



EASTER 2021

# WELCOME

Welcome to our celebration of Jesus' resurrection!

It has been two years since we celebrated Jesus' victory over death, sin, and Satan. It has been two years since we joined to sing the chorus "I know that my Redeemer lives." It has been two years since we focused our attention on our risen King of kings and Lord of lords.

We hope everyone joining us in person and online is able to celebrate with unfettered joy the fact that our Savior lives and so will we. With his eternal life in our hearts, we can thrive through days of darkness and light, times of sorrow and joy.

## Christ is risen!

### RESTROOMS OR NURSERY

If you need to use a restroom or nursery, exit the main church area through the double doors in back and follow the signs in the hallway. For the record, we enjoy the sound of little ones in worship praising their Savior, even when they are "singing" a completely different song from us. Their praise is coming from hearts filled with his love through baptism.

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## Preservice music

### SEE WHAT A MORNING

CHOIR

*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*

*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 raised with Him  
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered  
And we shall reign with Him  
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.*

## Call to worship

I will exalt you, O LORD,

**for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.**

O LORD my God, I called to you for help

**and you healed me.**

O LORD, you brought me up from the grave;

**you spared me from going down into the pit.**

Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;

**praise his holy name.**

For his anger lasts only a moment,

**but his favor lasts a lifetime;**

weeping may remain for a night,

**but rejoicing comes in the morning.**

## Confession and Absolution

This week we have observed the true cost of our sin and the true depth of God's love for us. Let us acknowledge with our hearts and voices our guilt and his grace.

**Lord Jesus Christ, before you every knee bows in heaven and earth. We bow before you in humble grief. We have shattered your holy will with our sins of choice and our sins of habit. We have never loved you as you deserve. We do not worship you with our whole lives. We are corrupt. We are guilty. We have no excuse or reason. We plead for your mercy and beg your forgiveness.**

With a clear and unwavering voice, our God declares:

*God made him who had no sin to be sin for us so that through him we might become the righteousness of God.*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

*He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.*

ROMANS 4:25

As Christ's called servant, I can announce to you his unconditional grace and inexhaustible forgiveness. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Stand before the empty tomb of your Savior to know your sins have been paid for and your guilt has been atoned.

**Amen.**

# JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

HYMN 157



1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. But the pains which he en - dured Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise e - ter - nal as his love, Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Al - le - lu - ia!

## Prayer of the day

O God, you made the dawn of this most holy day shine with the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Grant that we who have been raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# GOD'S WORD

## Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare  
a feast of rich food for all peoples,  
a banquet of aged wine—  
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

On this mountain he will destroy  
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,  
the sheet that covers all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears  
from all faces;  
he will remove the disgrace of his people  
from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.

In that day they will say,  
“Surely this is our God;  
we trusted in him, and he saved us.  
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;  
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.” NIV

**O give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love endures forever.**

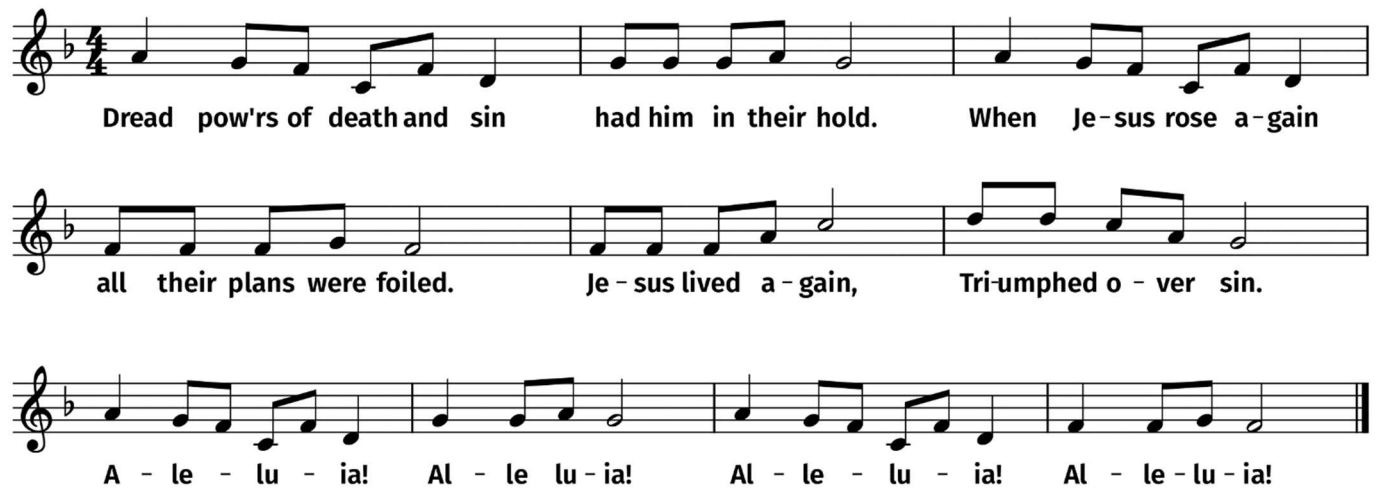
His bat-tle end-ed there, death was o-ver-come. Je-sus, a-live a-gain,  
wore the vic-tor's crown. Clear-ly sin had failed; Good-ness had pre-vailed.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

## 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. NIV

**The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.**



Dread pow'rs of death and sin had him in their hold. When Je-sus rose a-gain  
all their plans were foiled. Je - sus lived a - gain, Tri-umphed o - ver sin.  
A - le - lu - ia! Al - le lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!





## Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' "

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid. NIV

**This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## Children's sermon



# I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

HYMN 152



1. I know that my Re - dem - er lives; What com - fort  
 2. He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
 6. He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; He lives and  
 7. He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and  
 8. He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save. He lives, all - glo - rious  
 loves me to the end. He lives, and while he  
 I shall con - quer death. He lives, my man - sion  
 Je - sus still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!  
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
 lives I'll sing; He lives, my Pro - phet, Priest, and King!  
 to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.  
 sen - tence gives: "I know that my Re - deem - er lives!"

## Sermon: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

ONLY OUR LEFT FOOT REMAINS

# WE RESPOND

## Prayer

O Lord, we admit too often we have thought that our strength and our joy came from within our own hearts and mind. We have endured painful consequences of our sins, suffered the pain others have caused us, and mourned the pain we inflicted on others. Yet you have always loved us and will always love us. You entered our world to live in our place, to be condemned under God's wrath for our sins, and to lay in the grave we had earned for ourselves. Today you burst forth from the grave to declare God has forgiven us all. You have conquered death so we will never feel even a twinge of the punishment we deserve!

### **You have turned my wailing into dancing.**

Because you rose from the dead, we know our life does not end at our grave. You have promised to raise us on the Last Day to life eternal. You have filled our lives with hope and a secure future. Redeemed by your blood shed on the cross, we are now the saints of God. You fill our hearts, replacing sorrow with joy, drudgery with hope, and self-love with willing service to others.

### **You have removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.**

In your love for each of us, you laid down your life. We are now secure with a living Savior watching over us. Your favor lasts beyond a lifetime. Your faithful love means we will never be shaken in this life or in the one to come. We can stand firm in the fiercest storms of life because we know our Savior – who conquered death itself – will see us safely through trials and temptations.

### **My heart sings with joy and thanks forever.**

Bring the hope of your resurrection to every person in this world. Place your strength in their hearts and your song on their lips. Ring out to the nations the glorious things you have done. Use our lives and our words to make a difference to the people around us. Lead us to live out our faith in your forgiveness and resurrection so friends see the hope we have and neighbors understand the eternal confidence we enjoy. May our lives confess in words and deeds

**Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.**

BASED ON PSALM 30

For all our unasked needs, we pray:

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## Acclamations of praise

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
**his love endures forever.**

It is better to take refuge in the LORD  
**than to trust in man.**

It is better to take refuge in the LORD  
**than to trust in princes.**

I was pushed back and about to fall,  
**but the LORD helped me.**

The LORD is my strength and my song;  
**he has become my salvation.**

Shouts of joy and victory  
**resound in the tents of the righteous:**

“The LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!  
**The LORD’s right hand is lifted high; the LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!”**

I will not die but live,  
**and will proclaim what the LORD has done.**

The LORD has chastened me severely,  
**but he has not given me over to death.**

The stone the builders rejected  
**has become the capstone;**

the LORD has done this,  
**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day the LORD has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.  
**From the house of the LORD we bless you.**

The LORD is God,  
**and he has made his light shine upon us.**

You are my God, and I will give you thanks;  
**you are my God, and I will exalt you.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
**his love endures forever.**

# THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE

HYMN 160



1. This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way withsin and sor - row!  
 2. Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the riv - er;  
 3. My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son slum - ber



My love, the Cru - ci - fied, Has sprung to life this mor - row.  
 Lov - er of souls, from ill My pass - ing sould de - liv - er.  
 Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in num - ber.

## Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three-day pris - on, Our



faith had been in vain: But now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en; But



now is Christ a - ris - en.

## Prayer

Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people. May we serve you in steadfast faith and confess your death and resurrection as long as we live. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

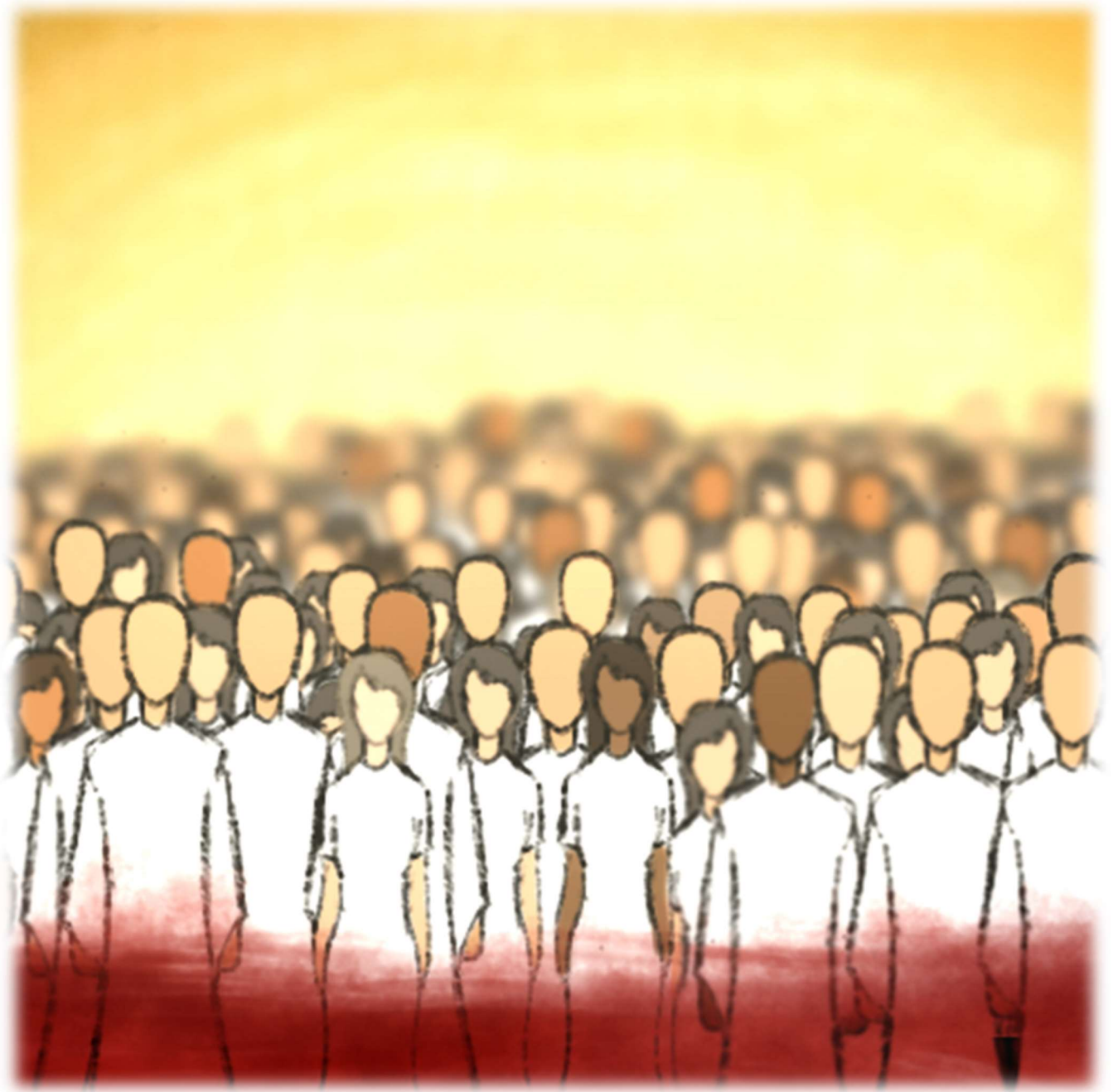
## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look with favor on you and give you peace.

**Amen.**



# JERUSALEM THE GOLDEN

HYMN 728



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest  
2 Oh sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!  
3 The Christ is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene.



The sight of it re - fresh - es The wea - ry and op - pressed:  
Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try That ea - ger hearts ex - pect,  
The pas - tures of the bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green.



I know not, oh, I know not What joys a - wait us there,  
Where they who with their lead - er Have con - quered in the fight  
There is the throne of Dav - id; And there from care re - leased,



What ra - diancy of glo - ry, What bliss be - yond com - pare:  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er Are clad in robes of white.  
The shout of them that tri - umph, The song of them that feast.



To sing the hymn un - end - ing With all the mar - tyr throng,  
Je - sus in mer - cy bring us To that dear land of rest  
To God en - throned in glo - ry The Church's voic - es blend,



A - midst the halls of Zi - on Re - sounding full with song.  
Where sings the host of heav - en Your glo - rious name to bless.  
The Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, The Light that knows no end.





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## CALENDAR

Today	10 am	Festival Easter Worship
	11 am	Brunch and children's activities
Saturday	4 pm	Small group worship with communion
Sunday	10 am	Worship with communion
	11 am	Coffee and snacks
	11:30 am	Sunday school for all ages

Would you like to know more about what Jesus has done for all of us? Would you like to have a clear understanding of God's promises and what the Bible teaches? Pastor is starting a new discussion group on God's promises and teachings. It starts on April 15 (we all can remember this date!) from 7-8 pm. You can join online or in person. Just ask Pastor for more details.



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