



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church **April 4, 2021, 6:45 a.m.** **Easter Sunday Sunrise Service**

Order of Worship

***Indicates to stand as you are able.*

****Call to Worship**

L: Rejoice and be glad:

P: This is the day that the Lord has made!

L: Rejoice and be glad:

P: Heaven and earth will never be the same!

L: Rejoice and be glad:

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

L: Let us worship the Risen One!

****Hymn**

*Dawn Is Approaching
Tune: Morning Has Broken*

Bunessan

*Dawn is approaching, sunrise is coming,
Darkness is broken, with the first light;
Death cannot hold Him, sin shall not bind Him,
Jesus is coming back to this life!*

*Great is God's mercy, falling from Heaven
Like His first blessing, giving us Life.
Praise for the greatness of His forgiveness,
Grace in completing His sacrifice.*

*Here comes the sunlight, here comes the morning!
Gift of a new life for us, we pray.
Blessed with salvation, praise God this morning,
Christ's Resurrection on Easter Day!*

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we have heard the good news: how on the third day, Christ rose again. Still we look for the living among the dead. You rolled away the stone from the tomb. Still we look for the living among the dead. You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel. Still we look for the living among the dead. You were faithful to your promise; you have done wonderful things! Still we look for the living among the dead. Forgive us, Lord, we pray. Teach us to trust your promise and to believe the good news of salvation. Amen.

****Assurance of Pardon**

L: Who is in a position to condemn?

P: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us.

L: If anyone is in Christ, that person becomes new altogether.

P: The past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!

****Response**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

New Britain

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

Responsive Litany

L: In the light

P: the stone was rolled away.

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P: the tomb was empty, He was gone.

L: In the sunrise-light of the third day

P: He had risen.

L: He is alive and has risen.

P: He is alive and beckons us to follow Him.

L: He is alive in our midst, wherever two or three gather.

P: He is alive in the lives of those who hunger and thirst.

L: He is alive in our joy and our sorrow, our pain and our celebration.

P: He is alive, he is alive!

New Testament Reading

Luke 24: 1-12

Homily

Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord's Prayer (using "debts")

*The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.*

*Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright,
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
And, listening to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.*

*Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth the song begin,
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.*

****The Litany of Resurrection**

All: Eternal God, through the rising of Jesus Christ from the dead you have given us a living hope. Keep us joyful in all our trials, and guard faith, so we may receive the wonderful inheritance of life eternal, which you have prepared for us. Mighty God, you raised up Jesus from death to life. Give us such trust in your power that, all our days, we may be glad, looking to that perfect day when we celebrate your victory with Christ the Lord, to whom be praise and glory. Amen.

L: He is risen!

P: He is risen indeed!

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****Benediction**