



April 4, 2021

EASTER SUNRISE

SOLO

Were You There? (verses 1 and 5)

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Craig

We look upon the cross knowing that it was for us and because of our sin that he endured its pain and suffering. Let us remember his sacrificial gift as we confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Savior, out of your great love you willingly laid down your life so that we might be reconciled to you. We are awestruck by the extravagance of your gift and humbled by the magnitude of your love. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive our casual attitude toward the cross and our forgetfulness of what our sin really cost you. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The good news is this: Jesus Christ came into the world to redeem sinners. Hear it and believe -- in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Hallelujah! Amen.

RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (verse 3)* 240

Refrain:

*Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever.

Refrain.

SCRIPTURE READING John 20: 1-9

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leader: In the quiet of the morning, the first hint of something extraordinary has happened.

People: He is risen (light the candle)

Leader: Lord, we confess that not a single thing we say or do begins to express the wonder of what you accomplished on this day long ago.

People: He is risen!

Leader: We pray that what our minds cannot grasp, our hearts may nonetheless embrace.

People: Grant that we might know the joy and wonder of Christ's resurrection, a never-ending love, today and for all eternity.

RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (verse 4)* 240

Refrain:

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Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

Refrain

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:10-18

¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. ¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

MESSAGE Hanging Around Long Enough

ANTHEM *Come to the Tomb* Linda Freeman, solo

EASTER PRAYER

EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared to Peter, then to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses. We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God.

SENDING HYMN *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

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Jesus Christ is risen 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 heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!
Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE