



The Resurrection of Jesus Messiah

The Joy of Easter

First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa
Camp Loughridge
APRIL 5, 2026
6:30 AM, Sunrise Service

Resurrection Sunday Sunrise Service

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Prelude

Were You There

Rev. Julia Metcalf, soloist

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they nailed Him to the Tree? Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

First Reading

Elder Jaclyn Metcalf

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

John 20:1

Sung Response

Were You There

Worship Band

Were you there when He rose up from the grave? Were you there when He rose up from the grave? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when He rose up from the grave?

The Sound of the Morning

Rev. Julia Metcalf

Friends, on this most holy morning when Jesus passed from death to life, we gather with all the church throughout the world to bear witness and to proclaim, "Good News!" Today we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Through light and word, through song and celebration, we share Christ's triumph over sin and death and with anchored hope, we await Christ's coming again. Hear the word of God:

In the beginning was the Word,
And the Word was with God,
And the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things came into being through him.
What came into being through him was life,

And the life was the light of all people.
The light shines in the darkness,
And the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:1-5

Christ is our light and life, our hope and joy. The good news of Jesus shines in the darkness, and the darkness has and never will overcome him.

Presenting the Christ Light

May the light of Christ, risen in glory, illuminate our hearts and minds.
Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

(Passing the light, say: "He is risen." Receiving the light, say: "He is risen indeed.")

Christ, our risen Lord, is alive, victorious, and the conqueror of death.
He is our hope, our life!

Thanks be to God!

◆ **Opening Song** 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 heavens
and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where O death is now thy
sting, Alleluia! Dying once He all doth 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! Following our exalted
Head, Alleluia! Made like Him like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the
cross the grave the skies, Alleluia!**

◆ **Prayer of Adoration**

◆ Song of Praise

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light, 'til 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.

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one. God of Glory, Majesty, praise forever 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. *Refrain*

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath, 'til 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 restored.

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. *Refrain*

Second Reading

John 20:2-10

Ben Peterson

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God our Heavenly Father, we thank you that we have not been left us in the darkness of our sin but that you sought us out in love. You redeemed us through the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ and gave us new life. Yet, we confess that we often doubt your promises, question your victory, and live as if your defeat of death and sin were of no importance. On this Easter day, as we celebrate your triumph over the grave, shatter our darkness and awaken our hearts and minds that we may live in the freedom that you have won for us *(in silence...)* Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, embrace this good news with all of your hearts, that in Jesus Christ, there is forgiveness for everyone who calls upon his name!

Alleluia, amen!

◆ **Response of Gratitude** 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; who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder? The King of Glory; The King above all kings.

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. *Refrain*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; worthy is the King who conquered the grave. *Refrain*

◆ **Affirmation of Faith** (The Apostles' Creed)

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.

Third Reading

John 15:1-8

Steve Wilson

Director of High School Ministries

Offering

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. 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 Savior, He will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need His power is displayed. 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. 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. 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.

Easter Homily

I Am the True Vine

Rev. Julia Metcalf

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

◆ **Joyful Response**

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found. Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears
relieved. How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first
believed.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the
sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first
began.

◆ **Benediction**

Christ is risen! **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

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