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Easter Sunday



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Prelude

Welcome

To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;
To all who fail and desire strength;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;
And to whoever will come-

This Church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Choral Introit (9:00 & 11:00)

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:1, 15, 17, 24 with antiphon

Minister: Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here;
the Lord has risen!

People: He has risen, indeed!

Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love
endures forever!
The Lord has risen!

People: He has risen, indeed!

Minister: Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous
The Lord has risen!

People: He has risen, indeed!

Minister: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.
The Lord has risen!

People: He has risen, indeed!

Minister: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad
in it.
Christ has risen!

All: Christ has risen, indeed!

Minister: Let us worship the Lord together!

Hymn of Praise

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is ris'n today alleluia
Sons of men and angels say alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high alleluia
Sing ye heav'ns 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

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Soar we now where Christ has led alleluia
Foll'wing our exalted head alleluia
Made like him like him we rise alleluia
Ours the cross the grave the skies alleluia

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be
World without end
Amen Amen

Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism Q/A #40-45

Minister: Why did Christ have to go all the way to death?

All: Because God's justice and truth demand it: only the death of God's Son could pay for our sin.

Minister: Why was he "buried"?

All: His burial testifies that he really died.

Minister: Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?

All: Our death does not pay the debt of our sins. Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life.

Minister: What further advantage do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

All: Through Christ's death our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may dedicate ourselves as an offering of gratitude to him.

Minister: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

All: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life. And third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns
The Lamb upon his throne
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of him who died for thee
And hail him as thy matchless King
Thro' all eternity

Crown him the Lord of love
Behold his hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified
All hail Redeemer hail
For thou hast died for me
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
Thro'out eternity

Crown him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
Who rose victorious in the strife
For those he came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

Crown him the Lord of heav'n
One with the Father known
One with the Spirit thro' him giv'n
From yonder glorious throne
To thee be endless praise
For thou for us hast died
Be thou O Lord thro' endless days
Adored and magnified

Call to Confession

1 John 1:8-9

Minister: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. Yet, we confess that we often live as though we remain captive to doubt and fear, as though we remain bound by the ways that lead to death. We have often gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. We confess that we overlook those Jesus sought—the poor, the hungry and those who mourn. Our ears are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace. Forgive us, God of mercy! Lord, revive us! Bring new, resurrection life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom that only comes from the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

John 3:16

Minister: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

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 pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand
'Til he returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand
'Til he returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes And Offerings

Musical Offering

Worship Choir

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in his hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at his voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus

*Behold our God seated on his throne
Come let us adore him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore him*

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of his words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds

Chorus

Who has felt the nails upon his hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

Chorus

You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)

Chorus 2x

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

Prayer Of Dedication

Sermon

"Easter Assurance"

Romans 8:31-39

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song

Before The Throne Of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong a perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on his hands
My name is written on his heart
I know that while in heav'n he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

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When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because a sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me
To look on him and pardon me

Behold him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with his blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

One with himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with his blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
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Benediction

Postlude

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