



EMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY
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REFLECTION

“The joy of the happy ending is not essentially ‘escapist’ nor ‘fugitive.’ It does not deny the existence of sorrow and failure; the possibility of these is [actually] necessary to the joy of deliverance. It denies however universal final defeat. It gives...a sudden glimpse of the underlying reality or truth.

~Timothy Keller (quoting JRR Tolkien)

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
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by 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 power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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INVITATION TO WORSHIP

We gather in response to God's gracious invitation, not because worship earns favor with him.

The hope of the Resurrection is for people from every nation, tribe, and language (Revelation 7:9). Some of those languages are spoken here at Emmanuel, including Arabic, Bangla, Banjara, English, French, German, Goan Konkani, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Portuguese, Spanish, Serbian, Telugu, Ukrainian, and Urdu. "Emmanuel" has the same meaning and pronunciation in all of them.

"The Lord has risen indeed . . . and they shall call his name Emmanuel."

~Luke 24:34 & Matthew 1:23

CHRIST IS RISEN

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

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

Matt Maher | Mia Fielder

OLD TESTAMENT READING

¹⁵Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things! ¹⁶The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things! ¹⁷I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. ¹⁸The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death. ¹⁹Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. ²⁰This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. ²¹I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. ²²The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; ²³the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

~Psalm 118:15-24

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Church. Please meet your teacher in the lobby.

DOXOLOGY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERMON TEXT

The public reading of the Scriptures reminds us of the truth that can only be found in God's Word.

³⁶As they were saying these things, he himself stood in their midst. He said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and terrified and thought they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸"Why are you troubled?" he asked them. "And why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself! Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." ⁴⁰Having said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹But while they still were amazed and in disbelief because of their joy, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴²So they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴He told them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He also said to them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for forgiveness of sins will be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

¹⁹When it was evening on that first day of the week, the disciples were gathered together with the doors locked because they feared the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you."

~Luke 24:36-48, John 20:19 CSB

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you are the same yesterday, today, and forever. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Give us the grace to live out your promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SERMON

The sermon is a time to hear God's Word explained and applied. Sermons at Emmanuel encourage us to depend on the finished work of Christ rather than self-reliance or self-justification.

STORYBOOK ENDING

REV. YOUNG LEE

TESTIMONY

Geoffrey Ensley

OFFERING

The offering is our grateful acknowledgement of trust and worship of the God who owns everything and withholds nothing. If you give online, consider contributing a dollar or loose change as a tangible act of worship.

BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

High King of heaven thy vict'ry is won
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Since we are forgiven in Christ, confession is an honest word of grace and not an exercise in shame.

Jesus, who can fully grasp this resurrection news? Like the disciples, we are still caught off guard, resurrection seeming stranger than fiction. With all who doubt and struggle, we pray that you would capture our hearts with the glory of your resurrection.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are forgiven in Christ! Using the words of Scripture reinforce that our assurance is based on God's declaration and promises.

"Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory?" "O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

~1 Corinthians 15

COMMUNION

This is the Lord's table, not Emmanuel's, and is open to all who have a sincere faith in Jesus and have joined themselves to the visible body of Christ. The Lord's Supper isn't simply a memorial, but is also a time of real grace imparted and received in union with God. Gluten free wafers available at communion table.

IS HE WORTHY?

Do you feel the world is broken? *Response: We do*

Do you feel the shadows deepen? *Response: We do*

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through?

Response: We do

Do you wish that you could see it all made new?

Response: We do

Is all creation groaning? *Response: It is*

Is a new creation coming? *Response: It is*

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst?

Response: It is

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?

Response: It is

Chorus:

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, He is David's Root

And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy, is He worthy

Of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? He is

Does the Father truly love us? *Response: He does*

Does the Spirit move among us? *Response: He does*

And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves

Response: He does

Does our God intend to dwell again with us?

Response: He does

Chorus 2:

Is anyone worthy, is anyone whole

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, He is David's Root

And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue

He has made us a kingdom and priests

To God to reign with the Son, is He worthy, is He worthy

Of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy, is He worthy,

Is He worthy of this? He is

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CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY (HE IS NOT DEAD)

Christ the Lord is risen today alleluia

Sons of men and angels say alleluia

Raise your joys and triumphs high alleluia

Sing ye heavens and earth reply alleluia

Lives again our glorious King alleluia

Where oh death is now thy sting alleluia

Dying once He all doth save alleluia

Where thy victory oh grave alleluia

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

Soar we now where Christ has led alleluia
Following our exalted Head alleluia
Made like Him like Him we rise alleluia
Ours the cross the grave the skies alleluia

Charles Wesley | Kurtis Parks | Samuel Arnold

BENEDICTION

Benediction literally means "good word." It is a pronouncement of grace and blessing as we are sent, that we would live out the Christian life solely because God is with us.

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. ~Numbers 6:24-26

After the service, a male and female leader of Emmanuel will be available to pray for any concerns you have, through the door on the right of the stage.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keeping Connected

If you're new to Emmanuel, we'd like to stay in touch! Please fill out a Keeping Connected card in the bulletin or on our church app. On the app, click on "Get Connected" and then "Get Connected".

The Case For Easter

Want to learn about historical evidence for the Resurrection? In the foyer, be sure to pick up a complimentary copy of "The Case for Easter" by legal journalist Lee Strobel.

Birth Announcement

Hannah and George Hwangbo welcomed Zoe Paloma on March 23! To help with meals please visit this link: bit.ly/hwangbos

Birth Announcement

Allen and Sonali Joel welcomed Zara Anjali on March 13! To help with meals please visit this link: bit.ly/4auTNnj

Youth Group Girls Bowling - April 3

The youth group girls are invited to go bowling! Meet at Bowlero in Falls Church at 7pm. RSVP to Molly Harnish at mollyharnish@gmail.com.

Nursery and Preschool Breakfast - April 7

Invites for a Nursery and Preschool Breakfast on April 7 have been sent out. If you did not receive one, please email Angela Na at ana@emmanuelarlington.org; if you plan to attend, please RSVP to the invite by April 1.

Congregational Lunch - April 14

Emmanuel is invited to a congregational lunch at Rivendell immediately after worship service! We ask that everyone bring a large side dish to share.

Bake cookies for CRU-Marymount University Students - April 14

Join us right after Congregational Lunch to bake cookies that will go into care packages for the CRU college students. Let's encourage the Marymount students during exam week! Reach out to Kristine Leiphart at kristine.Leiphart@gmail.com and Molly Harnish at mollyharnish@gmail.com if you have questions, ideas, or would like to drop off baked goods on April 14.