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*The life of the church
mirrors the gospel
pattern in the life of a
disciple. This is
demonstrated in our
order of worship (the
bulletin you are
holding): Opening
moments offer
recognition of the
greatness and
goodness of God that
naturally folds into
confession, assurance
of pardon, songs of
thanksgiving,
instruction, and a
charge to serve God
in response to His
grace in Christ.*

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The real Jesus rose from the dead in confirmation of His radical personal claims to divinity...If Jesus did not rise—then Christianity is a fairy tale which no rational person should believe.

William Lane Craig

Our Savior's resurrection is truly of great importance in Christianity, so great that His being or not being the Messiah stands or falls with it.

John Locke

Order of Worship

April 5, 2015

Easter Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

SMPC Music Team

Celebrating His Presence

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*We believe everyone
worships something
and that we will
inevitably imitate and
serve what we
worship.*

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Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Resurrection Hymn

See what the morning, gloriously bright,
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years, speaking life,
Stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound 'till He appears, for He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,
Honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King
Crowned with pow'r and authority.
*And we are raised with Him, death is dead,
Love was won, Christ has conquered.
And we shall reign with Him, for He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

*(*repeat at asterisk)*



The gospel moment is a time we use to remind people of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. By His obedience we are justified, and by His death we are reconciled to God. As we apprehend this we are ready to confess our sin.



Invocation

A Gospel Moment



Since we understand that we are redeemed sinners, we agree with God about our sin to the end that we might be confirmed in the forgiveness and absolution we have in Christ. This pattern of confession makes way for affirmation and confirmation of God's covenant promise that He assures every believer of pardon for the sake of Christ's obedience and substitution.



For assurance of pardon, the man who has faith is the man who is no longer looking at himself and no longer looking to himself. He looks entirely to the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work, and rests on that alone".
—Martyr Lloyd-Jones



The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Everlasting Father, our natures are defiled, we have willingly destroyed ourselves, only too late discovering that we are vile, miserable, and without strength to free ourselves from the condemnation we so richly deserve— but our hope is in You, for our Redeemer lives. Jesus has conquered death, hell, and all the powers of darkness. He, our surety, comes forth from the prison of the grave triumphant over sin, Satan, and death. He was put to death for our transgressions, and raised for our justification, demonstrating that the claims of justice are forever satisfied. Blessed Jesus, Your death is our life, Your resurrection our peace, Your ascension our hope, Your intercession our comfort. And now, knowing our own inability to live holy lives, grant us the grace not to despair, but to earnestly seek Your strength, which enables us to walk above our ungodly desires, indeed, to change our desires so that we will find our true joy in fellowship with You, our great God and King. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

People: Thanks be to God!

Amazing Grace

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!

The Blessing

Minister: The grace of God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

Alleluia! Alleluia!

(to the tune of Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise:
He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.

Blessing, Honor and Glory

Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.
Death could not hold Him down, for He is risen!
Seated upon the Throne, He is the Lamb of God!

(repeat)

Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb of God.

All Heaven Declares

All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?
Forever He will be the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee and worship Him alone. ↗



*Now that we have reenacted the story of the gospel as a church community. We now **experience the renewal** merited for us by Jesus Christ. We express this renewal in our singing praises to Jesus for His great mercy towards us.*



I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord.
Who once was slain to reconcile man to God.
Forever You will be the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow my knee and worship You alone.

Forever You will be the Lamb up on the throne.
I gladly bow my knee and worship You alone,
I gladly bow my knee and worship You alone.



Jesus, our shepherd, prays with us and for us. We pray the pastoral prayer expecting the Holy Spirit to minister Jesus' benefits to us as He prays for us.

Pastoral Prayer



(Children ages 4-6 may be dismissed for Children's Church during song)

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

Jesus Lives and So Shall I

Jesus lives, and so shall I. Death! thy sting is gone forever!
He who deigned for me to die, lives, the bands of death to sever.
He shall raise me from the dust: Jesus is my Hope and Trust.

Jesus lives and reigns supreme; and, His Kingdom still remaining,
I shall also be with Him, ever living, ever reigning,
God has promised: be it must: Jesus is my Hope and Trust.

Jesus lives! I know full well nought from Him my heart can sever,
Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, henceforth forever.
None of all His saints is lost; Jesus is my Hope and Trust.

Jesus lives and death is now but my entrance into glory.
Courage, then, my soul for thou hast a crown of life before thee;
Thou shalt find thy hopes were just; Jesus is the Christian's trust.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word

Tim Posey

Series: Easter Special

“The Foundation of Christianity”

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Theme: Compelling Reasons to Believe He Is Risen

Introduction:

I. The Resurrection's Significance

II. Ten Essential Truths about the Resurrection

A. Validation

F. Empowerment

B. Restoration

G. Pledge

C. Trinitarian

H. Predicament

D. Designation

I. Preaching

E. Assurance

J. Verification

III. A Brief Sketch of the New Testament

IV. Six Strands of Evidence

Conclusion:



*Since Jesus Christ has committed Himself to us in the laying down of His precious life, we are reminded of this in the preaching of the Word and likewise called to a daily, **deepening commitment** to follow after Him.*





*Receiving of
tithes and
offerings is not an
“add on” to the
service. It is part
of worship. We
demonstrate our
trust in God’s
present provision
and hope in our
future with Him by
supporting the
spread of the
Gospel.*



Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Response

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

“Christ the Lord is risen today,” Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, reply; Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Foll’wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!



*The **Benediction**
is a
pronouncement of
God’s favor upon
His assembled
people.*



Benediction

