



The Resurrection of Jesus Messiah
The Joy of Easter

First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa
Camp Loughridge
MARCH 31, 2024
6:30 AM, Sunrise Service

Resurrection Sunday Sunrise Service

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Prelude

Were You There

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?

Scripture

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

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**

What a Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God, the Lord Most High; Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is. What a beautiful Name it is; the Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a beautiful Name it is. Nothing compares to this; what a beautiful Name it is; the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, so, Jesus, You brought heaven down. My sin was great, Your love was greater; what could separate us now.

What a wonderful Name it is. What a wonderful Name it is; the Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a wonderful Name it is. Nothing compares to this; what a wonderful Name it is; The Name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You. The veil tore before You. You silence the boast of sin and grave. The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory, for You are raised to life again.

You have no rival. You have no equal. Now and forever God You reign. Yours is the kingdom. Yours is the glory. Yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful Name it is. What a powerful Name it is; the Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a powerful Name it is. Nothing can stand against what a powerful Name it is; The Name of Jesus.

Scripture Reading

John 20:2-10

Elder Elizabeth DeVore

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God our Heavenly Father, we thank you that you did not leave us in the darkness of our sin but 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...)

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 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. 'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied; for every 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 power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand; 'til He returns or calls me home; here, in the power of Christ, I'll stand.

◆ **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.

Scripture Reading

John 20:11-18

Steve Wilson

Director of High School Ministries

Offering

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us. How high the mountain I could not climb. In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke Your name into the night. Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul. The work is finished, the end is written; Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace? The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame. The cross has spoken I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me His own. Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever; Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free. Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me. You have broken every chain, there's salvation in Your name; Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise. Your buried body began to breathe. Out of the silence the Roaring Lion, declared the grave has no claim on me. Jesus, Yours is the victory! *Refrain*

Easter Homily

Do You Recognize Him?

Rev. Julia Metcalf

Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew 'Rabbouni!'

(John 20:16)

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 begun.

◆ **Benediction**

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

Assisting in Worship:

Ushers & Liturgists

Elizabeth DeVore

Steve Wilson

Musicians

Eric Baird

Jaclyn Metcalf

Pastor

Rev. Julia Metcalf

Welcome to the First Church community!

Thanks for adding to the joy of worship this morning! We pray that you'll sense the presence and power of the risen Christ and the warmth of this community called Historic First Church.

Since 1885, as the first church established in Tulsa, we have sought to be faithful in service to Jesus, serving the common good in His name. We are rooted in the Reformed, orthodox, and evangelical traditions of the larger church. If you do not have a church home, step in and join the adventure of discipleship together!

Sunday Morning Worship

Five worship services: 8:00 a.m., Kerr Chapel 8:30 a.m., Stephenson Hall; 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary; 11:00 a.m., Stephenson Hall; 11:00 a.m., Great Hall, Bernsen Center (Tulsa International Fellowship).

Our 11:00 o'clock Sanctuary Service: Broadcast, Cox Channel 3, live at 11:00 a.m., Rebroadcast, 5:00 and 10:00 p.m. Streamed on Facebook, Youtube, *FirstChurchTulsa.org/YouTube*, and the *FPC Website*: www.firstchurchtulsa.org

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