

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

April 17, 2022 at 10 am

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 (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

PRELUDE

HYMN #123: "JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY"

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PRAYERS FOR CONGREGATIONAL NEEDS

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning,
the women took the spices they had prepared
and went to the tomb.

**They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
but when they entered,
they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.**

While they were wondering about this,
suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning
stood beside them.

**In their fright the women bowed down
with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them,
"Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here; he has risen!**

Christ the Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Derived from Luke 24:1-6

HYMN #104: "CHRIST IS RISEN! SHOUT HOSANNA"

1 Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
All creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
Bring a taste of love unknown.

2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
From the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
Not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
Nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
Where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna, everyone!

THE PASCHAL GREETING

"He is risen!" "He is risen indeed!"

CHOIR: "SEE WHAT A MORNING"

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: *"The Empty Tomb is a Big Deal"*—Chuck Guth

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-8, 12-26

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you . . . 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.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ

has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

The ceramic jars in the offering plates are designated for the Deacons' fund and World Vision Fund. Our deacons provide care, support, and financial assistance to those in the congregation in need. The World Vision Fund helps support the Sponsored Child through World Vision.

OFFERTORY MUSIC—INSTRUMENTAL

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION: SCOTS CONFESSION (CHAPTER 10)

We undoubtedly believe,
since it was impossible that the sorrows of death
should retain in bondage the Author of life,
that our Lord Jesus crucified, dead, and buried, . . .
did rise again for our justification,
and the destruction of him who was the author of death,
and brought life again to us who were subject to death and its bondage.

We know that his resurrection
was confirmed by the testimony of his enemies,
and by the resurrection of the dead,
whose tombs were opened,
and they did rise and appear to many within the city of Jerusalem.

It was also confirmed by the testimony of his angels,
and by the senses and judgment of his apostles and of others,
who had conversation, and did eat and drink with him
after his resurrection.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

"BECAUSE HE LIVES"

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal, and forgive.

He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Refrain

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.

Because He lives, All fear is gone.

Because I know He holds the future,

And life is worth the living just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,

And feel the pride and joy he gives.

But greater still the calm assurance,

This child can face uncertain days because He lives. ***Refrain***

And then one day I'll cross the river,

I'll fight life's final war with pain.

And then as death gives way to victory,

I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives. ***Refrain***

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CHOIR: "THE ANGELS ROLLED THE STONE AWAY"

BENEDICTION

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