

**Sunday, April 17, 2022, 9:30am**  
**Easter**

Prelude

Solo: **"He's Alive"**

The gates and doors were barred, all the windows fastened down  
I spent the night in sleeplessness and rose at every sound  
Half in hopeless sorrow and half in fear the day  
would find the soldiers breakin' through to drag us all away

And just before the sunrise, I heard something at the wall  
The gate began to rattle and a voice began to call  
Hurried to the window, looked down into the street  
Expecting swords and torches and the sound of soldier's feet

There was no one there but Mary so I went down to let her in  
John stood there beside me as she told us where she'd been  
She said, "They've moved Him in the night and none of us knows where  
The stone's been rolled away and now His body isn't there."

We both ran toward the garden then John ran on ahead  
We found the stone and the empty tomb just the way that Mary said  
But the winding sheet they wrapped Him in was just an empty shell  
and how or where they'd taken Him was more than I could tell

Well, something strange had happened there; just what, I did not know  
John believed a miracle but I just turned to go  
Circumstance and speculation couldn't lift me very high  
'cause I'd seen them crucify Him, and then I saw Him die

Back inside the house again the guilt and anguish came  
Everything I'd promised Him just added to my shame  
When at last it came to choices, I denied I knew His name  
Even if He was alive, it wouldn't be the same

Suddenly the air was filled with strange and sweet perfume  
Light that came from everywhere drove shadows from the room  
Jesus stood before me with His arms held open wide  
and I fell down on my knees and just clung to Him and cried

He raised me to my feet and as I looked into His eyes  
Love was shining out from Him like sunlight from the skies  
Guilt in my confusion disappeared in sweet release  
and every fear I'd ever had just melted into peace

He's alive, He's alive, He's alive and I'm forgiven  
Heaven's gates are open wide  
He's alive, He's alive, He's alive and I'm forgiven  
Heaven's gates are open wide  
He's alive, He's alive, He's alive and I'm forgiven  
Heaven's gates are open wide  
He's alive, He's alive, He's alive

**\*Songs: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"**

1 Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!  
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!  
Sing, O heavens, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

3 Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Once He died, our souls to save; Alleluia!  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

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**"Christ Arose"**

1 Low in the grave He lay—  
Jesus, my Savior;  
waiting the coming day—  
Jesus, my Lord.

Chorus:

Up from the grave He arose,  
with a mighty triumph o'er His foes.  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and He lives forever with His saints to reign!  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2 Vainly they watch His bed—  
Jesus, my Savior;  
vainly they seal the dead—  
Jesus, my Lord.

3 Death cannot keep its prey—  
Jesus, my Savior;  
He tore the bars away—  
Jesus, my Lord.

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**"He Lives"**

1 I serve a risen Savior; He's in the world today  
I know that He is living whatever people say  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer  
and every time I need Him, He's always near

Chorus

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart

3 Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find  
None other is so loving, so good and kind

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Verbal transition

This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

**“God So Loved”**

1 Come, all you weary, come, all you thirsty  
Come to the well that never runs dry  
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more

2 Come, all you sinners, come find His mercy  
Come to the table, He will satisfy  
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

3 Bring all your failures, bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting there with open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever  
The power of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well, we're walking in freedom  
For God so loved God, so loved the world

Bridge

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love

4 Bring all your failures, bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting; God so loved the world

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We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

**“Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery”**

1 Come, behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us

2 Come, behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living, in His suffering never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam come to save humanity  
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment; from the law we are set free

3 Come, behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold  
bringing many unto glory—grace unmeasured, love untold

4 Come, behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him; praise the Lord, He is alive  
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes

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### **“Christ Is Risen”**

1 Let no one caught in sin remain  
inside the lie of inward shame  
but fix our eyes upon the cross  
and run to Him who showed great love  
and bled for us  
Freely You've bled for us

#### Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead  
trampling over death by death  
Come awake, come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave  
Christ is risen from the dead  
We are one with Him again  
Come awake, come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave

2 Beneath the weight of all our sin  
You bowed to none but heaven's will  
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown  
no burden great can hold You down  
In strength You reign  
Forever let Your church proclaim

#### Bridge

O death, where is your sting?  
O hell, where is your victory?  
O Church, come stand in the light  
The glory of God has defeated the night  
Singing O death, where is your sting?  
O hell, where is your victory?  
O Church, come stand in the light  
Our God is not dead, He's alive, He's alive

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## Offering

### Worship Choir and Praise Singers: **"It's About the Cross"**

It's not just about the manger where the Baby lay.  
It's not all about the angels who sang for Him that day.  
It's not all about the shepherds, or the bright and shining star.  
It's not all about the wise men who traveled from afar.

It's about the cross. It's about my sin.  
It's about how Jesus came to be born once  
so that we could be born again.  
It's about the stone that was rolled away  
so that you and I could have real life someday.  
It's about the cross.

It's not just about the good things in this life I've done.  
It's not all about the treasures or the trophies that I've won.  
It's not about the righteousness that I find within.  
It's all about His precious blood that saved me from my sin!

## Chorus

The beginning of the story is wonderful and great.  
But it's the ending that can save you,  
and that's why we celebrate!

it's about the cross. It's about my sin.  
It's about how Jesus came to be born once  
so that we could be born again.  
It's about God's Son, nailed to a tree.  
It's about how every drop of blood that flowed from Him,  
when it should have been me.  
It's about the stone that was rolled away  
so that you and I could have real life someday,  
so that you and I could have real life someday.  
It's about the cross.

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## Children's Message: The Sweet Truth of Easter

### Time for Prayer

Bible Reading: Mark 16:1-8

### Dramatic Reading

Sermon: **"He Is Not Here!"**

### Prayer

### Praise Singers: **"Death Was Arrested"**

1 Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin,  
lost without hope with no place to begin  
Your love made a way to let mercy come in  
when death was arrested and my life began

2 Ash was redeemed; only beauty remains  
My orphan heart was given a name  
My mourning grew quiet, my feet rose to dance  
when death was arrested and my life began

Chorus

Oh, Your grace so free washes over me  
You have made me new, now life begins with You

3 Released from my chains I'm a prisoner no more  
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore  
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend  
when death was arrested and my life began

Chorus

Oh, Your grace so free washes over me  
You have made me new, now life begins with You  
It's Your endless love pouring down on us  
You have made us new, now life begins with You

4 Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross  
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost  
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand  
That's when death was arrested and my life began  
That's when death was arrested and my life began

Chorus

Bridge 2x

Oh, we're free, free, forever we're free  
Come join the song of all the redeemed  
Yes, we're free, free, forever amen  
When death was arrested and my life began

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Junior Choir: **"Instead of Me"**

Instead of me, instead of me,  
Jesus died there instead of me.  
Instead of me, instead of me,  
and that cross will stand forever as the old rugged emblem  
of the ransomed and the free.  
Instead of me, instead of me!

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All Choirs: **"O Praise the Name (Anástasis)"**

1 I cast my mind to Calvary  
where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet

My Savior on that cursed tree

2 His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

3 Then on the third at break of dawn  
the Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death, where is your sting?  
The angels roar for Christ the King

4 He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
and I will rise among the saints  
my gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

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**\*Song: "Because He Lives"**

1 God sent His Son; they called Him Jesus  
He came to love, heal and forgive  
He bled and died to buy my pardon  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives

Chorus

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

3 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 reigns

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**\*God's Blessing**

**Postlude: "Hallelujah Chorus"**