

Resurrection Day! Service of Worship

Prelude

(Children may place flowers on the Easter Cross during the Prelude)

*Welcome &
Heritage Family Matters*

Right Panel

Call To Worship & Invocation

Easter Medley:

“Alleluia, Alleluia”

Insert & Overhead

“Christ Arose”

Insert & Overhead

“Christ The Lord Is Risen Today”

Insert & Overhead

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Hymn of Preparation

“Rejoice The Lord Is King”

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Bringing God’s Word To Us

Pastor Hank Rast

“His Resting Place Is Glorious”

Hymn of Consecration

“Alleluia! Sing To Jesus”

Insert & Overhead

Benediction

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

J.C. Ryle’s comments about Luke 24:1-12

We see in the verses before us, *the reality of Christ’s resurrection*. We read, that upon “the first day of the week” certain women came to the sepulcher in which the body of Jesus had been laid, in order to anoint Him. But when they came to the place, “they found the stone rolled away. And they entered in and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.”

This simple fact is the starting-point in the history of the resurrection of Christ. On Friday morning His body was safe in the tomb. On Sabbath morning His body was gone. By whose hands had it been taken away? Who had removed it? Not surely the priests and scribes and other enemies of Christ! If they had had Christ’s body to show in disproof of His resurrection, they would gladly have shown it.—Not the apostles and other disciples of our Lord! They were far too much frightened and dispirited to attempt such an action, and the more so when they had nothing to gain by it. One explanation, and one only, can meet the circumstance of the case. That explanation is the one supplied by the angels in the verses before us. Christ “had risen” from the grave. To seek Him in the sepulcher was seeking “the living among the dead.” He had risen again, and was soon seen alive and conversing in the body by many credible witnesses.

The fact of our Lord’s resurrection rests on evidence which no infidel can ever explain away. It is confirmed by testimony of every kind, sort and description. The plain unvarnished story which the Gospel writers tell about it, is one that cannot be overthrown. The more the account they give is examined, the more inexplicable will the event appear, unless we accept it as true. If we choose to deny the truth of their account we may deny everything in the world. It is not so certain that Julius Caesar once lived, as it is that Christ rose again.

Let us cling firmly to the resurrection of Christ, as one of the pillars of the Gospel. It ought to produce in our minds a settled conviction of the truth of Christianity. Our faith does not depend merely on a set of texts and doctrines. It is founded on a mighty fact which the skeptic has never been able to overturn. —It ought to assure us of the certainty of the resurrection of our own bodies after death. If our Master has risen from the grave, we need not doubt that His disciples shall rise again at the last day.—Above all it ought to fill our hearts with a joyful sense of the fullness of Gospel salvation. Who is he that shall condemn us? Our Great Surety has not only died for us but risen again. (Romans 8:34) He has gone to prison for us, and come forth triumphantly after atoning for our sins. The payment He made for us has been accepted. The work of satisfaction has been perfectly accomplished. No wonder that St. Peter exclaims, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundance mercy, has begotten us again to a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” (1 Peter 1:3)

HERITAGE FAMILY MATTERS

- ♦ **Welcome to our Resurrection Sunday Worship Service.** In I Corinthians 15: 3-8, Paul writes: “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.”
- ♦ **There will be no evening service tonight** to allow for more personal family celebration on this special day.
- ♦ **We will resume our regular schedule next week** with Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m., and Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Pastor Rast and Becky will be away next Sunday.** Please pray for them as they travel to visit with their two older children, Matthew and Megan.
- ♦ **Elders John Lee and David Randall will be leading our Worship services next Sunday** in Pastor Rast’s absence. Please pray for them to find adequate and profitable time to prepare in the midst of their busy schedules.
- ♦ **Additional Items:**