

“For as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ”

I Corinthians 15:22



Easter – Resurrection of the Lord

Grace Presbyterian Church

Fort Wayne, IN

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Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Service – April 20, 2025

How can we pray for you? Let us know at prayerrequests@gpcfww.org or in the Zoom/Facebook Chat!

We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in ***BOLD*** with us from your homes!
10:15 – Zoom Meeting Starts ~ ~ ~ 10:20 – Facebook Live Stream Starts

10:30 – Live Prelude Starts *Hallelujah! Christ Arose!* by Lowry

Welcome

Call to Worship –

God declares, “I am about to create new heavens and a new earth”.

“The former things shall not be remembered or come to mind”.

Be glad and rejoice forever in what God is creating.

For God is about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people a delight.

In Christ’s resurrection, the heavens and earth are made new.

In Christ’s resurrection, we are glad and rejoice forever.

Opening Hymn #232 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Call to Confession –

This is the day of celebration of the victory of life and peace over sin and death. This is the day of celebration of holy light overcoming the darkness of evil. As we celebrate this joyous day, we know our continuing need for the light of Christ as we struggle with the ways of the world. Our risen Lord invites us to open our hearts in confession of our sin and the sin of the world in the glorious knowledge that Christ will hear our confession and heal our souls. Let us come to Christ in confession.

Prayer of Confession –

Loving and Faithful God: on this Sunday of celebration, we take this moment to look back at the events of Holy Week and to contemplate our participation in Christ – betrayed, abandoned and unjustly condemned to die. Although Christ gave his life for our salvation long ago, he suffers for sinners of every age. When we lose hope in eternal life, Christ suffers. When we are conformed to the worst of the ways of the world, Christ suffers. When our love for God and others grows cold, Christ suffers. When we become indifferent to Christ’s sufferings, Christ suffers. Forgive us for failing to live in the new creation brought forth in Christ’s life, death and resurrection. Heal our souls of doubt, fear and misplaced hope. Create new and right spirits within us.

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon —

Leader: Hear the good news of the Gospel. Our Lord Jesus Christ has risen from the grave. He has won the victory over sin and death. He is seated at the right hand of God. He will judge the living and the dead with the love and mercy that enabled him to go to the Cross for our salvation. On this day of celebration, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Assurance #581 “Gloria Patri”

Passing the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

Children’s Message

Time for Music & Meditation

Prayer for Illumination —

Let us Pray: God of Easter joy; the words of scripture that we are about to hear are astounding in their message of hope and joy. We can hardly open our minds and hearts wide enough to receive these verses. In the midst of our joy, inspire us to breathe deeply that we might be able to be open to the familiar and new in the story of Easter. We pray in the name of our risen Lord. **Amen**

Scripture Reading: Epistle Reading — I Corinthians 15:19-26 p.1790

19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. 20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. 24 Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death. Light and Darkness, Sin and Forgiveness

Scripture Reading: Gospel Reading — Luke 24:1-12

p.1642

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. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. 5 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? 6 He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7 ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” 8 Then they remembered his words.

9 When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. 10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. 12 Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Sermon

The New Day

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Response #248 “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God. We will come from east and west and from north and south and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed it and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
Eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe.

At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets. Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us among all your creatures to love and serve you.

When we were unfaithful to you, you kept faith with us, your love remained steadfast. When we were slaves in Egypt, you broke the bonds of our oppression, brought us through the sea to freedom, and made covenant to be our God. By a pillar of fire you led us through the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. You spoke of love and justice in the prophets, and in the Word made flesh you lived among us, manifesting your glory. He died that we might live, and is risen to raise us to new life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom you sent to save us. He came with healing in his touch, and was wounded for our sins. He came with mercy in his voice, and was mocked as one despised. He came with peace in his heart, and met with violence and death. By your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb, and at his command the gates of hell were opened. The one who was dead now lives. The one who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation, the Lamb upon the throne. The one ascended on high is with us always, as he promised.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.

557 “Christ has died, Christ is risen”

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ’s body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

INTERCESSIONS HERE

Nourished at this table, O God, may we know Christ’s redemptive love and live a new life in him. Help us who recognize our Lord in the breaking of the bread to see and serve him in all whose lives are broken. Give us who are fed at his hand grace to share our bread with the hungry and with the hungry of heart. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen

558 “Amen”

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

Prayer After Communion

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart: through Christ our Lord. Amen

Call to Offering

On this Sunday when we celebrate God's gift of salvation in Christ our Lord, we are invited to participate in the sharing of Easter joy through the giving of the love of our hearts, the work of our hands and the offerings of our lives. With joy, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offertory

Know That My Redeemer Liveth by Handel

Doxology #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication – Jim Wolfe

I'm sure that you remember we Celebrated Grace's 25th year since the merger in 2000. But you might not be aware that OGHS is celebrating a milestone, too. It has been 70 years since OGHS was begun in the difficult years following the end of WWII to provide war relief in Europe and Asia. Over the years, its mission has changed to accommodate the ever-changing needs in the U.S. and around the world, including people affected by the aftermath of the California wild fires. As the needs change, the response to those needs must also change. Clearly, the missions of OHGS are worthy of our generosity.

