

MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION

The Lord's Day – Resurrection Sunday

April 9, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Mike Palombo

The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Prelude: Mrs. Amy Reber

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Arranged by Dino Kartsonakis

Call to Worship: 1 Peter 1:3-5

³Blessed 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, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

The Invocation

Hymn of Praise 277 (vss. 1-4)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!

Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!

Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!

Christ has 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 thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise: Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Confession of Sin

Need of Confession: Romans 8:5-6

⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Personal Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:9-11

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Song of Praise

Is He Worthy?

Do you feel the world is broken?

We do.

Do you feel the shadows deepen?

We do.

But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light from getting through?

We do.

Do you wish that you could see it all made new?

We do.

Is all creation groaning?

It is.

Is a new creation coming?

It is.

Is the glory of the Lord
To be the light within our midst?

It is.

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?

It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,
He is David's Root

And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
Is he worthy?
Is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is he worthy of this?
He is.

Does the Father truly love us?
He does.
Does the Spirit move among us?
He does.

And does Jesus, our Messiah,
Hold forever those he loves?
He does.
Does our God intend to dwell again with us?
He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
From ev'ry people and tribe, every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God
To reign with the Son.

Is he worthy?
Is he worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is he worthy?
Is he worthy?
Is he worthy of this?
He is.

Is he worthy?
Is he worthy?
He is.
He is.

The Lord's Prayer / Pastoral Prayer

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.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: Chancel Choir

In Christ Alone
Arranged by Larry Shackley

Doxology

Sermon Series: Lent (Encountering Jesus)

New Life

Luke 24:1-12

Pastor Jeff Birch

24 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. **2** And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, **3** but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. **4** While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. **5** And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? **6** He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, **7** that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” **8** And they remembered his words, **9** and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. **10** Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, **11** but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. **12** But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

Hymn 274

Thine Be the Glory

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Chorus

Thine be the glory, risen conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting. (*Chorus*)

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, thro' thy deathless love;
Bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above. (*Chorus*)

***Choral Benediction**

Hallelujah Chorus

By George Frederic Handel

*This morning the choir would like to invite anyone who has ever sung the *Hallelujah Chorus* to come and join us in the loft at the end of our celebration to sing with us. During the final hymn, *Thine Be the Glory*, come to the front and a member of the choir will have music for you and will be able to point you to the appropriate section. We hope you will consider joining your voices with ours as we present this triumphant finish to our resurrection celebration.