



OLYMPIA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Easter, Resurrection Sunday

April 4, 2021

THE GATHERED COMMUNITY

Prelude

Dr. Jonathan Spatola-Knoll

Welcome

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen, Indeed!

Resurrection of the Heart

Call-to-Worship

Leader: Christ our Savior is risen from the dead! Alleluia!

People: Break forth with joy! Sing together! God comforts those whose hearts are broken in sorrow

Leader: We who once suffered in death, we who once cried in despair –

People: How we know victory over death! Now we know joy over despair!

Unison: For God has raised Christ from the grave! The tomb is empty and death has been defeated
for all the earth!

Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

#268

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Children and angels say: Al-le-lu-ia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns and earth reply, Al-le-lu-ia!

Lives again our glorious King: Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al-le-lu-ia!

Dying once, He all doth save: Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Al-le-lu-ia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won; Al-le-lu-ia!

Death in vain for bids Him rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened Paradise. Al-le-lu-ia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted head; Al-le-lu-ia!

Made like Christ, like Christ we rise; Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al-le-lu-ia!

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Prayers of the People

Giver of new life, we come this morning with our alleluias and songs. We come to worship in beauty and in truth because we have faith that Jesus Christ is raised from the dead, because we have hope that the resurrection will enter into each of our lives and transform them, and because through Christ's spirit, we have come to love one another.

God, may all praise your name, for you have brought life out of death, and hope out of despair. Wise God, you know our doubts, our fears, and our failures, which we bring to the tomb of Easter morning. Through your Spirit, nurture the small growth of hope, courage and faith within us, that we may forever live to praise and serve you, in the name of Christ Jesus, in whom we pray. Amen.

Tithes, Offerings, Mission & Ministry

Offertory, Vocalized *Tune - The Church's One Foundation*

Refreshed by living waters, renewed by living bread,
May we your sons and daughters, by your own hand be led.
Accept the gifts we offer; receive the lives we owe.
Unite us in your service; may seeds of justice grow!

ENTERING GOD'S STORY THROUGH SONG - CANTATA PRESENTATION

Cantata Sing-a-Long

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!

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.

O Worship the King
O worship the King, all glorious above,
and gratefully sing His wonderful love:
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

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**Cantata Sing-a-Long
(continued)**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown Him Lord of all

How Great Thou Art

Then Sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sing my soul, My Savior God to Thee:
How Great Thou art! How Great Thou art!

GOD'S STORY

The Written Word

Mark 16: 1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Homily

Road Trip?

Rev. Mark Rambo

Hymn

Because He Lives

#275, v. 1 & 2

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died to by my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.
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 new born baby, and feel the pride and joy He gives;
But greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because He lives.
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.

Weekly Challenge

Postlude

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Benediction Walk Humbly Love Completely Live Completely