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GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear this all peoples!

**Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
both low and high, rich and poor together!**

Truly no man can ransom another
or give to God the price of his life

Even the wise die and leave their wealth to others

Man in his pomp will not remain

**But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol
for he will receive me.**

Let us praise God who delivers the humble from death!

From Psalm 49

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

Worship Christ the Risen King

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.

Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with pow'r
All hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand His hour
He has conquered He has conquered, Christ the Lord the Risen King.

Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer
But the truth proclaims 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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Psalm 100

GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Genesis 2:16-17

Lord, let us consider the lilies and the sparrow.

**For if you provide for such as these,
then how can we doubt your care for us.**

**Yet we have taken control to meet our needs into our own hands,
instead of trusting in the hands that fashioned us and hold us in love.**

**We have sown much, reaping little,
placing our wages in bags with holes.**

Gracious Father you have given us all things for your own glory.

**Forgive us for thinking that the splendors that you have created
and blessed us with are merely for our comfort.**

**Forgive us for placing our trust in our treasure,
whether enslaved to attaining it or retaining it.**

Lord, only in doing your will is their true joy and contentment.

**Help us to obey you with all our heart, soul, mind, time, and
treasure. Give us the faith to obey you, O gracious God.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I Peter 1:3-5

According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Who were we?

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way.

Who are we?

For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all,

bestowing his riches on all who call on him.

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for we are all one in Christ Jesus.

And if we are Christ's, then we are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Who will we be?

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Adapted from Is 53; Rom 3; 10; Rev 21

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors. and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil: for yours is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

Refrain 1

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed.

Refrain 2

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.

Refrain 3

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.

Refrain 4

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me! (*repeat refrain 4*)

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When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me! (3xs)

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SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 15:1-34

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Reality of the Resurrection”

Pastor Ian Hard

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

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CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

If you are following along at home, please refrain from taking Communion as it is a form of worship meant to be celebrated in the physical presence of the body of Christ.

MERCY OFFERING

HYMN OF SENDING

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled.
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance at his second coming yield:
then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory;
alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.

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BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: The Reality of the Resurrection