

SECOND SUNDAY in EASTER
The Resurrection Reality
April 12, 2026 – 10:30 am

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AS WE GATHER

On Easter evening and again the following Sunday, because the disciples saw Jesus alive, they knew the resurrection was real, and they believed in Him. They were then able to witness to their faith in spite of opposition and persecution from the Jewish council. Though grieved by various traits, it was the “living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 1:3) that enabled the Early Church to rejoice. The reality of the resurrection becomes evident to people around us as we live out our faith, confessing Jesus as Lord and offering peace and forgiveness in His name. As they come to faith, they join us and “have life in His name” (John 20:31).

OPENING PRAISE SONG: House of The Lord Jonathan Smith | Phil Wickham
CCLI Song # 7168995

Verse 1

We worship the God who was We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

Interlude

We shout out Your praise

Verse 2

We sing to the God who heals We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
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Bridge

We were the beggars Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners Now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise!

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WELCOME and REGISTER ATTENDANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

PRAAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord,
who could stand?

**People: But with You there is forgiveness, that You may
be feared.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sins, confident of His grace, mercy, and forgiveness.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, we give thanks that You have given us faith by which
we are able to witness to Your Easter victory.

**People: We confess that too often we have remained silent when confronted
with the possibility of physical harm, social shunning, and even
unkind remarks from our neighbors. Forgive us and strengthen us
for witness.**

Pastor: Likewise, we give thanks for the joy and hope Your
resurrection provides.

**People: We confess that too often in our daily living we have let the conflict,
turmoil, and immorality of the world cloud that joy with sorrow
and gloom. Forgive us and strengthen us for witness.**

Pastor: And we give thanks for the fellowship of believers we enjoy here in this
place and wherever we gather around Your Word.

**People: We confess that we have not always demonstrated the peace and
forgiveness You brought to the disciples on Easter evening. Forgive
us and strengthen us for witness.**

Pastor: Almighty God has given His Son to die for You and by raising Him to
life again has declared that the payment for your sins has been accepted.
He has given you His Holy Spirit that You may trust Him for all things
and serve Him in joy. As a called and ordained servant of our Lord
Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

BAPTISM Wells William Erck

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 at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty. From thence He will 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.**

PRAISE SONG: "There Is One Gospel" Jonny Robinson | Rich Thompson
CCLI Song # 7199817

Verse 1

There is one Gospel on which I stand For all eternity
It is my story my Father's plan The Son has rescued me

Oh what a Gospel oh what a peace My highest joy and my deepest need
Now and forever He is my light I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Verse 2

There is one Gospel to which I cling All else I count as loss
 For there where justice and mercy meet He saved me on the cross

No more I boast in what I can bring No more I carry the weight of sin
 For He has brought me from death to life I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Verse 3

There is one Gospel where hope is found The empty tomb still speaks
 For death could not keep my Savior down He lives and I am free

Now on my Savior I fix my eyes My life is His and His hope is mine
 For He has promised I too will rise I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Verse 4

And in this Gospel the church is one We do not walk alone
 We have His Spirit as we press on To lead us safely home

And when in glory still I will sing Of this old story that rescued me
 Praise to my Savior the King of life I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Ending

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 I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

TIME IN THE WORD

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First Reading: Acts 5:29-42

Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. But a

Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: "Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God."

His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus and let them go. The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah. Here ends the Reading.

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Here ends the Reading.

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again, Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Here ends the Reading.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

OFFERING | TREASURE BOX | PRAYER CARDS

OFFERING PRAISE SONG: Gone

Paul Duncan, Kip Fox, Adam Lamb, Nyssa Lytikainen CCLI # 7246222

Verse 1

Why are you looking among the dead
for something to build your life on?
The tears are still falling
the linens still red
but the Savior who wore them is gone

Verse 2

His friends all around Him somehow didn't get
The story He'd told all along
We've all seen it written
We've all heard it said
You don't know what you go till it's gone

