

Easter Sunday - Sunday April 17th, 2022 – 9:00 am

Music Today

Cross Road, Keri Bash (Luke Schwerer), Deb Berg, Youth Quartet

AS WE GATHER

"He is risen!" - the Church shouts with confidence - "He is risen indeed!" The high point of our Christian life is celebrated this morning as we gather with all of God's children to rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. As today's Gospel from Luke 24 will show us, confusion and fear give way to confident faith when the women who went to the tomb realize Jesus is alive and then share this good news with the other disciples. Through those disciples, this message has reached us also - Today we witness a live reenactment of today's Gospel message.

Opening Song: Because He Lives (Amen)

I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood

Chorus: Amen amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away **(Chorus)**

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life
My future in His hand **(Chorus)**

Because He lives

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Call to Worship (The sound of the shofar blasts) *

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Song of Praise: Jesus Christ is Risen Today LSB 457 vv 1,2,4 – Luke Schwerer (Trumpet)



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Δ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Welcome & Invocation

Pastor Aaron Boerst

Reader

Bobbie Rand

Reflection

Pastor: Many Christians today look forward to Easter - chocolate bunnies, colored eggs, fun activities, social events, and more. What's not to love? But Easter is more than a new Sunday outfit, and its significance extends to more than just one day. To fully appreciate the resurrection of Jesus, it is helpful to understand and appreciate what took place beforehand. Gathered before an empty tomb, we are reminded of many things:

Pastor: On Palm Sunday, Holy Week began with people cheering Jesus onward triumphantly into Jerusalem as a would-be savior against Rome.

Reader: On Monday, Jesus Cleared the Temple of tax collectors and overturned the tables and said, *"My house shall be called a house of prayer; but you make it a den of robbers"*

Pastor: On Tuesday, Jesus Goes to the Mount of Olives teaching his disciples various parables. And teaches the meaning of sacrifice in the temple when he commented on a poor widow's donation.

Reader: On Wednesday, Jesus is anointed in with expensive perfume, foreshadowing his death, while his disciple Judas agrees to betray him for 30 pieces of silver -the going rate for a slave.

Pastor: We remember the foot-washing and institution of the Lord's Supper on Thursday, and his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Reader: We remember the thorns, nails, and spit of the crucifixion of Jesus on Friday, the rest in the tomb and observance of Sabbath on Saturday.

Pastor: And now today, some of our most cherished Easter memories are sparked by the smell of lilies and daffodils and the promise of hope – contained here.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Merciful and loving Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by our sinful actions and our failure to do the good You desire. We pray that You continue to free us from the burden of guilt and let us enjoy the gift of a clear conscience, just as You have freed us from the grave.

People: Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. And He has risen to prove this promise is for real. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen! Christ is Risen, Amen!

Children's Message

Song of the Day Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope
Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory!

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain

There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

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Sermon

Easter Sunday: The Red-Letter Challenge

Pastor Aaron Boerst

Creed – APOSTLE'S 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, died and was 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 thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Sharing the Peace

Offertory **It's About the Cross** *Sung by Quartet: Aidan Christensen, Lydia Johnson, Natalie Lietzau, Sarah Marcheske*

Presentation of Gifts

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You are the giver of all good things, and Your Word makes clear that every good and perfect gift comes from You. We ask that You accept these gifts back unto Yourself and use them to Your glory. *[Psalm 145:15, James 1:17]*

People: Amen.

Holy Communion

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *[2 Timothy 4:22]*

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Words of Our Lord *[Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25]*

Proclamation of Christ

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *[1 Cor. 11:26]*

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *[Revelation 22:20]*

Lord's Prayer *[Matthew 6:9–13]*

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution

Jesus Messiah

He became sin, who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing, love so amazing

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Easter Hallelujah

A crown of thorns placed on His head
He knew that He would soon be dead
He said did you forget me Father did you?
They nailed Him to a wooden cross
Soon all the world would feel the loss
Of Christ the King before His Hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah

He hung His head and prepared to die
Then lifted His face up to the sky
Said I am coming home now Father to you
A reed which held His final sip
Was gently lifted to his lips
He drank His last and gave His soul to glory
Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah

The soldier who had used his sword
To pierce the body of our Lord
Said truly this is Jesus Christ our Savior

He looked with fear upon his sword
Then turned to face his Christ and Lord
Fell to his knees crying Hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah

Took from his head the thorny crown
And wrapped him in a linen gown
And laid him down to rest inside the tomb
The holes in his hands, his feet and side
Now in our hearts we know he died
To save us from ourselves oh hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah

Three days went by again they came
To move the stone to bless the slain
With oil and spice anointing hallelujah
But as they went to move the stone
They saw that they were not alone
But Jesus Christ has risen Hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah

The Cross Has the Final Word

The cross has the final word
The cross has the final word
Sorrow may come in the darkest night
But the cross has the final word

The cross has the final word
The cross has the final word
Evil may put up its strongest fight
But the cross has the final word

The cross has the final word
The cross has the final word
The Savior has come with the morning light
The cross has the final word

Instrumental

There's nothing stronger nothing higher
Nothing greater than the name of Jesus
All the honor all the power
All the glory to the name of Jesus

The cross has the final word
The cross has the final word
He traded death for eternal life

The cross has the final word

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:1-9a

(The stone has been rolled away! Jesus has risen!)

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And 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. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then 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." ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. *And behold, Jesus met them and said:*

(Pre-Recorded) **Jesus:** Greetings!

Do not be afraid...

Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee and there you will see me!

Sending Song

Glorious Day (Living He loved me) – Crossroad

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises,
One day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,
Dwelt among men, my example is He
Word became flesh and the light shined among us, His glory revealed

Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me, buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever, one day He's coming,
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day.

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain,
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected, bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He

Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree, and took the nails for me

Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me, buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever, one day He's coming,
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day.

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer,
One day the stone rolled away from the door.
Then He arose, over death He had conquered,
Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore.

Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him from rising again.

Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me, buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever, one day He's coming,
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day oh glorious day.

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming,
One day the skies with His glories will shine,

Wonderful day, my Beloved One, bringing, my Savior, Jesus, is mine

Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me, buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever, one day He's coming,
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day.

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Benediction [*Numbers 6:24-26*]

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Now having been freed from the shackles of your sin Go serve, shine, and share the love of Jesus Christ!
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***Trumpet—The horn played for the call to service is a Biblical trumpet, traditionally called a Shofar; it is made from the horn of an African Kudu. A Shofar can be made from the horn of any ritually clean animal and is used to announce holidays (Psalm 81:3; Exodus 19:13), to start war or announce victory (Joshua 6:4-9), and is played in the temple orchestra (Psalm 150:3).**

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