

Reformation Bible Church

Resurrection Sunday

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(For those of you with hymnals, the hymn numbers are from the red Trinity Hymnal which many of you have. Enjoy!)

CALL TO WORSHIP

*“Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your name be glory,
because of Your loving-kindness, because of Your Truth.”*

Psalm 115:1

ON FRIDAY THE DARK PENALTY FOR SIN WAS REVEALED IN ALL ITS INFINITE WRATH, AS JESUS, OUR AMAZING CHAMPION, WAS CRUCIFIED BY MEN, BEING PUNISHED FOR SIN BY GOD, TO DIE, AND BE LAID IN THE GRAVE UNTIL DEATH WAS POWERFULLY CONQUERED SUNDAY MORNING

Matthew 27: 26-61

Then (Pilate) released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him.

And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him.

When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”

Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head.

And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.

Now as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him they compelled to bear His cross.

And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull, they gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted it, He would not drink.

Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet:

“They divided My garments among them,

And for My clothing they cast lots.”

Sitting down, they kept watch over Him there.

And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him:

THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left.

And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said, "He saved others; yet Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him."

He trusted in God; let God deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, "I am the Son of God.' "

Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing.

Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land.

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, "This Man is calling for Elijah!"

Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink.

The rest said, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him."

And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus.

This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him.

When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed.

And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb.

WE MUST REMEMBER THAT THE SUFFERING AND DEATH OF JESUS WAS NOT DESERVED BY HIM, BUT BY US

"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

Hymn #252

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

Hymn #247

AS THE SUN RISES, BRINGING LIGHT OF DAY, WE ARE REMINDED THAT JESUS ROSE FROM DEATH, BRINGING LIGHT TO THE WORLD!

Matthew 28:1-6

Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

And suddenly, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.

His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

Then the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

He is not here.

He is risen, just as He said!

Come, see the place where the Lord once lay.

"I was dead, but behold, I am alive again and forevermore."

And, I hold the keys of death and of Hades."

Revelation 1:18ff

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Hymn #273

GOD IS HONORED AS WE JOYFULLY REHEARSE THE TRUTH ABOUT HIS RESURRECTION WORK

(from Heidelberg Catechism Question 45 & 57)

Q: *What benefits do we receive from the Resurrection of Christ?*

A:

- **First**, by His powerful resurrection He has overcome death in order that He might make us partakers of the righteousness which His death obtained for us.
- **Secondly**, we now have newness of life by His resurrection power.
- **Thirdly**, the bodily resurrection of Christ is the guarantee that we too will be raised from the dead and live with Him.

Q: *How does the bodily resurrection of Christ comfort you?*

A: The fact that Christ's body was raised from death means that not only my soul will be taken immediately to be with Him at the moment of my death, but there is a day appointed for my very flesh to be raised by the power of Christ, reunited with my soul and made like Christ's glorious body forever.

Q: *What do you believe and know by faith from God's sure Word about the*

power of the Resurrection?

A: "I know that my Redeemer lives,
and He shall again stand upon the earth.
Even after my body has decayed,
still I know that in my own flesh I shall see God.
Yes truly, with my own eyes I shall behold Him.
I will see Him with my own eyes!
Oh, how my heart is overwhelmed within me at the thought!
Job 19:25-27

When our dying bodies have been transformed
into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled:

"Death is swallowed up in victory.
O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?"
But thanks be to God!
He gives us victory over sin and death
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 15:54-55,57

WE COME TO JESUS TO CONFESS OUR SINS

• **Corporate Confession Of Sin**

Dear Jesus, risen Lord, and our Savior; You are our only confidence in this life for the life to come. Therefore, we come to You today to repent of our sin.

As we contemplate the agonizing payment You gave to redeem us – our sin becomes more ugly to us, as it is to You, and the gospel becomes more precious and valuable. When we forget the power of Christ's victory over death, we fail to live in the resurrection power You offer to Your people. We confess that we have sinned by being content to walk as the unsaved walk. We have sinned by not following Your holy ways and doing Your holy will. We sin by laying aside the huge obligation You require of us to live unique lives that accurately reflect Your glory including Your holiness. When faced with issues of life, we sin by acting as though we are wiser than You. We have not guarded our hearts but rather have exposed them to the darkness of this world. We have not kept our minds pure. We have not been thankful. We have not been as different from the world as we could or should be. We have not been the students of Your Word, the followers of Your ways, or the proclaimers of the gospel that we could and should be.

We know we will be resurrected to eternal life and we will see You Face to face with our own eyes. So, we come to You as Your children, asking for forgiveness. We are very grateful that You never turn truly repentant sinners away nor withhold forgiveness. Hallelujah, what a Savior You are! AMEN.

(Silently confess your remaining sins in the privacy of your own heart.)

GOD DECLARES THE BENEFITS WE HAVE THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

*All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again
to a living hope **through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.***

*Now we live with great expectation,
and we have an imperishable and undefiled inheritance
that will never fade away—
an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you.*

*And though you have not seen Him, you love Him,
and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him,
you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,
obtaining as the outcome of your faith
the salvation of your souls.*

from I Peter 1:3-5,8-9

“What Wondrous Love Is This” Hymn #261

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING

*“O You who hear prayer, To You all flesh will come....
Blessed is the man whom You choose,
And cause to approach You...”
Psalm 65: 2*

THE LORD’S BLESSING

*The Lord bless you
and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.*

Numbers 6: 24-26