



HE IS NOT HERE: FOR HE IS RISEN.

# Easter Sunday

## **PRELIMINARIES: WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## **WE GIVE GLORY TO GOD**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP: "1 PETER 1:3"**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

### **HYMN OF ACCLAMATION: "IT WAS FINISHED UPON THAT CROSS"**

How I love the voice of Jesus, On the Cross of Calvary  
He declares his work is finished, He has spoken this hope to me  
Though the sun had ceased its shining, Though the war appeared as lost  
Christ had triumphed over evil, It was finished upon that Cross

Now the curse it has been broken, Jesus paid the price for me  
Full, the pardon he has offered, Great, the welcome that I receive  
Boldly I approach my Father – Clothed in Jesus' righteousness  
There is no more guilt to carry, It was finished upon that Cross

Death was once my great opponent, Fear once had a hold on me  
But the Son who died to save us, Rose that we would be free indeed!

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But the Son who died to save us, Rose that we would be free indeed!  
Yes He Rose that we would be free indeed!

Free from every plan of darkness, Free to live and free to love  
Death is dead and Christ is risen! It was finished upon that Cross  
Onward to eternal glory, To my Savior and my God  
I rejoice in Jesus' victory, It was finished upon that Cross

# WE MOURN THE REALITY OF SIN

## HYMN OF CONFESSION: "HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!"

Man of Sorrows! what a name, For the Son of God who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim, Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, In my place condemned He stood  
He sealed my pardon with His blood, Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless me; Spotless Lamb of God was He  
Full atonement! can it be? Hallelujah! What Savior!

Lifted up was He to die; "It is finished!" was His cry;  
Now in Heaven exalted high Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, All His ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

O God of our Exodus – Great was the joy of Israel when Egypt died upon  
the shore. Far greater the joy when our Redeemer's foe lay crushed in the  
dust! Jesus strides forth from the grave as the victor: conqueror of death,  
hell, and all opposing forces. He bursts the bands of death, tramples the  
powers of darkness down, and lives forever.

### **Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

He payed our debts; rose from the grave; and triumphed over sin, Satan,  
and death. The claims of the Father's justice are satisfied. The devil's  
rule is shriveled up! His wrongful throne is overturned.

### **Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

O Holy Spirit, give us assurance that in Christ we have died, and that in  
Christ we have risen again! In his life we live; in his victory we triumph;  
and in his ascension we will be glorified when he comes again.

## **Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

Jesus: You who were once lifted up on a cross are now lifted to the Father's side in heaven. You – a man of sorrows crowned with thorns – are now Lord of Life wreathed in eternal glory.

Once, no shame was as deep as yours. No agony was more bitter; no death was more cruel. Now, no exaltation is more high; no life more glorious; no advocate more effective.

## **Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

What more can be done than what you have already done! Your death is our life; your resurrection is our peace; Your ascension is our hope; and Your prayers are our comfort.

## **Hallelujah! What a Savior! Amen.**

# **WE CELEBRATE CHRIST AS OUR REDEEMER**

## **HYMN OF REDEMPTION: "ALL HAIL KING JESUS"**

There was a moment when the lights went out  
When death had claimed its victory  
The King of Love had given up His life,  
The darkest day in history

There on a cross they made for sinners  
For every curse His blood atoned  
One final breath and it was finished  
But not the end we could have known

For the earth began to shake, and the veil was torn  
What sacrifice was made, as the heavens roared

## **Chorus**

All hail King Jesus, all hail the Lord of Heaven and earth  
All hail King Jesus, all hail the Savior of the world

There was a moment when the sky lit up

A flash of light breaking through  
When all was lost He crossed eternity  
The King of life was on the move

For in a dark, cold tomb where our Lord was laid  
One miraculous breath and we're forever changed - **Chorus 2x**

Let every knee, come bow before the King of Kings  
Let every tongue, confess that He is Lord  
Lift up your shout, let us join with all of Heaven singing Holy,  
Singin' Holy, cry out Holy, singin' Holy - **Chorus**

### **5-MINUTE BREAK**

In addition to taking children to Ridge Kids and using the restroom, take time to meet/greet one another. "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

