

Easter

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- [0 : 0 0] Good morning. Welcome to worship on the glorious day. It's not maybe glorious outside, but we hope and pray that it will be a glorious day inside with all voices, all the voices.
- Just a reminder that if you purchase flowers, we invite you to take them with you when you leave today, because otherwise some 11 o'clock service might be thinking they're really attractive.
- Or I might plant them. So please do that, and then we'll arrange them. I want us to begin with these very familiar opening words.
- The Lord be with you. Christ is risen. Let us rejoice and give thanks. Let our praise tell the story.
- As we sing, Christ the Lord is risen today. The Lord is risen today.
- [1 : 1 9] For His children is risen while the pure eligibleurs and the andes are risen. I Lord is risen today. The Lord is risen today.
- What are you hoping for when He's risen today? The Lord is Marilyn and Rew provider. As we say, Christ the Lord is risen today. Amen.
- Amen. Amen.
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- Amen. Amen.
- [5 : 0 8] Amen. Amen.
- Amen. Amen. Amen. You may be seated. Amen.
- Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Good morning, church. And happy Easter to everyone.
- As your joy is flowing so obviously today, as we have so much for which we must give thanks, our joy comes out in how we give, how we celebrate that, how our love is made real in one of the ways our love is made real is in our giving.
- So as we consider supporting the ministries of the church, as we consider doing good in God's name in so many ways, let the Spirit move in you today as you offer your gifts to God.
- [7 : 0 7] ■ will be speaking... because our baby loves her when we're out in our digamos as it is present today. And the Father moves upon y report■■ that He has promised through this, and it happens, but because He has done and will their ye Bye...
- Amen. Amen.
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- [1 1 : 2 2] Amen. Amen.

Now what I'd give for one more day with you. Cause there's a wound here in my heart where something's missing.

I would have been a little bit of a pain. And they tell me that it's gonna heal with time. But I know you're in a place where all your wounds have been erased.

And knowing yours are healed is healing mine. The only scars in heaven that won't belong to me and you.

There'll be no such thing as broken. And all the old will be made new. And the thought that makes me smile now.

[18 : 22] Even as the tears fall down. Is that the only scars in heaven?

Are on the hands that hold you now. I know the road you walked was anything but easy.

You picked up your share of scars along the way. Oh, but now you're standing in the sun. You fought your fight and your race is run.

The pain is all a million miles away. The only scars in heaven. The only scars in heaven. That won't belong to me and you.

There'll be no such thing as broken. The only scars in heaven. And all the old will be made new. And the thought that makes me smile now.

[19 : 30] Even as the tears fall down. Is that the only scars in heaven.

Yeah. Are on the hands that hold you now. That's the only scars in heaven. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. That's to the Burns Church. Hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. For the hands that hold you now.

There's not a day goes by that I don't see you. You live on in all the better parts of me Until I'm standing with you in the sun I'll fight this fight and this race I'll run Until I finally see what you can see Oh, the only scars in heaven That won't belong to me and you There'll be no such thing as broken And all the old will be made new And the thought that makes me smile now And even as the tears fall down Is that the only scars in heaven

Are on the hands that hold you now Let us pray Lord, hold us Lift us And show us In Jesus' risen name, amen The scripture reading this morning Leaves us without some of the weight He's alive He's risen So I want to turn to The other, one of the other Easter stories From the Gospel of John And this is where Jesus appears to Mary In chapter 20 And she comes to the tomb The stones rolled away And she is in tears

[22 : 12] Where did they take him? She thought that someone had taken Jesus And Jesus appears And he says to her Woman, why are you looking?

Why are you crying? Thinking he was the gardener She replied Sir, if you've carried him away Tell me where you have put him And I will get him And Jesus Turned to her And simply said Mary Mary And in the speaking Of her name He realized She realized I recognize that voice I recognize the sound That is my Savior Speaking my name And so the rejoicing began And the story began And people believed And people didn't believe And yet It's true The world Had been changed Forever This morning My question is How

Does that change Your life? How does that change My life? What is it About Easter That helps us To have A different life A better life A changed life I might think About I'm going back up here So I can see you all Think about the first time You had any thought Of heaven Maybe You were a child And somebody talked About heaven You learned about Some version Or understanding Of what happens After people die I think I always believed In heaven But don't ask me Exactly what that was

