



the CROWN

EASTER SUNRISE

APRIL 20, 2025 / 6:00AM

— PRELUDE —

TRADITIONAL GREETING

LEADER: The Lord is risen!

PEOPLE: **He is risen indeed!**

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

— CALL TO WORSHIP —

LEADER: But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. They went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus.

PEOPLE: **As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes. The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground.**

LEADER: Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive?"

ALL: **He isn't here! He is risen from the dead!
Go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead!**

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply: Alleluia!

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!

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!

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!

TEXT: CHARLES WESLEY

—RESPONSIVE READING—

PSALM 118:14-24

LEADER: The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.

PEOPLE: **There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:**

LEADER: The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!

PEOPLE: **I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

LEADER: The LORD has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.

PEOPLE: **Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.**

LEADER: This is the gate of the LORD;
he who is righteous may enter.

PEOPLE: **I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.**

LEADER: The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

PEOPLE: **This is the LORD's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

ALL: **This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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 love,
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His wond'ring eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious o'er 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 Heav'n,
One with Father known
One with the Spirit thru Him giv'n
From yonder glorious throne.
To thee be endless praise,
For thou for us hast died.
Be thou, O Lord, thru endless days
Adored and magnified.

TEXT: MATTHEW BRIDGES, GODFREY THRING; MUSIC: GEORGE ELVEY



For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

On a hill far away
Stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame.
And I love that old cross,
Where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

CHORUS: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown.

In the old rugged cross,
Stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see.
For 'twas on that old cross
Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me.

CHORUS

To the old rugged cross
I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear.
Then He'll call me some day
To my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

CHORUS

TEXT: CHUCK HOOTEN, MUSIC: GEORGE BENNARD



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. ... And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ... And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ... If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ... “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.



RESURRECTION



THE VALLEY OF VISION

LEADER: O GOD OF MY EXODUS,
Great was the joy of Israel's sons,
when Egypt died upon the shore,
Far greater the joy
when the Redeemer's foe lay crushed
in the dust.

Jesus strides forth as the victor,
conqueror of death, hell, and all opposing might;
He bursts the bands of death,
tramples the powers of darkness down,
and lives for ever.

ALL: **He, my gracious surety, apprehended for payment of my debt,
comes forth from the prison house of the grave
free and triumphant over sin, Satan, and death.**

LEADER: Show me herein the proof
that his vicarious offering is accepted,
that the claims of justice are satisfied,
that the devil's sceptre is shivered,
that his wrongful throne is levelled.

ALL: **Give me the assurance that in Christ I died,
in him I rose,
in his life I live,
in his victory I triumph,
in his ascension I shall be glorified.**

LEADER: Adorable Redeemer,
thou who wast lifted up upon a cross
art ascended to highest heaven.
Thou, who as Man of sorrows
wast crowned with thorns,
art now as Lord of life wreathed with glory.

Once, no shame more deep than thine,
no agony more bitter,
no death more cruel.

Now, no exaltation more high,
no life more glorious,
no advocate more effective.

Thou art in the triumph car leading captive
thine enemies behind thee.

ALL: What more could be done than thou hast done!

**Thy death is my life,
thy resurrection my peace,
thy ascension my hope,
thy prayers my comfort.**

— PASTORAL PRAYER —

— SCRIPTURE —

REVELATION 1:12-18

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."

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.
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.

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;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

TEXT AND MUSIC: KEITH AND KRISTIN GETTY



SCRIPTURE



1 PETER 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! 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, and 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. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

— THE PEACE OF CHRIST —

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

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

LEADER: Let us now offer to one another Christ's peace.

TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO GREET ONE ANOTHER.

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might,
Thou Lord their Captain in the well fought fight,
Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo there breaks a yet more glorious day –
The saints triumphant rise in bright array,
The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

TEXT AND MUSIC: WILLIAM HOW AND JOSEPH BARNEY; PUBLIC DOMAIN

— 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.

WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY 9:30AM

EASTER CELEBRATION AT 11:00AM

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