

APRIL 4, 2021
Easter Sunday



Greeting and Announcements

Prelude – “Crown Him with Many Crowns” Laura Piper, trumpet

Words of Welcome

Early in the morning light, the women went to Jesus’ tomb. The tomb was empty, the stone rolled away, for God’s love is stronger than death. Mary Magdalene cried: “We have seen the Lord!”

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Sounds of Faith – “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you raised Christ from the tomb and shattered the powers of sin and evil.

Raise us from the tombs of our sin and bring us to new life in you.

You bring us good news of Easter joy. Forgive us when we cannot hear it.

You send us out to share your love. Forgive us when we cannot carry it.

You are the God of the empty tomb, the one who makes all things new.

Renew us for your service!

Amen.

Response – “Alleluia”

Scripture: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Choir Anthem – “Empty Now”

There is a manger far away where once a tiny child was laid
Where angels sang and shepherds bowed
Long ago, far away, the manger is empty now

There is a temple far away where once a teacher went to pray
He spoke of truth to an angry crowd
Long ago, far away, the temple is empty now

There is a cross far away where once a Lamb for sin was slain
A crown of thorns adorned His brow; the cross is empty, the cross is empty now

There is a tomb far away where once the Lord of Life was laid
Come and see His linen shroud. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
The tomb is empty now! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Scripture: I Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and 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 and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 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, unfit 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 has not been 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 proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Meditation

Sounds of Hope – “In the Bulb, There is a Flower”

Giving – “Because He Lives,” Stin Fox, Randy Mallory, Tony Pritchett

The Lord’s Supper

Pastoral Prayers, the Lord’s Prayer:

. . . Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Choral Response – “The Hallelujah Chorus”

Benediction

Postlude