



REDEEMING GRACE CHURCH

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*To the only wise God be glory forevermore
through Jesus Christ! Amen.*

Romans 16:27

Welcome to Easter Sunday at Redeeming Grace Church!

For Christians, Easter isn't merely a religious holiday. It is a historical memorial and a celebration. Our faith isn't grounded upon religious ideas, but upon the historical reality that on the third day after His crucifixion, Jesus of Nazareth walked out of His tomb.

Of course, that claim has been challenged. Some have argued that Jesus' disciples stole His body. Yet there is no credible evidence to support it. Others suggest that Jesus merely swooned—that He didn't actually die on the cross. But even a basic understanding of Roman crucifixion makes that theory highly implausible. Still others claim that the resurrection account, along with the supernatural elements of Jesus' life and ministry, was invented by His followers. And yet, the sheer volume of early eyewitness testimony, along with the striking consistency of the gospel accounts, makes them worthy of serious consideration.

What's more, why would Jesus' own followers write a story in which their long-awaited Messiah was shamefully executed on a Roman cross—unless it actually happened?

In reality, the claim that Jesus' tomb was empty was easily testable in the first century, and yet no credible contradictory account ever emerged. The disciples, along with hundreds of others, testified that they encountered the risen Jesus face-to-face. And they did not merely say this—they staked their lives on it. Among them were James, the brother of Jesus—who did not believe in Him prior to the resurrection—and Paul, who once violently persecuted Christians, but was transformed after encountering the risen Christ on the road to Damascus.

All of this points to a simple conclusion: the resurrection is not wishful thinking or religious sentiment. It is a historical claim that demands to be taken seriously. And if it is true, then it changes everything. Because if Jesus has risen from the dead, then He is who He claimed to be—the Son of God and Savior of the world—who offers forgiveness of sins and new life to all who trust in Him.

We welcome you to join us in celebrating the most significant event in human history. We also invite you to consider what it means for you. As one theologian put it, "If Christ is risen, nothing else matters. And if Christ is not risen—nothing else matters." Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!

*Welcome to Redeeming Grace Church! We're so glad you're here!
It's our joy to declare and display the glory of King Jesus together.
Our prayer is that you'll leave treasuring him more deeply.*

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*If there's any way we can serve you, please see our team at the
Welcome Desk in the foyer. You can also reach out to RGC's elders
via their email on the back of the Worship Guide.*

Gathering Hymn

Please remain seated and join us in singing as we prepare to worship.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

I know that my Redeemer lives
What hope this sweet assurance gives
That He who gave His life for me
Arose with healing in his wings
He lives, the tomb is empty still
Redemption's promise He fulfilled
No condemnation now remains
The stone of death is rolled away.

My Redeemer lives

My Redeemer lives

On heaven's throne, and in my very soul

I know that my Redeemer lives.

I know that my Redeemer lives
And all my life is bound to His
In realms above, He intercedes
Our sinless Savior, perfect Priest
No fear can follow where He guides
His constant presence is my light
No power on earth or heav'n above
Can separate us from his love.

Chorus

I know that my Redeemer lives
In life and death I trust in Him
My soul secure, my future safe
He'll not forsake me to the grave
He lives and He will not delay
My eyes will wake to brightest day
And in my flesh I'll see Him stand
When Christ in glory comes again
And every eye will see Him stand
When Christ in glory comes again.

Chorus

Call to Worship

Revelation 12:10-11

Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died, eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of lords,
Who over all doth reign,
Who once on earth, the Incarnate Word,
For ransomed sinners slain,
Now lives in realms of light,
Where saints and angels sing
Their songs before Him day and night,
Their God, Redeemer, King.

Crown Him the Lord of love
Behold His hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight
But downward bends each burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Man of Sorrows

Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid.

Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns.

*Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out "Hallelujah"
Praise and honor unto Thee.*

Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree.

Chorus

Now my debt is paid
It is paid in full
By the precious blood
That my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin
Has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed.

See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah! God be praised
He's risen from the grave.

Chorus

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:50-24:10

⁵⁰ Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, ⁵¹ who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. ⁵² This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³ Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. ⁵⁴ It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵ The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶ Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

^{24:1} 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

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Prayer of Praise

Please join us as we corporately praise God for His character and works.

Hallelujah for the Cross

Up to the hill of Calvary
My Savior went courageously
And there He bled and died for me
Hallelujah for the cross!
And on that day the world was changed
A final perfect lamb was slain
Let earth and heaven now proclaim
Hallelujah for the cross!

*Hallelujah for the war He fought
Love has won, death has lost
Hallelujah for the souls He bought
Hallelujah for the cross!*

What good I've done could never save
My debt too great for deeds to pay
But God, my Savior, made a way
Hallelujah for the cross!
A slave to sin, my life was bound
But all my chains fell to the ground
When Jesus' blood came flowing down
Hallelujah for the cross!

Chorus

And when I breathe my final breath
I'll have no need to fear that rest
This hope will guide me into death
Hallelujah for the cross!

Chorus

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O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone.
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heaven's reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts.
My song, when enemies surround me
My hope, when tides of sorrow rise
My joy, when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died.
You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name.

Nathan Stiff

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Statement of Faith

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God;
begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who, for us humans and for our salvation,
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life;
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy universal and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins*,
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

First Council of Nicaea (AD 325)

First Council of Constantinople (AD 381)

* Water baptism does not produce the forgiveness of sin. Rather, baptism is the external sign that one's sins have been forgiven, insofar as it is grounded in the death and resurrection of Jesus and reflects the internal reality of true faith in Christ and repentance from sins (Acts 2:37; 1 Pet 3:21).

Pastoral Prayer

Collection of Offerings



If you're not a follower of Jesus, we're not asking for your money—we want more than anything for you to receive Him by faith! For Christians, though, giving to God's work is a way to worship Him and advance His mission. If you'd like to contribute, simply place a gift in one of the offering plates as it passes. To give online, scan the QR code or visit rgcaz.org/give.

Please prepare your heart to receive God's Word.

Sermon

Romans 16:17-27

"Because Jesus Won"

Jon Deedrick

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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All Glory Be to Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ

*All glory be to Christ our King
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ*

His will be done His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ.

Chorus

When on the day the great I Am
The Faithful and the True
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ.

Chorus

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Benediction

Romans 16:20

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Thank you for your flexibility as the property owner completes renovations on the campus. We appreciate your patience during this season of improvement and apologize for the temporary inconvenience.

RGC Kids

Children's ministry is available for kids newborn through 3rd grade.

Next Sunday: Members' Meeting

Our April Members' Meeting will be next Sunday, April 12th, at 5:00 PM. We will have a fellowship dinner after. Members of our church family, please plan to attend!

Baptism

If you've come to faith in Jesus but have never been baptized, we would love to help you take that step! Baptism isn't reserved for a special category of Christians. It's a privilege and obligation for all believers that publicly identifies us with Christ and binds us to his church. To start the conversation, send an email to jon@rgcaz.org.

Looking Ahead

Date	Time	Event
April 9	6:00 PM	Basecamp (Youth Group)
April 19	4:00 PM	RGC Foundations

Upcoming Sermons

Date	Text	Preacher
April 12	Luke 23	Jon Deedrick
April 19	Acts 2:22-36	Jon Deedrick
April 26	Ecclesiastes 1-2	Jon Deedrick

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