



before an
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tomb

Resurrection Sunday | April 20, 2025 | 8:00 a.m.

Words for Meditation

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For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

“Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:21–22, 55–57, ESV

We PREPARE Our Hearts for Worship

PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy | John B. Dykes
arr. Mark Hayes and Marvin Gaspard

WELCOME

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Let us quiet our hearts in sacred stillness, removing all distractions, that we might listen with reverence and awe to the voice of our Savior, preparing ourselves to worship in spirit and truth.

We APPROACH God in Praise and Prayer

CHORAL INTROIT

We Will Glorify | Twila Paris, arr. Jack Schrader

*CALL TO WORSHIP | Based on Psalm 91

Leader | O risen Christ, there is salvation in no one else; there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Congregation | Let Your saving presence be upon us today that we might glory in Your abundant love and rightly proclaim Your good news of redemption.

Leader | Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

Congregation | Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forever.

Leader | O Come, let us worship for if we have died with Christ, we will also live with Him.

Congregation | For to this end Christ died and lived again that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Leader | Christ is Risen!

Congregation | He is Risen, Indeed!

*HYMN OF ADORATION | No. 184

Christ the Lord is Risen Today
arr. John Rutter

*Stand as you are able

*DECLARATION OF FAITH

The Heidelberg Catechism

Leader | How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

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Leader | How does "the resurrection of the body" comfort you?

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*GLORIA PATRI

We OFFER Ourselves to God

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Hallelujah, from *Christ on the Mount of Olives*,
Op. 85 | Ludwig Van Beethoven

We RECEIVE God's Word

SERMON

Before An Empty Tomb | John 20

Rev. Steve Carter, Lead Pastor

We GO and MAKE Christ Known

*HYMN OF DEDICATION | No. 12

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven | vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

*BLESSING & SENDING

*CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Jesus Shall Reign | John Hatton
arr. Marianne Kim

Leading in Worship

LITURGISTS

Rev. Dave Melvin, Executive Director of
Ministry Resources
Kelly Kastens, Director of Adult Communities

MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir
Classic Worship Orchestra
Jamal Sarikoki, Classic Worship Director
Marianne Kim, Classic Worship Organist
Matt Peterson, Classic Worship Pianist

Sermon Notes

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Mark Your Calendars

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

9:00 a.m. | Classic Worship
10:45 a.m. | Classic Worship with
Holy Communion

PEACE BE WITH YOU | APRIL 27–MAY 4

Domestic Mission Fest | May 4

MOTHER'S DAY | MAY 11

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Allegro Assai from *Organ Symphony No.1*, Op. 42 | Alexandre Guilmant

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Worthy Is the Lamb from *Messiah*, HWV 65 | George Frideric Handel

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DECLARATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER OF ADORATION | *The Lord's Prayer

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | No. 192**

Because He Lives | vs. 1

CALL TO CONFESSION

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, by raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. Yet, we confess, we remain captive to doubt and fear, and imprisoned by the sins that lead to eternal death. By raising Jesus from the grave, You crowned Him Lord of all. Yet, we confess, we have not bowed before Him or acknowledged His rule in our lives. Instead, through our desire to please the flesh, we have crowned ourselves lord of our lives. Forgive us, Father of mercies. Transform us and make us new by Your Spirit so that we may know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***HYMN OF ASSURANCE | No. 390**

In Christ Alone

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