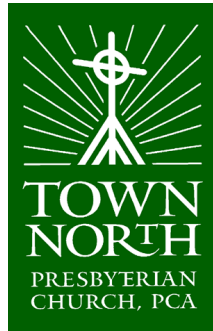


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making disciples of Jesus.*



The Week's Order of
WORSHIP
for
THE LORD'S DAY

April 9, 2023 10:30 A.M.

EASTER SUNDAY

REFLECTION

“So, in what way is Christ ‘the resurrection’? By His resurrection He regenerates the sons of Adam, who by their sin were alienated from God, so that they begin to live a new life...So people who believe in Christ, although they had been once dead, begin to live...”

-John Calvin, *Calvin's Commentaries*, vol. XVII, Baker Books reprint, 2003, pp. 435-436.

PRELUDE

Lynna Harbison

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Andrew Cies, Pastor

(Please sign, pass & return the black attendance pad at the end of the aisle)

Jesus Is the Lord

Jesus Christ, crucified,
 Bled and died to save our lives.
 Giver of boundless love
 Faithful One to you we run.

Son of Man, great I AM;
 Healing pow'r is in your hands.
 Risen One, it is done,
 Sin and death are overcome.

Chorus

Every knee will bow,
 Every tongue will shout:
 "Jesus is the Lord!
 Jesus is the Lord!"
 Every eye will see
 The coming of the King,
 "Jesus is the Lord!
 Jesus is the Lord!"

Bridge

You're worthy of worship,
 You're worthy of praise,
 You're worth of honor,
 You're worthy of thanks.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Christ the Lord is risen!

PEOPLE: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

LEADER: Glory and honor, dominion and power, be to God forever and ever!

PEOPLE: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 277 (vv. 1-5)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

- 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia!
 sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
 raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
 sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!
- 2 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!
- 3 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!

(Continued...)

4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!
ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

5 Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!
thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: Almighty God, you have shown us grace, and given us new life through your Son. Forgive our unbelief in not living in line with this new life. Renew us today through the resurrection of your Son Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

In these moments, we individually come to God in prayer, silently confessing personal sins so that we may take hold of the forgiveness won for us by Christ, our Redeemer.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE WITH GOD

Romans 6:4-5, 11

LEADER: We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ... So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

* SONG OF RESPONSE

Hymn 276 (vv. 1-3)

Up from the Grave He Arose

1 Low in the grave he lay—
Jesus, my Savior,
waiting the coming day—
Jesus, my Lord.

2 Vainly they watch his bed—
Jesus, my Savior;
vainly they seal the dead—
Jesus, my Lord.

Refrain

Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes.
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

3 Death cannot keep his prey—
Jesus, my Savior;
he tore the bars away—
Jesus, my Lord.

* CONFESSING OUR FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 17 Q&A 45

LEADER: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

**ALL: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death,
so that he might make us share in the righteousness
he won for us by his death.
Second, by his power we too
are already now resurrected to a new life.
Third, Christ's resurrection
is guarantee of our glorious resurrection.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

TNPC Choir

Resurrection Victory

He is risen! Christ is risen!
Sing it out with joyful voice!
He has burst the three days' prison,
let the whole wide earth rejoice!
Death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.
He is risen! Christ is risen!
He shall reign for 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,
of Him who died and rose on high,
He died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die!

He is risen! Christ is risen!
Risen to a holy state!
We are free from sin's dark prison,
He has opened heaven's gate.
Death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.
He is risen! Christ is risen!
He shall reign for all eternity!

He is risen! Christ is risen!
Sing it out with joyful voice!
He has burst the three days' prison,
let the whole wide earth rejoice!
Death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.
He is risen! Christ is risen!
He is risen! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, alleluia!

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

David Rogers, Pastor

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Ensemble & Congregation

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

1 Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises,
robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness,
now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ, who condescended,
took on flesh to ransom us.

2 Come behold the wondrous myst'ry:
he the perfect Son of Man,
in his living, in his suff'ring,
never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam,
come to save the hell-bound man,
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
of the law; in him we stand.

(Continued...)

3 Come behold the wondrous myst'ry:
Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners
hangs the Lamb in victory!
See the price of our redemption,
see the Father's plan unfold,
bringing many sons to glory:
grace unmeasured, love untold!

4 Come behold the wondrous myst'ry:
slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain him;
praise the Lord, he is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance,
how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected,
as we will be when he comes.

* SCRIPTURE READING

Wayne Bowman, Elder

John 11:1-44

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰ But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹ After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." ¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." ¹³ Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷ Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰ So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will

rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

²⁸ When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹ And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴ And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” ⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

APPLYING GOD’S WORD

David Rogers, Pastor

“Resurrection Life has Begun Already”

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Ensemble & Congregation

In Christ Alone

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| <p>1 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.</p> <p>2 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.
Till 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.</p> | <p>3 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.</p> <p>4 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;
till he returns or calls me home—
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.</p> |
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* BENEDICTION

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

PASTOR: "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 through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lynna Harbison

SERMON NOTES

“Resurrection Life has Begun Already”

John 11:1-44

Next Week:

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ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Prayer for Worship—Worship Center	8:15 a.m.
	Easter Brunch Fellowship—Fellowship Hall	9:00 a.m.
	Worship—Worship Center	10:30 a.m.
TUESDAY	Ladies' Morning Bible Study—CE Rm 201	9:30 a.m.
	Ladies' Evening Bible Study—CE Rm 201	6:30 p.m.
	Deacon Meeting	6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Prayer—Admin Rm 103	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Men's Bible Study—Admin Rm 103	7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	Men's Leader Development Class—Admin Rm 103	8:00 a.m.

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PREACHING AND TEACHING CONFERENCE — Seminary professors Dr. Greg Beale and Dr. Ben Gladd will teach methods of interpretation for the New Testament use of the Old Testament on Friday, April 28, 8:00am-9:00pm at The Hope Center in Plano. This conference will be helpful for anyone who preaches or teaches the Scripture.



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