

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of our Lord

April 9, 2022

10:30 AM

“What Difference Does Easter Make?”

AS WE GATHER

Does Easter matter? Paul thought so. He wrote that if Christ has not been raised then our faith is useless. Why did he write that? Why is Easter that important? Today we look at the meaning of the resurrection of Jesus and why it matters so much!

PRELUDE

+ GATHERING +

SONG

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today (He is not Dead)”

1 Christ the Lord is risen today alleluia
Sons of men and angels say alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high alleluia
Sing ye heavens and earth reply alleluia

2 Lives again our glorious King alleluia
Where oh death is now thy sting alleluia
Dying once He all doth save alleluia
Where thy victory oh grave alleluia

Chorus

He is not dead He is alive
We have this hope in Jesus Christ

3 Love's redeeming work is done alleluia
Fought the fight the battle won alleluia
Death in vain forbids Him rise alleluia
Christ has opened paradise alleluia

4 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

INVOCATION *(Psalm 118:15-20)*

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made.
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Pastor: I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
People: You have become my salvation.

Pastor: I will not die but live,
People: And will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Pastor: You are my God, and I will give you thanks.
People: You are my God, and I will exalt You.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
People; His love endures forever.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen. Alleluia!

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRAYER

SONG

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory majesty
Praise for - ever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

“King of Kings”

Chorus

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who’d come
To the Father are re - stored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Chorus

Praise for - ever to the King of kings

+ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD +

FIRST READING Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

³⁹“We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 28:1-10

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

²There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

⁸So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH – NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON

"What Difference Does Easter Make?"

OFFERING

SONG

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
For I once was lost but now I'm found, Was
blind but now I see
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

The prodigal is welcomed home,
The sinner now a saint
For the God who died came back to life
And everything has changed
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

O death where is your sting?
O fear where is your pow'r?
The mighty King of kings has disarmed you
Delivered and redeemed, eternal life is
ours
O praise His name forever

CHORUS

Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave
And all throughout eternity
Our song will be the same
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

"Christ Is Risen"

And on the day You call me
In to heaven's sweet embrace
I'll see Your scars, Your open arms,
The beauty of Your face
Through tears of joy I'll lift my voice in
Everlasting praise
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

O death where is your sting?
O fear where is your pow'r?
The mighty King of kings has disarmed you
Delivered and redeemed,
Eternal life is ours
O praise His name forever **CHORUS**

And all throughout eternity
Our song will be the same
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave
And on the day You call me
In to heaven's sweet embrace
I'll see Your scars, Your open arms,
The beauty of Your face
Through tears of joy I'll lift my voice
In everlasting praise
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

PRAYER

Thanksgivings

Pastor: O Lord, we praise You.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Petitions

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

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COMMUNION PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

DISTROBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night

“Goodness of God”

You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

(Chorus)

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me **(Chorus x 2)**

I will sing of the goodness of God

“Doxology” (Amen)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above you heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

God, we praise You

Praise God for all that He has done

Praise Him for He has overcome

The grave is beaten, love has won

Praise God, our Savior, Christ, the Son

Chorus x 3

Chorus

Amen, amen, amen,
God, we praise You

COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. His peace be with you.

People: **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith through our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

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: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

SONG**“This is Amazing Grace”**

Who breaks the power of sin and
darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much
stronger
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy
thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and
wonder
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Chorus

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You would lay down Your life
That I would be set free
Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and
daughter
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Who rules the nations with truth and
justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Chorus

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
And worthy is the King who conquers the
grave
And worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquers the
grave
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And worthy is the King who conquers the
grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy **Chorus x2**

Offering

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Memory Verse for This Week

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
1 Corinthians 15:20

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