



The Resurrection of Jesus Messiah
The Joy of Easter

First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa

Camp Loughridge

APRIL 9, 2023

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. Dan Hutchinson

Sisters and brothers, on this most holy morning when Jesus passed from death to life, we gather with all the church throughout the world to bear witness, to proclaim "Good News!" and to sing and to pray. This is the celebration of Jesus Christ and his resurrection! Through light and word, through song and celebration, we share Christ's triumph over sin and death and with invincible 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 never 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** Come People of the Risen King

Come, people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise, come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace. From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him, where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart; one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night; come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight. For His perfect love will never change and His mercies never cease, but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come young and old from every land, men and women of the faith;
come those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace.

Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call
the Truth that cries through every age, "Our God is all in all!" *Refrain*

◆ **Prayer of Adoration**

◆ **Song of Praise** There is a Name

There is a Name, who reigns without contention, whose power can't
be questioned or contained. With humble fame, He rules the earth
and heavens, His glory knows no measure or refrain, and it's bursting
past the border lines of space.

*Jesus, enthroned upon the praises of our hearts. Jesus, You're the King
and You're the center of it all.*

There is a Name, reaching past the margins, calling sons and daughters
back to Him. And as He saves, we can hear the roar of Heaven, as
prodigals are coming home again. Oh the triumph of His name will
never end. *Refrain*

For every eye will see, every heart will know, there is no name above
the name of Jesus. Death could not hold Him down, no grave could
keep Him bound, all sin and sickness bow to the name of Jesus. *Refrain*

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.

The 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

Kirstyn Taylor

Song of Praise

Passion Song

I was with Him when He rode into town and the crowds gathered round Him like a King. Their smiling faces joined a sea of branches waving, though they were masquerading in the end.

And my heart rose in my throat when I heard them sing, "Hosanna in the highest".

We went upstairs, broke the bread and drank the wine from the only living vine that we would taste. And I watched them take Him up the mountainside, where He was crucified though innocent. And they mocked Him and cursed Him with their mouths, and told Him to come down if He was God.

And my heart broke in my chest when I heard Him say, "Forgive them. It is finished."

I remember in the garden when He sweat like drops of blood, and how He begged the Father just to let Him pass the cup. I can still feel the anguish when they pierced Him in the side, and how the ground beneath us shook upon the very moment that He died.

Three days later we found an empty grave and the stone was rolled away where He had been. Tears of joy streamed down my face, for the angel said, "Oh fear not. He is risen." "Oh fear not. He is risen."

Easter Homily Truth, Belief, and Consequences

*Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in,
and he saw and believed; (John 20:8)*

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

◆ **Joyful Response** 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!

◆ **Benediction**

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

People Assisting:

Ushers & Liturgists

Elizabeth DeVore Kirstyn Taylor
Steve Wilson Nick McMillan

Musicians

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Pastor

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

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*

For more information about the church and how to get connected, please visit our website at firstchurchtulsa.org.