



# Redeemer Presbyterian Church West Side

April 12, 2020 | Easter Sunday

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## Reflection

There are two ways to look at human history... One way is to focus on the wars and violence... and tragedy and death. From such a point of view, Easter seems a fairy-tale exception. There is another way to look at the world. If I take Easter as the starting point, the one incontrovertible fact about how God treats those whom he loves, then human history becomes the contradiction and Easter a preview of ultimate reality. Hope then flows like lava beneath the crust of daily life.

— Phillip Yancey, “The Jesus I Never Knew”

## Easter Greeting

Leader: Alleluia the Lord is Risen

**All: The Lord is Risen indeed.**

**Prelude** — *Bouree from Partita for Violin in E Major, BWV 1006* — J. S. Bach

Sean Lee, violin

## Preparation and Call to Worship

### Hymn — *O Worship the King*

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia  
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia  
Sing ye heav'ns and earth reply, Alleluia

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia  
Christ has burst the gates of hell, Alleluia  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia  
Once he died, our souls to save, Alleluia  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia  
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia

### Prayer of Confession (to be prayed in unison)

All: Our gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we too might live a new life. Yet foolishly, we have chosen death over life. In our thoughts, words, and deeds we have rebelled against you and your intentions for us. We have broken our fellowship with you, whose love is better than life, and whom to know is life itself. We have hurt others and diminished their lives. We have damaged ourselves, who had been created to reflect your beauty.

Father, forgive us our sin, and grant that your resurrection power might course through our entire being, so that we walk in the ways of love and justice, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

### Confessional Response — *In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My comforter, my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones he came to save

And on the cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin on him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground his body lay  
Light of the world in darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave he rose again

And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am his and he is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from his hand  
'Til he returns or calls me home  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

### Prayers of the People (Concluded with 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 and ever. Amen.



## Pastoral Updates

### Scripture Reading — Luke 24:13-27 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

<sup>19</sup> “What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

**Homily** — *Foolish* by Rev. David Bisgrove

### Hymn — *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 throughout eternity

Crown him the Lord of life  
Who triumphed o’er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those he came to save  
His glories now we sing  
Who died and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die

Crown him the Lord of peace  
Whose pow’r a scepter sways  
From pole to pole that wars may cease  
And all be prayer and praise  
His reign shall know no end  
And ‘round his pierced feet  
Fair flow’rs of paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet

Crown him the Lord of love  
Behold his hands and side  
Rich wounds yet visible above  
In beauty glorified  
All hail, Redeemer, hail  
For thou hast died for me  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail  
Throughout eternity

### Benediction

**Postlude** — *Preludio* from *Partita for Violin in E Major, BWV 1006* — J. S. Bach

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