Let us pray. God who heals, we dedicate Grace's One Great Hour of Sharing offering to promote the well-being of people around the world who are unable to flourish in their lives as you intend. We ask an additional measure of your blessing for those who are actively engaged in bringing relief to the ones who endure these hardships.

Amen

Announcements

Closing Hymn #233 “The Day of Resurrection”

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today arr. by Livingston

ANNOUNCEMENTS

One Great Hour of Sharing: We are collection the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering today. There are envelopes for your gifts in the narthex. This offering goes towards the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability.

Special thanks to Boy Scout Troop 15 for the Easter Breakfast: Additionally, if you purchased a pie from Troop 15 for their fundraiser, your desert is in the Grace kitchen freezer.

Easter Egg Hunt: Thanks to everyone who helped with our East Egg Hunt on Saturday, 4.19. The event was a blast! Find Todd German for a more detailed report and details on the event.

Grace's Annual Tin Caps Outing: Congregational Life has once again set up an excursion to see our local Tin Caps. The game is on May 18th @ 1:00 PM. The cost is \$29. The deadline to sign up and pay is May 4th. Talk to Tammy for more information.

North Highland Neighborhood Association Garage Sale Opportunity: During the community sale, June 13-14, Grace will be offering space for those that might want to join but don't have a local garage. For a \$10 donation you can reserve a table in our fellowship hall. For a \$5 donation you can reserve a spot (about two car spaces) in our parking lot. See Tammy for more information or to get your space.

Birthdays

Brenden Lehman - April 22

April Lehman - April 23

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Anniversaries

Alex & Amanda Bowers

April 20, 2019

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ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:15 for fellowship; the service starts at 10:30.

Option 1: Automatically Join the Meeting

Follow the link in the email sent every week. This is by far the easiest way to connect to the live video.

Option 2: Manually Join the Meeting

You can download Zoom from <https://www.zoom.us>.

After you have installed the program/app, click on "Join" and enter this information:

Meeting ID: 9712063468 **Password:** 030414

Option 3: Call in to Listen (Audio Only)

On Sunday Morning, you can call to listen to the service. After you call, it will ask you to enter the Meeting ID and Password Below:

Phone Number: (301) 715-8592 **Meeting ID:** 9712063468 **Password:** 030414

232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, *Iyra Davidica*, 1708; stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740
 Spanish trans. Juan Bautista Cabresa, alt.; Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea
 MUSIC: *Iyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. from *The Compleat Psalmody*, 1749
 Korean Trans. © The Christian Literature Society of Korea

EASTER HYMN
 7.7.7.7 with alleluia

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

SPANISH

- 1 *El Señor resucitó, ¡Aleluya!*
muerte y tumba ya venció. ¡Aleluya!
Con su fuerza y su virtud ¡Aleluya!
cautivó la esclavitud. ¡Aleluya!
- 2 *El que al polvo se humilló, ¡Aleluya!*
vencedor se levantó. ¡Aleluya!
Cante hoy la cristiandad ¡Aleluya!
su gloriosa majestad. ¡Aleluya!
- 3 *Cristo, que la cruz sufrió, ¡Aleluya!*
y en desolación se vio, ¡Aleluya!
hoy en gloria celestial ¡Aleluya!
reina vivo e inmortal. ¡Aleluya!
- 4 *Cristo, nuestro Salvador, ¡Aleluya!*
de la muerte es triunfador. ¡Aleluya!
En El hemos de confiar. ¡Aleluya!
Cantaremos sin cesar. ¡Aleluya!

KOREAN

- 1 예수 부활 했으니 할렐루야
 만민 찬송 하여라
 천사들이 즐거워
 기쁜 찬송 부르네
- 2 대속하신 주 예수 할렐루야
 선한 싸움 이겼네
 사망 권세 이기고
 하늘 문을 여셨네
- 3 마귀 권세 이긴 주 할렐루야
 왕의 왕이 되셨네
 높은 이름 세상에
 널리 반포 하여라
- 4 길과 진리 되신 주 할렐루야
 우리 부활 하겠네
 부활 생명 되시니
 우리 부활 하겠네

Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

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Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1984
 MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1842, alt.
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HYMN TO JOY
 B.7.B.7.D

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

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233 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.