



CHRIST THE KING
— PRESBYTERIAN —

EASTER SUNDAY— MARCH 31, 2024

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And those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won,
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For His perfect love will never change,
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But follow us through all our days
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Come, young and old from every land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.

Over all the world, His people sing,
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age;
‘Our God is all in all’.

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CALL TO WORSHIP - Based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

Leader: *Alleluia! Christ is risen.*

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: *Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

People: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Leader: *God has claimed us as his own.*

People: He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

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“Christ Arose”

by Robert Lowry

Low in the grave He lay
Jesus my Savior
Waiting the coming day
Jesus my Lord

Up from the grave He arose
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes
He arose a victor from the dark domain
And He lives forever with His saints to reign
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose

Vainly they watch His bed
Jesus my Savior
Vainly they seal the dead
Jesus my Lord

Up from the grave He arose
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes
He arose a victor from the dark domain
And He lives forever with His saints to reign
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose

Death cannot keep his prey
Jesus my Savior
He tore the bars away
Jesus my Lord

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And He lives forever with His saints to reign
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“Christ The Lord Is Risen Today”

by Charles Wesley

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing ye heavens and earth reply, 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 boasting grave, 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!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Him like Him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross the grave the skies, Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:1-20

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord!*

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory.

Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: *Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

People: The maker of heaven and earth!

Minister: *O Lord, open our lips,*

People: And our mouths will declare Your
praise!

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

Words: John Newton

Music: Laura Taylor

Let us love and sing and wonder;
Let us praise the Savior's name.
He has hushed the law's loud thunder;
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.

He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies,
Called us by His grace and taught us,
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.

He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down,
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqueror's crown.

He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
 Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder, grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store.
When through grace in Christ our trust is,
Justice smiles and asks no more.

He Who washed us with His blood,
He Who washed us with His blood,
He Who washed us with His blood,
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high.
Here they trusted Him before us;
Now their praises fill the sky.

Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,
Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

GREETING

Leader: *Christ is risen!*

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: *Let us share His peace with one another.*

Children may leave for lesson (ages 4-6).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As the leader directs, the congregation is invited to pray for those for whom they are burdened.

Pray aloud and by name or silently if you prefer.

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 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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:1-17

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord!*

People: Thanks be to God!

“Praise the Savior Now and Ever”

*by Venantius Fortunatus, William Moore,
and Benedict/Bradham*

Praise the Savior now and ever;
Praise Him, all beneath the skies;
Prostrate lying, suffering, dying,
On the cross, a sacrifice.

Victory gaining life obtaining
Now in glory he doth rise.

Man's work faileth, Christ's availeth;
He is all our righteousness;
He, our Savior, has forever,
Set us free from dire distress.

Through his merit we inherit
Light and peace and happiness.

Sin's bond severed, we're delivered;
Christ has bruised the serpent's head;
Death no longer is the stronger
Hell itself is captive led.

Christ has risen from death's prison;
O'er the tomb he light has shed.

For his favor, praise for ever
Unto God the Father sing;
Praise the Savior, praise Him ever,
Son of God, our Lord and King.

Praise the Spirit, through Christ's merit,
He doth us salvation bring.

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

CONFESSION OF FAITH - “The Apostles’ Creed”

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 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.

Minister: *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

People: And also with you!

Minister: *Lift up your hearts!*

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Wine is in the outer circles of cups; the inner circle contains grape juice. Gluten-free bread is in its own tray.

As the usher directs, please come forward one row at a time to pick up your cups.

Please hold your elements until all are served so that we may all partake together, as one body.

“Christ Is Mine Forevermore”

by Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings

But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall, his love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good

But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes his work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for his name

But mine is armor for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And he has said he will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now, O my soul
For his love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore!

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
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THE SENDING - From Hebrews 13:20-21

May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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