laid— here in the death of Christ I live.  
his and he is mine— bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
turns or calls me home— here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend  
Text and tune © 2002 Thankyou Music (PRS)  
(admin. worldwide at CapitolCMGPublishing.com  
excluding Europe, which is admin. by Integritymusic.com)  
All rights reserved. Used by permission.

IN CHRIST ALONE L.M.D.  
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend  
Arr. Ruth Coleman  
CCLI# 594962

Featured Element of Worship: Easter Decorations

Why exactly do we decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday with numerous Easter lilies and candelabras?

Some of the more fanciful stories about Easter lilies include that they sprouted at the foot of the cross and in the Garden of Gethsemene, where Jesus' blood, sweat, and tears had fallen. While this is purely legend, the Easter lily has come to symbolize Christ Jesus in a number of ways: Their life cycle of several years in bulb form beneath the earth, before bursting forth in magnificent glory calls to mind the death and resurrection of our Lord. Meanwhile, their white color embodies the purity of our Lord, and their trumpet-shaped blooms recall the horn which will sound in the last day, when Jesus will return and sets all things to rights.

As for the candelabras, just two nights ago on good Friday, we remembered the descent into darkness at the crucifixion of Jesus, extinguishing candles as part of our Tenebrae service. Today we celebrate the victory of light over darkness, and with it, the victory of life over death!

**Meditation for the Week: *Seven Stanzas at Easter***

Make no mistake: if he rose at all  
It was as His body;  
If the cell’s dissolution did not reverse, the molecule reknit,  
The amino acids rekindle,  
The Church will fall.

It was not as the flowers,  
Each soft spring recurrent;  
It was not as His Spirit in the mouths and fuddled eyes of the  
Eleven apostles;  
It was as His flesh; ours.

The same hinged thumbs and toes  
The same valved heart  
That—pierced—died, withered, paused, and then regathered  
Out of enduring Might  
New strength to enclose.

Let us not mock God with metaphor,  
Analogy, sidestepping, transcendence,  
Making of the event a parable, a sign painted in the faded  
Credulity of earlier ages:  
Let us walk through the door.

The stone is rolled back, not papier-mache,  
Not a stone in a story,  
But the vast rock of materiality that in the slow grinding of  
Time will eclipse for each of us  
The wide light of day.

And if we have an angel at the tomb,  
Make it a real angel,  
Weighty with Max Planck’s quanta, vivid with hair, opaque in  
The dawn light, robed in real linen  
Spun on a definite loom.

Let us not seek to make it less monstrous,  
For our own convenience, our own sense of beauty,  
Lest, awakened in one unthinkable hour, we are embarrassed  
By the miracle,  
And crushed by remonstrance.

—John Updike, *Seven Stanzas at Easter* (1960)

"...and the Two Became One"

The Diaconate, as an expression of the church’s commitment to Christian marriage, recognizes couples who are members of the church on certain anniversaries of their wedding days (first, all divisible by five, and all over 50). Today we recognize and celebrate with the following couple:  
Jeff & Lori Austin, who will celebrate 35 years of marriage on April 21!

**This Week at Calvary**

|                        |       |  |
|------------------------|-------|--|
| <b>Today</b>           | 8:30  | Easter Breakfast   |
|                        | 9:40  | Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)   |
|                        | 10:00 | Worship Service<br>followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship<br>(no Sunday School this week) |
| <b>Monday—Thursday</b> |       | <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>  |
| <b>Thursday</b>        | 6:30  | Choir Rehearsal  |
| <b>Next Sunday</b>     | 9:40  | Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)   |
|                        | 10:00 | Worship Service with Communion<br>followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship                  |
|                        | 11:30 | Sunday School  |

**Church Staff**

|                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Pastor            | Pete Scribner  |
| Director of Music | Susan Lechota  |
| Music Minister    | Chris Holmberg |
| Custodian         | Vicky Haughey  |

Offerings are received each week in the wooden donation box in the Narthex. We have placed it there as a convenience for our members and friends. If you are visiting us this Sunday, please feel no pressure to make any donation. We are glad to have you simply be our guest today, and invite you to join us for a donut and coffee in the Fellowship Hall after worship!



Calvary Presbyterian Church Presents:

The Flint Concert Band

# Spring Concert

• Friday, May 2nd  
7PM

*Refreshments following  
the concert*



Easter Boxes: The Martha-Mary Circle would like to thank everyone who played a part during their Easter food drive. Due to everyone's generosity, they were able to help out eighteen families with meals this Easter season!

# Calvary Presbyterian Church

April 20, 2025



---

Our Mission - We exist to know, worship, serve, and enjoy the one true God.

Our Vision - We seek to love God completely, love others selflessly, and everywhere proclaim Christ: crucified, risen, and reigning forever.

---

6100 Richfield Rd.  
Flint, MI 48506

www.CalvaryFlint.com  
810-736-4100

 @CalvaryFlint

 @CalvaryFlint

 CalvaryFlint@gmail.com

 www.CalvaryFlint.com

**Follow  
Us on  
Social  
Media**