

White Memorial Presbyterian Church
The Service for the Lord's Day
Easter – The Resurrection of the Lord
Liturgical Color – White

April 12, 2020

10:30 AM

The Church Gathers

Prayer for Preparation: *Jesus, victorious Lord, I exult in your resurrection. As I sing "alleluia" with my voice, let my life embody "alleluia" as a testimony to your love and a witness to your eternal life. Amen.*

(Please observe a moment of silent reflection)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

All: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: Sin and death shall reign no more.

All: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: Let this place resound with joy.

All: **Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

Hymn:

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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Prayer of Adoration

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Ps. 118:19

Prayer of Confession

Col. 3:1; John 20:11; 16

All: Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression. Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen..... *(Please observe a moment of silent confession).*

Assurance of God's

Ps. 118:18

One: Listen, church: God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Passing of the Peace

One: As God has given us peace through Christ, so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

A Time with Young Disciples

Hearing God's Word

Prayer of Illumination:

John 20:1

All: Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of Life. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon:

"Do Not Be Afraid. Jesus Is Risen."

Rev. Ed Johnson

Responding to the Faith

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Response:

In Christ There Is No East or West

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Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

One: Let us unite our hearts in prayer, saying,

All: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

One: For the Church throughout the world, that as we celebrate the feast of Jesus' resurrection, we may renew our faith and strengthen our witness in Jesus' name.

All: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

One: For pastors, teachers, and ministers, [especially our Exec Presbyter Ted Churn, our presiding Session, and I humbly ask prayer for myself.] that they be wise in leadership, humble in service, and fearless in the face of evil;

All: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

One: For the governments of the world and its leaders, [especially President Trump and the leaders of all nations, for the state of North Carolina and Governor Cooper.] that they may practice compassion and reject the politics that use death and suffering as means of control;

All: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

One: For our planet Earth, that people may be good stewards of its resources and share in its abundance;

All: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

One: For the poor and the stranger, that they may receive a place of refuge, hope, and hospitality;

All: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

One: For the sick and those in distress, that they may find healing for their pain and be restored to fullness of life;

All: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

One: For our neighbors, that together we may dwell in harmony;

All: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

One: For our enemies, that we may love them and be agents of reconciliation in the name of Jesus;

All: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

One: Almighty God, receive these prayers we offer, and by the power of your Holy Spirit use us for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is the truth of your kingdom, a kingdom we long for, a kingdom for which we now pray using the words the living Christ teaches us. 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Reception of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

We Gather At Our Lord's Table

Hymn

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

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The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Glorious God, we give you thanks and praise.....Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the eternal chorus of rejoicing who forever sing:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord,

God of power, Giver of life,

heaven and earth declare your splendor.

Praise, glory, and love are yours.

One: All-embracing God, we give thanks for Jesus, Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.

One: We thank you that on the night before he died for us..... Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

All: Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.

One: Recalling his life, death, and glorious resurrection..... we worship you eternally in songs of pure unbounded praise. **Amen.**

The Words of Institution

Prayer after Communion (*Unison*)

All: You have fed us, Lord, and we are grateful. Allow us to respond this day, and in the days to come, with hearts made ready, eyes made open, hands made strong, and feet made willing to do your will in this place, and in all the places to which you call us. Amen.

Going Out in God's Name

Hymn of Commitment:

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

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The Charge and Benediction

Postlude

