

# EASTER DAY

## The Resurrection of our Lord



First, Primary, Utmost Importance

**AS WE GATHER**

April 5, 2015

The impossible is made possible on Easter Day. Today is the day our Lord Jesus overcame sin, death and the grave by rising from the tomb. This action of Jesus was of “first importance” to Apostle Paul. Paul says, I deliver to you as of first importance what I also received: “that Christ died for our sins.....that he was buried.....that he was raised on the third day”. Today we celebrate Jesus' gift of eternal life. It is of first importance for us. Jesus lives!

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

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## OPENING HYMN “Green Book” 151 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia  
Our Triumphant holy day, Alleluia  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia  
Unto Christ our heav'nly king, Alleluia  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia  
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia  
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia  
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia

## EASTER PROCLAMATION

Pastor: He is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

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**People: He is risen indeed! Amen!**

## **CALLING ON GOD**

Pastor: In the name of the Father, who created our bodies; in the name of the † Son, who by His blood redeemed our bodies; in the name of the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified our bodies to be His temple; keep us to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

**People: Amen.**

## OPENING WORDS

Pastor: He will swallow up death forever;

**People: and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,**

Pastor: and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth,

**People: for the LORD has spoken.**

## OPENING UP TO GOD

Pastor: Let us be truthful about ourselves and begin today by confessing our sins to God our Father.

**People: O Lord, our God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. Our thoughts, words, and actions have not reflected that You are of first importance in our lives. We have not kept Your command to love You and love our neighbor. Merciful Lord, we humbly ask that for the sake of Your Son, our risen Savior, have mercy on us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: "The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation." (*Exodus 15:2*) Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of † the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

# † WORD †

## CHOIR ANTHEM

## Our Savior Is Alive

By Don Besig

### \*SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 25:6-9

*(Rejoicing in the Lord's salvation)*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death forever;

and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,

and the reproach of his people he will take away from all

the earth,

for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he

might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

## **EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

*("And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain.")*

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

## **CHOIR ANTHEM**                      **Run Mary Run**

### **\*HOLY GOSPEL Mark 16:1-8** *(Jesus is risen!)*

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

## \*CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY "Red Book" 61 He Lives

I serve a risen Savior he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living, whatever  
Men may say; I see his hand of mercy,  
I hear his voice of cheer, and just the  
Time I need him he's always near.

*Chorus:*

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's  
Narrow way. He lives, he lives salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see the loving care,  
And though my heart grows weary I never  
Will despair; I know that he is leading,  
Through all the stormy blast, the day of  
His appearing will come at last.

*Chorus:*

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's  
Narrow way. He lives, he lives salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and  
Sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him,  
The help of all who find, none other  
Is so loving, so good and kind.

*Chorus:*

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's  
Narrow way. He lives, he lives salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

**SERMON**      *Making All Things Possible*

**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**GATHERING OF OUR EASTER OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

† **SACRAMENT** †

**\*PREFACE**

Pastor:            The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**People:**        **And also with you.**

Pastor:            Lift up your hearts.

**People:**        **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor:            Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:**        **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **\*WORDS OF OUR LORD**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)**

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **DISTRIBTUTION**

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**"Green Book" 144 Good Christian Friends...**

**"Red Book" 135 Majesty**

Majesty, worship His majesty.  
Unto Jesus be all glory power and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne  
unto His own who His anthem raise.  
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.  
Magnify. Come glorify Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty.  
Unto Jesus be all glory power and praise.  
Majesty, worship His majesty,  
Jesus who died now glorified, King of all kings.



## “Red Book” 241 To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He has done;  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.*

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.*

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Let us go forth rejoicing, in the name of the Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**People: Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN "Red Book" 90 I Know My Redeemer Lives

I know that my Redeemer lives!  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever living head!

He lives to bless me with his love;  
He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with his eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
What joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

### \*Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **\*POSTLUDE**