Chorus

**And the women came running out
changed forever by what they found
Love's beating heart had burst through the dark
and left with the dawn
And the angels could finally sing
all praise to our Risen King
Hope has arrived! He is alive!
Jesus is Gone
Gone**

Verse 3

We are forgiven, we have been saved
no longer condemned by our wrongs
Because of the One who was not in that grave
the last time He'd ever be gone

Chorus

Bridge

My shame is all gone
My sins are all gone
All the shadows are gone
My shame is all gone
My sins are all gone
All the shadows are gone
Jesus is gone

2nd Chorus

**And the women came running out
changed forever by what they found
Love's beating heart had burst through the dark
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And the angels could finally sing
all praise to our Risen King
Hope has arrived! He is alive!**

**Jesus is Gone, Gone
Gone, Gone**

Ending

Why are you looking among the dead
for something to build your life on?
Look to the One who was not in that grave
the last time He'd ever be gone

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

COMMUNION SONG: God Who Bleeds

Cara Berg | Benji Cowart | Jon Gruen

Matt Preston | Isaac Watts

Verse 1

O my soul, who could ever know
how deep my sins go?
O my soul
All the gold on the earth could never pay
For the debt that I have made
On my soul

Chorus

**Now I see just how great my need
In His hands and in His feet
Lamb of God, oh my soul shall sing
Hallelujah to the God who bleeds**

Verse 2

Oh, what love knew I'd never have enough
So, He chose to pay in blood
Oh, what love
I'm in awe, ev'ry earthly gain is lost
at the wonder of the cross
Oh, what love

Chorus

Bridge

See from His head, His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow down for me
Forever all my praise will be
Glory to the God who bleeds
(repeat)

Chorus

End Tag

Hallelujah to the God who bleeds

COMMUNION SONG: "You've Already Won" Hooper | Fike | Ryan

Verse 1

There's peace that outlasts darkness Hope that's in the blood
There's future grace that's mine today That Jesus Christ has won

Verse 2

So I can face tomorrow For tomorrow's in Your hands
All I need You will provide Just like You always have

Chorus

I'm fighting a battle That you've already won
No matter what comes my way I will overcome
I don't know what You're doing But I know what You've done
I'm fighting a battle You've already won

Verse 4

When the sea is raging Your Spirit is my help
He'll fix my eyes on Jesus Christ And I'll say that is well
Oh I know that it is well

Chorus

I'm fighting a battle That you've already won
 No matter what comes my way I will overcome
 I don't know what You're doing But I know what You've done
 I'm fighting a battle You've already won

Bridge

I know how this story ends We will be with You again
 You're my Savior my defense No more fear in life or death
 I know how this story ends.

Chorus

I'm fighting a battle That you've already won
 No matter what comes my way I will overcome
 I don't know what You're doing But I know what You've done
 I'm fighting a battle You've already won

Ending

I'm fighting a battle You've already won

DISMISSAL of the COMMUNICANTS**PRAYER****BENEDICTION****CLOSING SONG:** "The Same Power" Jeremy Camp, Jason Ingram**Verse 1**

I can see Waters raging at my feet
 I can feel The breath of those surrounding me
 I can hear The sound of nations rising up
 We will not be overtaken We will not be overcome

Verse 2

I can walk Down this dark and painful road
 I can face Every fear of the unknown
 I can hear All God's children singing out
 We will not be overtaken We will not be overcome

Chorus

The same power that rose Jesus from the grave
 The same power that commands the dead to wake
 Lives in us, lives in us
 The same power that moves mountains when He speaks
 The same power that can calm a raging sea
 Lives in us, lives in us He lives in us, lives in us

Verse 3

We have hope That His promises are true
 In His strength There is nothing we can't do
 Yes, we know There are greater things in store
 We will not be overtaken We will not be overcome

Chorus

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Bridge

Greater is He that is living in me He's conquered our enemy
 No power of darkness No weapon prevails We stand here in victory In victory

Chorus

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 The same power that commands the dead to wake
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 The same power that can calm a raging sea
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SEND OFF

Leader: At Zion we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,
All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!