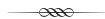


Easter Sunrise Service

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE | APRIL 4, 2021 | 6:15 AM

I shall ransom them from the power of Sheol;

I shall redeem them from Death.

O Death, where are your plagues?

O Sheol, where is your sting?

Compassion is hidden from my eyes.

—Hosea 13:14

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

—1 Corinthians 15:1-8

{ **GATHERED WORSHIP:** The Triune God Renews His People }

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

Leader: Jesus Christ is Risen from the Dead.

ALL: He is Risen, indeed!

Leader: 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.”

*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.*

Leader: Christ is Risen!

ALL: He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

☒ HYMN OF PRAISE

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826). Music: John B. Bykes (1823-1876).

PRAYER OF ADORATION

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,
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 and immortality to light through Your Gospel,
and blessed be your glorious name for ever and ever. Amen.

—Book of Common Worship

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Daniel 7:9-14

“As I looked,

thrones were placed,

and the Ancient of Days took his seat;

his clothing was white as snow,

and the hair of his head like pure wool;

his throne was fiery flames;

its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued

and came out from before him;

a thousand thousands served him,

and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;

the court sat in judgment,

and the books were opened.

¹¹“I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹²As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

¹³“I saw in the night visions,

and behold, with the clouds of heaven

there came one like a son of man,

and he came to the Ancient of Days

and was presented before him.

¹⁴And to him was given dominion

and glory and a kingdom,

that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

🎨 HYMN OF GLORY

"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 peace, Whose power a scepter sways;
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, And all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, And round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend, Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above In beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail Throughout eternity!
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Words: Matthew Bridges, 1851, and Godfrey Thring, 1874 (Rev. 19:12).

Music: George J. Elvey, 1868.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 28:1-10

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. 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. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

All flesh is like grass,
And all its glory is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever.

 **HYMN OF HOPE**

"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.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry 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 pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny;
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

