



Resurrection Sunday
April 20, 2025—8:30 and 9:45 am
Sanctuary

*Christ has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first man.
He has met, fought, and beaten the **King of Death**. Everything is different because **He** has
done so. This is the beginning of the **New Creation**: a new chapter in cosmic history has opened.
-C.S. Lewis, "Miracles"*

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The Christ Candle, which was lit on Christmas, and extinguished in silence on Good Friday, is now rekindled and burns brightly before our eyes, reminding us that our resurrected Christ, the Light of the world, will shine forever and ever.

Prelude

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
EASTER HYMN (1708) arr. Joel Raney © 2012, Hope Publishing

Easter Joy The King's Ringers and Brass Ensemble
Medley: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today—I Know That My Redeemer Lives—Come, Ye Faithful;*
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Community Life Update

Resurrection Announcement

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. 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? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. 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, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling...

*Call to Worship

Easter Acclamation and Revelation 11:15

Leader: Christ is risen!
All: **He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

Leader: The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ,
All: **and he shall reign forever and ever!**

* Please stand if you are able.

*Hymn of Praise

"Christ the Lord is risen 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! Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise: Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

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*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Wonder

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice, all creation rises to rejoice.

*Behold our God seated on His throne, come let us adore Him!
Behold our King, nothing can compare, come let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave, Jesus Savior risen now to reign!

"Behold Our God" Words and Music: Baird, Altrogge © 2011 Sovereign Grace Praise Song No. 5937510 CCLI No. 789870

Words of Hope

Romans 6:9-11, 14

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus... For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Moment of Silent Confession

Declaration of Christ's Victory

from I Corinthians 15:54-57

Leader: I tell you this, brothers and sisters, "Death is swallowed up in victory."

All: "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

Leader: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

All: But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Choral Offering

Thine Be the Glory

Choir:

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.

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

Lo! Jesus meets us, 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.

Thine be the glory!

***All:**

**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, through Thy deathless love:
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.**

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

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*Scripture Reading

Revelation 5:9, 11-13

Leader: "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation..."

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures
and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads
and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

**All: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"**

Leader: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth
and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

**All: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"**

*Hymn of Victory

K4-K5 may leave for Kids Church. One parent will need to escort the child to the Commons Area.

O Most High, King of the ages, Great I AM, God of wonders,
By the blood You have redeemed us, led us through mighty waters
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation.

*Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power for the battle You have won. Hallelujah!
With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels in the triumph of the Son. Hallelujah! Amen.*

O Most High, dwelling among us, Son of man sent for sinners,
By Your blood You have redeemed us, spotless Lamb, mighty Savior,
Who lived, who died, who rose victorious.

O Most High, King of the nations, robed in praise, crowned with splendor,
On that day who will not tremble, when You stand, Christ the Victor,
Who was, and is, and is forever.

Amen, amen, amen!

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Pastoral Prayer

“Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him. And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead, and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you.’

And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way,

“I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.’

Therefore he says also in another psalm,

“You will not let your Holy One see corruption.’

For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses. Beware, therefore, lest what is said in the Prophets should come about:

“Look, you scoffers,
be astounded and perish;
for I am doing a work in your days,
a work that you will not believe, even if one tells it to you.”

As they went out, the people begged that these things might be told them the next Sabbath. And after the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Andy Lewis

*Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, No. 45

Leader: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

All: By his resurrection Christ has overcome death, so that he could make us share in his righteousness, which he obtained for us by his death. By his power we too are raised up to new life.

Christ's resurrection is to us a sure pledge of our own glorious resurrection.

*Hymn of Response

Crown Him with Many Crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly 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 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 his wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to 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 heaven: One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit thru Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, thru endless days adored and magnified.

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*Easter Dismissal

Leader: Now, brothers and sisters, go forth in the power of our risen Lord,
sharing the good news of the resurrection and the hope of the gospel. He is risen!
All: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

*Benediction

*Postlude

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of David Heard by his parents Susan and Jim Heard.*

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Tithes and Offerings may also be placed in the giving box at the exits of the Sanctuary as you leave.*

Assisting in Worship Today:

Preacher: Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

Liturgists: Neel Skelton, Worship and Formation Pastor (8:30); Mark Reed, Executive Pastor (9:45)

Welcome, Visitors!

Join us after the service for Coffee and Donuts!

To those who are visiting with us today—Welcome! We are so glad to have you with us on this special day in the life of our church. We would love to connect with you. Pick up a Connect Card in the seat in front of you, fill it out and either place it in the Giving Boxes near the exit, or come by the Welcome Desk to receive your free gift. For questions or to learn more about us, visit our website or contact info@mitchellroad.org.

New Members Weekend—April 25-27

Interested in membership at Mitchell Road, or just want to learn more about our church?
Register to join us for our New Members' Weekend which begins this Friday!

Register at mitchellroad.org/events.

April 27: Union with Christ (Elective)

How do believers participate in the life of God? How do we utilize Jesus' saving benefits, and what do they mean for the life and mission of the Church? The doctrine of union with Christ answers these questions. Join us this April as we study the spiritual connection that exists between Jesus and believers. This reality shapes our understanding of God, produces spiritual formation, and generates Christian mission. Join our teacher, Richard Winston, next Sunday in the Learning Commons at 9:45 am.

May Evangelism Elective—Ditch the Pitch: Just Make Friends

Sundays in May in the Learning Commons at 9:45 am

Teachers: Adam Betterton and Jason Yon

Register at mitchellroad.org/events

The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, April 21.

Next Sunday, April 27, there will be no Adult, Youth or Kids Sunday School. The Union with Christ Elective will meet. There will be nursery (Crib through K3).

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