



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.



Here is the watershed of human history where the misery of the race is transformed into grandeur. Here the proclamation of the early church was born, "He is risen!" The New Testament proclaims the resurrection as sober historical fact. The early Christians were not interested in dialectical symbols but in concrete realities. Authentic Christianity stands or falls with the space/time event of Jesus' resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus is radical in the original sense of the word. It touches the *radix*, the "root" of the Christian faith. Without it Christianity becomes just another religion designed to titillate our moral senses with platitudes of moral wisdom. The resurrection of Jesus is the *sine qua non* of the Christian faith. Take away the resurrection and you take away Christianity.

R.C. Sproul, *Who Is Jesus?*

Order of Worship

April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

SMPC Music Team

Celebrating His Presence



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



Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

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!

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

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



*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.



*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". –Martyn Lloyd-Jones



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!

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 by His grace, vict'ry o'er my passions giving,
I will cleanse my heart and ways, ever to His glory living.
Me He raises from the dust. Jesus is my Hope and Trust.

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

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)

Blessed Redeemer

Up Calvary's mountain one dreadful morn
Walked Christ my Savior, weary and worn;
Facing for sinners death on the cross
That He might save them from endless loss.

Chorus: Blessed Redeemer, precious Redeemer,
Seems now I see Him on Calvary's tree;
Wounded and bleeding, for sinners pleading,
Blind and unheeding, dying for me.

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

“Father, forgive them” my Savior prayed
Even when His lifeblood flowed fast away.
Praying for sinners while in such woe,
No one but Jesus ever loved so!

(chorus x2)

Dying for me.

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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.
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Pastoral Prayer

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

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(children
4-6 years
are
dismissed
to
Children's
Church
at this
time)
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Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Tim Posey

Series: Easter

“The Resurrection of Jesus Christ” 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Theme: *The Significance of the Resurrection*

Introduction:

- I. The historical reality of the bodily resurrection of Jesus

- II. The meaning of the bodily resurrection of Jesus

- III. The experience of the power of Jesus’ resurrection flowing into our lives

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



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.



Song of Response

Worship Christ, the Risen King! *(to the tune of "Angels from the Realms of Glory")*

Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.
Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid Him, empty now, its mouth declares:
"Death and I could not contain Him, for the throne of life He shares."

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with pow'r;
All hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand His hour.
He has conquered, He has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!

Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer,
But the truth proclaims a wonder thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.
He is risen, He is risen, now receive the risen King!

We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing Your victory;
Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but Your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!



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



Benediction