Or what it was like I don't know That any of us know A couple of years ago When I was Working In The cancer's Floor In a hospital In Denver There was a woman Who was beginning To realize That she probably Was not going To survive Physically survive The cancer That she had And she started Asking questions And she was not Sad or lost Yes we're wondering What's going on With my microphone She just wondered She had never been Exposed to Christian faith She'd never learned Anything She didn't read The Bible She didn't know Anything But she wanted To know And she said Well what do I Need to believe And I said

Do you believe In God Yes I think so Do you know Who Jesus is Well Jesus Is God's son Do you Know anything More about Jesus And we talked A little bit More about Jesus And then So then There came a point Where she said I believe that I think I've Always believed that But I didn't know That I believed that But then She said What's going to happen What's going to happen After I die And my words To her And this happened Over several days Before she went home What is heaven Like And I said To her What is it You imagine What do you Imagine Heaven Will be like She didn't have Any children She began

[26 : 30] To imagine The dogs That they had Lost Over her life In heaven And I was like Yes My kind of woman Let all the pets Be in heaven And no allergies And no biting Or scratching Or tearing up Your furniture None of that No dog hair It stays on The dogs I might have An opinion About that stuff I said That's wonderful What else Can you tell me She said It's beautiful It's restful I said Well who would you see Who do you see She started Talking about People Who were important To her That had died And she said I think Maybe

I imagine That they'll be there Will I recognize them This is where Opinions might be Different Because my opinion Was absolutely Because if I'm not Going to recognize The people That I want to see In heaven Then they're not Going to recognize me Then what are we doing That's in God's hands And I'll be dead So I just believe I don't Remember Whether Before I became A pastor Whether What happened After I died Mattered As much To me I believed In heaven I believed In God I believed In Jesus I just wasn't Worried I'm still Not worried But over The years Over the many Years Of being a Pastor Being a Human being

We experience Life And birth And sickness And death We experience Loss Sometimes It isn't even A person It's a pet And then We begin To think What What God What What What do I Need to believe And what Can you tell Me And I Am Reminded Of the Passage From John I Am The Resurrection And the Life The one Who believes In me Will live Even Though They die That To me

Became The meaning Of Easter That while Our bodies May die While the People We love And care About May leave Us That I Am comforted Even though I may Still hurt Because That person Is not Here I Rejoice That they Are in Heaven In Jesus Hands And this Song that You heard From Casting Crowns Speaks To the Fact That the One Who holds You Now The one Who holds You Now Is the Only one Who has Scars Because Those We love When they Die And they Rise In their Faith To heaven They have No more Scars They have No more Brokenness They walk

They don't Weal They talk They are Not confused They are Not sick They are Not hurting And even In my Own Grief He can Come see Grandma If he Wants to Even In Grief Hi Charlie Are you Losing Your Pants This Is Life And this Is Life In the Face Of Facing Death Of Facing Fear This Is Life And it's Not just About Beautiful Perfect Toddlers Right Where's the

[31 : 34] Candles Do you see The candles You don't Know There They are That in Any Darkness In our Lives Light Shines Jesus Is The light It's Hot Jesus Is the Light Of the World And oh My goodness The comfort To my Heart To imagine Our Beloveds Our Family's Beloveds Your Beloveds Who sometimes Become our Beloveds As a Community Wrapped In care And beauty And love In the Arms Of the Savior Jesus Christ Who has More love Than any Of us Can be Imagining Anywhere Anytime And to

That I think The only Response Is Thanks Be To God He is Risen He is Risen And your Response Is He is Risen Indeed He is Risen Amen Thanks Be To God Some of The words In the Song We're About To sing Are Living He Loved Me Dying He Saved Me And He Has Risen Indeed So I Invite You To Stand As We Sing On This Glorious

Day Go ahead John One day When heaven Was filled With its Praises One day When sin Was as Black as Could be Jesus Came forth To be Born Of a Virgin Dwelt Among Men My Example Is He The word

Be In Flesh And The light Shined Among Us His Glory Revealed Living He Loved Me Dying He Saved Me Buried He Carried My Sins Far Away Rising He Just Am Really Forever One Day He Is Coming Oh Glorious Day Oh Glorious Day One Day They Led Him Up Calvary's Mountain One Day They Nailed Him To Die On A Tree Suffering Anguish

Despised And Rejected Buried Our Sins My Redeemer Is The Lamb That Hill Nation Dressed Down On A Tree And Took The Nails For Me Living He Loved Me Dying He Saved Me Carried He Carried My Son Draw Away Rising He Justified Freely Forever One Day He's Coming Oh Glorious Day Oh Glorious Day One Day The Grave Could Conceal Him No Longer One

