

# Easter Sunrise Service

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Easter Sunday  
April 21, 2019

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.”

—1 Corinthians 15:1–8

The cross of Christ only triumphs in the breast of believers over the devil and the flesh, sin and sinners, when their eyes are directed to the power of His Resurrection.

—John Calvin

The devil, darkness, and death may swagger and boast, the pangs of life will sting for a while longer, but don't worry; the forces of evil are breathing their last. Not to worry. He's risen!

—Chuck Swindoll

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*David Driskill*

1 Corinthians 15:54–57

When the perishable puts on the imperishable,  
and the mortal puts on immortality,  
then shall come to pass the saying that is written:  
“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

*“O death, where is your victory?  
O death, where is your sting?”*

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

*But thanks be to God,  
who gives us the victory in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Christ is risen!

*He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*

 Congregation stands, as able

## HYMN OF RESURRECTION

“Worship Christ, the Risen King!”

*sung to the tune of “Angels From the Realms of Glory”*

Rise, O church, and lift your voices,  
Christ has conquered death and hell;  
Sing as all the earth rejoices,  
Resurrection anthems swell;  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid Him,  
Empty now, its mouth declares,  
“Death and I could not contain him  
For the throne of life he shares.”  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the risen King!

Doubt may lift its head to murmur,  
Scoffers mock and sinners jeer;  
But the truth proclaim a wonder,  
Thoughtful hearts receive with cheer;  
He is risen, He is risen,  
Now receive the risen King!

We acclaim your life, O Jesus,  
Now we sing Your victory;  
Sin or hell may seek to seize us,  
But your conquest keeps us free;  
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph,  
Worship Christ, the risen King!

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Words: Jack W. Hayford, 1986. Music: Henry Thomas Smart, 1867.

## PRAYER OF RESURRECTION

Glory be to You, Almighty Father, who raised the Son from the dead  
and who makes us partakers of his victory over sin and death.

Glory be to You, O Christ, who for us men and women  
and for our salvation has overcome death,  
and opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Glory be to You, O Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth  
as it is in the risen Christ.

Blessed be You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God,  
who brings life to light through Your Gospel,  
and blessed be your glorious name for ever and ever. Amen.

—*Book of Common Worship*

## READING FROM THE PROPHETS

*Leslie Brooks*

Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

<sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might  
save us.  
This is the Lord; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## HYMN OF SALVATION

“The Day of Resurrection”

*sung to the tune of “Lead On, O King Eternal”*

The Day of Resurrection:  
Earth! Tell it out abroad!  
The Passover of gladness,  
The Passover of God!  
From Death to Life Eternal,  
From earth unto the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over,  
With hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,  
That we may see aright;  
The Lord in rays eternal  
Of Resurrection-Light:  
And, listening to His accents,  
May hear, so calm and plain,  
His own—All Hail!—and hearing,  
May raise the victor strain!

Now let the Heav'ns be joyful!  
Let earth her song begin!  
The world resound in triumph,  
And all that is therein:  
Let all things seen and unseen,  
Their notes of gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord hath risen,  
Our joy that hath no end.

Words: John of Damascus. Music: Henry Thomas Smart (1836).

## READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 13:26–39

“Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>But God raised him from the dead, <sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, <sup>33</sup>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.’

<sup>34</sup>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.’

<sup>35</sup>Therefore he says also in another psalm,

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

<sup>36</sup>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, <sup>37</sup>but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. <sup>38</sup>Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, <sup>39</sup>and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*





## HYMN OF GLORY

“Thine is the Glory”

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering 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.

*Refrain:*

*Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory, Thou o’er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom;  
Let His church with gladness, Hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.

*(Refrain)*

No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of life!  
Life is nought without Thee; Aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conquerors Through Thy deathless love.  
Bring us safe through Jordan With Thy and love.

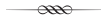
*(Refrain)*

Words: Edmund L. Budry. Music: George Fredrick Handel.

## **BENEDICTION**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14



*You are invited to fellowship with us at a Pancake Breakfast  
beginning at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.*

*Please join us in gathered worship  
during one of our morning services:  
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.*

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