

Service for the Lord's Day
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • April 12, 2020
Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Welcome

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Prelude

Christ Arose

arr. Larry Shackley

Call to Worship

The Easter Greeting

Grace and Peace to you from Jesus Christ our Lord.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ: On this most holy morning in which Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, we gather as the church to pray and to watch for the dawning of his triumph and resurrection. We join with the whole company of God's people in heaven and on earth to recall and celebrate his victory over death, and our deliverance from the bondage of sin and death to everlasting light.

Therefore hear the word of God: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God . . . In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and darkness has not overcome it."

Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today,
our triumphant holy day,
who did once upon the cross,
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured,
our salvation hath procured.
Now above the sky he's King,
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing,
unto Christ, our heavenly king,
who endured the cross and grave,
sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above,
praise eternal as his love.
Praise our God, ye heavenly host,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Easter Prayer of the Day

Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him. Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness. Through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Story of Liberation

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 14 -15, selected verses

The Egyptians pursued the Israelites, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, his chariot drivers and his army; they overtook them camped by the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon. As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD.

But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers.

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea.

But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28: 1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Hymn

Thine is the Glory

arr. Lani Smith

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
 endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
 kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
 endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
 lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
 for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
 endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Homily

Jesus chose the cross

Offertory

I Will Rise

arr. Mary McDonald

In the beauty of music, let us turn our hearts to thanksgiving for all God's bounty as we think of gifts of action, kindness and caring that we can offer to God in the coming week.

Prayers of God's People

Beginning with announcements and prayer concerns; and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

Charge and Benediction

May the God of peace, who raised to life the great Shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Postlude

He is Risen

arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.