

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!
- 3. 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!
- 4. 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!

SING TO THE KING MEDLEY - Grace Choir

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.
Pastor: He is risen!

He is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Pastor: If Christ has not been raised,

People: then your preaching is in vain and our faith is in vain.

Pastor: If Christ has not been raised,

People: our faith is futile and we are still in our sins.

Pastor: But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead!

People: Death is swallowed up in victory!

Pastor: He is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

EASTER PRAYER

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living, and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THIS I BELIEVE (THE CREED)

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

Chorus1: I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender Suffered and crucified Forgiveness is in You Descended into darkness You rose in glorious life Forever seated high

(Chorus1)

Bridge 2x: I believe in You I believe You rose again I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

(Chorus1)

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

(Chorus1)

For I believe in the Name of Jesus Yes, I believe in the Name of Jesus

KING OF KINGS

Chorus: Praise the Father praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

In the darkness we were waiting Without hope without light Till from Heaven You came running There was mercy in Your eyes To fulfil the law and prophets To a virgin came the Word From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt (Chorus)

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died (Chorus)

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me (Chorus)

Praise forever to the King of kings

Holy Gospel Reading

Luke 23:50-24:12

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23rd and 24th chapters.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵⁰Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, ⁵¹who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

^{24:1}But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Pastor: He is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

SERMON

Pastor Aaron Smith

BY HIS WOUNDS

Chorus 2x: He was pierced for our transgressions

He was crushed for our sins

The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him

And by His wounds by His wounds

We are healed

We are healed by Your sacrifice In the life that You gave We are healed for You paid the price By Your grace we are saved We are saved (Chorus)

We are healed by Your sacrifice In the life that You gave We are healed for You paid the price By Your grace we are saved We are saved (Chorus)

By His wounds by His wounds What can wash away my sins Nothing but the blood of Jesus

COMMUNION PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Our Triune God, we are here gathered to hear the good news of the resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God, from the dead. His resurrection was necessary because of His death on Good Friday. His death on Good Friday was necessary because of our sin against our Creator and Your commitment to ensure our sins were paid for so we would not receive the just punishment for our sin. We bow our hearts in prayer this Easter morning. We confess our sin to You. We repent in sincerity and in faith. We believe that the death of Jesus was in our place. We trust that His resurrection declares us forgiven. Lord in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You so loved the world that You sent Your only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. Jesus, we believe that You are the Son of God, who suffered, died, was buried, and raised to life on Easter morning. Jesus, You appeared to Your disciples and will return on the Last Day to gather Your people. You are our Lord and Savior. Lord in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Merciful Lord, by grace through faith You have called us Your own in Holy Baptism. As You have united us by water and the Word to Jesus, You have also united us to one another. May we manifest that unity in how we speak with one another, how we love one another, how we serve one another, and how we receive communion together. As You have loved us, may we also love one another. Lord in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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Pastor: Almighty God, as we come to Your altar this morning, our hearts are prepared to receive the body and blood of Your Son Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Lord Jesus Christ, You come to us in the mysterious and intimate meal because You deep desire is to be with us. May we receive You with both awe and joy in this sacrament. Lord in Your mercy,

People: hear our 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 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.

Offerings can be placed on a plate near the stairs or the back of the sanctuary.

Holy Communion, or the Lord's Supper, is celebrated today. Our Lord cautions us to be discerning before participating in the Supper (1 Cor. 11:28-30). For this reason, we ask all those communing here for the first time to speak with Pastor Aaron prior to communing. The Lord bids the baptized to come united in the following: in repentance for the forgiveness of sins (1 Cor. 11:23-25; Matt. 26:26-28), in confession of who Christ is and what Christ has done (1 Cor. 11:26), in faith and love with our fellow communicants (1 Cor. 11:20-22), and believing that Christ is bodily present in bread and wine (Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:27-29).

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory
Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders

Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

JESUS MESSIAH

He became sin who knew no sin That we might become His righteousness He humbled Himself and carried the cross Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus: Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine Broken and poured out all for love The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn Love so amazing love so amazing

(Chorus)

Bridge: All our hope is in You All our hope is in You All the glory to You God The Light of the world

(Chorus)

Jesus Messiah Lord of all The Lord of all The Lord of all

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: He is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

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.

People: Amen.

MIGHTY TO SAVE

Everyone needs compassion, Love that's never failing; Let mercy fall on me. Everyone needs forgiveness, The kindness of a Savior; The Hope of nations.

Chorus: Saviour, He can move the mountains,
My God is Mighty to save,
He is Mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,

Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, All my fears and failures, Fill my life again. I give my life to follow Everything I believe in, Now I surrender.

(Chorus 2x)

Bridge: Shine your light and let the whole world see, We're singing for the glory of the risen King...Jesus Shine your light and let the whole world see, We're singing for the glory of the risen King!

(Chorus 2x) (Bridge)

