



THREE RIVERS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 20, 2025

Resurrection Sunday

Preparation for Worship

"Christianity rests on the certainty of Jesus's resurrection as a space-time occurrence in history. All four Gospels highlight it, focusing on the empty tomb and resurrection appearances, and Acts insists on it. Paul regarded the Resurrection as indisputable proof that the message about Jesus as Judge and Savior is true" (J.I. Packer).

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Welcome | Rev. Spencer Murphy

Call to Worship | 1 Peter 1:3-8

Minister: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! 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,

People: To an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Minister: In this we rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

People: Though we have not seen him, we love him. Though we do not now see him, we believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory.

Minister: For Christ has risen!

People: He has risen indeed!

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Words: Charles Wesley (1739) | Music:
Anonymous, *Lyra Davidica* (1708)

"Praise"

Words and Music: Brandon Lake | Chandler
Moore | Chris Brown | Cody Carnes | Pat Barrett |
Steven Furtick

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

We praise 'cause You're sov'reign,
We praise 'cause You reign
We praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave
We praise 'cause You're faithful,
and praise 'cause You're true
We praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You (x2)

Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul
I won't be quiet, My God is alive
How could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord, oh my soul

Confession of Faith | *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We

look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Confession of Sin | 1 Corinthians 15:32-34

What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

We pause for a moment of private, silent confession.

Assurance of Pardon | 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every 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.

"His Mercy is More"

Words and Music: Matt Boswell | Matt Papa (2016)

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more (x2)*

Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Tithes and Offerings

There are four ways to give:

- *In the basket during the service*
- *By mail, to PO Box 451029, Grove OK 74345*
- *Online at www.3riverspca.com*
- *Through the Tithe.ly app*

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon | "He is Risen" - Rev. Spencer Murphy

Matthew 28:1-20

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

¹¹While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. ¹²And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of

money to the soldiers¹³ and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' ¹⁴ And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." ¹⁵ So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Sermon in a sentence: Despite attempts to deny the resurrection of Jesus, it is historically reliable and empowers disciples to proclaim his message to the nations.

1. The case for the resurrection
2. The conspiracy to cover-up of the resurrection
3. The commission to proclaim the resurrection

Communion

The minister will say: Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed for us! Hallelujah!

And the people respond: **Hallelujah!**

We practice open communion, which means that all believing, baptized Christians are welcome to receive the bread and the cup. The red is wine, and the white is grape juice. The bread is gluten free. We come up the center aisle, receive the elements, take them with us back to our seats, and then partake all together.

If you are not a believer, we are so glad you're here! But we do ask that you not partake of the elements, since scripture warns against taking them in an unworthy manner. Please feel free to stay seated, or come forward with your arms crossed and we will pray for you.

"Jesus Paid it All"

Words and Music: Alex Nifong | Elvina M. Hall | John Thomas Grape (2006)

And I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

*'Cause Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow*

Lord now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone *Refrain.*

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat *Refrain.*

Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead

"Living Hope"

Words and Music: Brian Johnson | Phil Wickham (2017)

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

*Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope (x2)*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me (x2)

Refrain (x2).

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

Sending

And now let us go forth to serve our Lord and Savior
as sons and daughters of the King of Kings and the
Lord of Lords.

Thanks be to God!

We sing the Doxology together:

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.
Amen.

Benediction | Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his
face to shine upon you and be gracious to you the
Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you
peace.