[36 : 36] Day The Stone Rolled Away From The Door When He Arose Over Death He Had Conquered Now Is Ascended My Lord Ever More Death Could Not Hold Him The Grave Could Not Keep Him Rising Again Living He Loved Me Dying He Saved Me Buried He Carried My Sins Far Away Rising He Justified Freely Forever One Day He Is Coming Oh Glorious Day Oh Glorious Day Glorious

Day One Day The trumpet Will Sound For His Coming One Day The Sky Spend His Glory To Shine Wonderful Day My Beloved One Ring I Say Jesus Is Mine Living He Loved Me Dying He Saved Me Buried They Carried My Sins Far Away Rising He Just Fly Freely Forever One Day He Is Coming Oh Glorious Day Oh Glorious Day Glorious

Day Oh Glorious Day Glorious Day Glorious You may be Seated Vatican the glorious day to come and the glorious day that is today.

Let us ready our hearts as we come to the Lord's table to receive the gift of communion. The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts.

Lift up the heart of the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. It is right to give our thanks and grace. It is right and a good and joyful thing. Always and everywhere to give thanks to you.

[39 : 54] Almighty God, the creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Holy are you and blessed is your son, Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the spirit.

[41 : 08] By your great mercy, we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your son from the dead into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unailing.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people. Declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, you called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always in the power of your word and Holy Spirit. On the night, Jesus gave himself up for us.

He took bread. He gave thanks to you. He broke the bread. And he gave it to his disciples and he said, take and eat. This is my body.

which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. When the supper was over, he took the cup. He gave thanks to you.

[42 : 17] And he gave it to his disciples and he said, drink from this, all of you, for this is my blood. Sign of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sin.

Every time that you drink of it, do this in remembrance of me. On the day you raised him from the dead, he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread.

And in your power and in your Holy Spirit, your church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and cup.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

[43 : 44] Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen. Amen. And let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray. 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Amen. Thank you.

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Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Oh, what a Savior Isn't he wonderful Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen Bow down before him For he is Lord of all Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen

Oh, what a Savior Isn't he wonderful Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen Bow down before him For he is Lord of all Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen Oh, come to the altar The Father's arms are open wide Forgiveness was brought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ

[53 : 24] Oh, come to the altar The Father's arms are open wide Forgiveness was brought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ Jesus Christ ■ on Designer It is with that blessed assurance that we can stand and praise with our final song,

Up from the Grave He Arrows. I invite you if you're able. I invite you to sing the song, Up from the Grave He Arrows.

Up from the Grave He Arrows. Jesus, my Savior, Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord.

Up from the Grave He Arrows. With a wise, He tried on your sword. He arose, He arose, a victor from the dark domain, And He lives for other goodness things to bring.

He arose, He arose, He arose, Alleluia, Christ arose. May we live while she is led, Jesus, my Savior.

[56 : 04] May we live while she is led, Jesus, my Savior. May we live while she is led, Jesus, my Lord.

Up from the Grave He Arrows. May we live while she is led, Jesus, my Lord. May we live while she is led, Jesus, my Lord. May we live while she is led, Jesus, my Lord. He arose, He arose, Alleluia, Christ arose.

May we live while she is led, Jesus, my Lord. May we live while she is led, Jesus, my Savior. May we live while she is led, Jesus, my Savior.

May we live while she is led, Jesus, my Savior.

May we live while He was led, Jesus, my Lord. Out from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph of His cause.

[57 : 16] He arose a victor from a dark domain, and He lives forever in His saints to reign.

He arose, He arose, Hallelujah, Christ arose. Amen.

When people of faith come to this place, come to this table, when people of faith watching online in their hearts believe, let me pronounce that if you come with darkness, if you come with sin, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Amen. And now, as people who receive the forgiveness of Christ, who believe that He rose from the dead, that we might have eternal life, and who then go into this world, may we live as resurrection people.

You will find out by where the bulletins are, packages of flower seeds. These are actually seed balls, and they are that we welcome you to this Easter celebration.

[58 : 43] We believe that a risen Christ raises us in joy and Christian love, and with that freedom and life, may we, after Mother's Day, plant and watch the beauty of the Lord shine in our resurrection lives.

Amen, and go in peace. Amen, and go in peace.

Amen, and go in peace.

Amen, and go in peace. Amen. You are friend and food.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Thank you.

[61 : 03] Thank you.