



**Resurrection Sunday**  
April 5, 2026—8:30 and 9:45 am  
Sanctuary

*Jesus' resurrection is the ground and basis of all true love, hope, and joy; for if Jesus is still in the grave then all of humanity will remain in the grave too. But he is not in the grave, and this makes all the difference. -G. K. Chesterton*

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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

*Lift High the Cross*

*CRUCIFER, William Doane (1869), arr. Joel Raney © 2012, Hope Publishing*

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

*CORONATION, Oliver Holden (1793), arr. Sandra Eithun; © 2024, Candela Works Music*

The King's Ringers

Community Life Update

\*Resurrection Announcement

Matthew 28:1-8

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. And 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then 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." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

\*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!  
*“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” Words: Charles Wesley, Public Domain, 1739; Music: from Lyra Davidica, Public Domain, 1708*

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*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!”**

Choral Offering      *To the Lamb on the Throne*

Worthy the Lamb...

Ye servants of God your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name;  
The name all victorious of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

"Salvation to God who sits on the throne!" let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.  
Worthy the Lamb...

God rules in the height, Almighty to save; though hid from our sight His presence we have.  
The great congregation His triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King!  
Worthy the Lamb...

Then let us adore and give Him His right, all glory and power all wisdom and might,  
All honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!  
Worthy the Lamb!

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\*Hymn of Faith

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.  
'Til 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.  
'Til He returns, or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Confession of Sin

Hebrews 10:19-23

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

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!**

\*Hymn of Victory

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

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the victory, 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.

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.

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Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they 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 at what had happened.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

*What Does the Resurrection Do to Us?*

Andy Lewis

Bidding Prayer

\*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.

*"Crown Him With Many Crowns" Words: Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring, Public Domain, 1851,  
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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

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and in loving memory of David Heard by his parents Susan and Jim Heard.*

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**Assisting in Worship Today:**

Preacher: Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

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

Welcome, Visitors!

Join us after the service for Coffee and Donuts!

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