### **SCRIPTURE READING: "EPHESIANS 2:1-10"**

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins **2** in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — **3** among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. **4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, **5** even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— **6** and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **7** so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **8** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9** not a result of works, so that no one may boast. **10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

## **SERMON: "EASTER 2026: ALIVE TOGETHER WITH CHRIST "**

### **DAVIS LACEY - EPHESIANS 2:1-10**

**Main Point:** Christ's resurrection changes everything for us – not just “one day,” but also, “today.”

- Christ's resurrection changes everything for us “one day” (vv. 1-9)
- Christ's resurrection changes everything for us “today” (v. 10)

**Romans 6:23:** “The wages of sin is death...”

**Romans 5:12:** “Sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.”

**Lamentations 3:33:** “For he does not afflict from his heart, or grieve the children of man.”

### **1 Corinthians 11:17-32**

<sup>17</sup> But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. <sup>18</sup> For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, <sup>19</sup> for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. <sup>20</sup> When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. <sup>21</sup> For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. <sup>22</sup> What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup> In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup> Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup> That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup> But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

## WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

### HYMN OF RESPONSE: "TASTE AND SEE (THE LOVE OF CHRIST)"

Son of God and Son of man, Word enveloped in our skin  
Known in all ways but our sin, Savior we remember  
Walked the way of suffering, a cross that cost Him everything  
What could match His offering, praise His name forever

#### **Chorus**

Oh, come to the altar, feast without price  
Drink from the blessing cup, break the bread of life  
In Him we live and never die, Taste and see the love of Christ

Buried in a darkened grave, resurrected in three days  
Reigning on the throne of grace, Savior we remember

He will come upon the clouds, soon with mighty trumpet sounds  
Every knee on Earth will bow, praise His name forever - **Chorus**

How marvelous, how wonderful, and my song shall ever be  
How marvelous, how wonderful, is my Savior's love for me - **2x**

#### **Final Chorus**

Won't you come to the altar, feast without price  
Drink from the blessing cup, break the bread of life  
In Him we live and never die, Taste and see the love of Christ  
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## **HYMN OF NEW CREATION: "TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS"**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace

Turn your eyes to the hillside, where justice and mercy embraced  
There the Son of God gave His life for us  
And our measureless debt was erased

### **Chorus**

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes; Jesus, our glory and our prize  
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the morning, and see Christ the lion awake  
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone  
For we carry His life in our veins - **Chorus**

Turn your eyes to the heavens, our King will return for His own  
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout  
All glory to Jesus alone - **Chorus**

# WAYS TO GIVE

- **Cash:** place cash securely into one of the offering boxes at the back of the room. If you would like a record of your contribution, please be sure to place the cash into one of our offering envelopes and fill out the appropriate contact information.
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- **Stock:** arrangements for donation of stock can also be made by contacting Jill Connor with Charles Schwab at [jconner@jamisonwealth.com](mailto:jconner@jamisonwealth.com) or (678) 273-7320.

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## **Roster of Missional Communities**

*Reach out to one of the leaders listed below to learn the specific rhythms of our different Missional Communities!*

### **Sunday Mornings (8:45a)**

Scott and Jeannie Miller (jeanniem165@gmail.com | 678.320.8310)

Doug and Leigh Colburn (770.364.5325) and Janice and Randy Durden (706.273.9147)

Bryan and Shannon Thomas ([StPatrick1330@yahoo.com](mailto:StPatrick1330@yahoo.com) | Bryan: 808-342-4288 | Shannon: 808-342-4287)

### **Sunday Afternoons (1-2:30p at the Kiscunas')**

Pete & Maria Kiscunas (Pete: 678-480-6096 | [mkiscunas5@gmail.com](mailto:mkiscunas5@gmail.com) - Maria: 678-524-0424) and Pete Westrick (731-607-6962 | [pjw629@icloud.com](mailto:pjw629@icloud.com))

### **Wednesday Evenings (5:30p)**

Damon and Samantha Gabriel (404-408-0673 | [samantha@artfulellijay.com](mailto:samantha@artfulellijay.com))

## **NEW WITH US? GET CONNECTED!**

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## **UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:**

Grab a Missions Memo to keep up with other dates/opportunities to be involved

**April 12** - Baptism Sunday

**April 18** - Seeing Jesus Together Training

**April 25** - Ridgelines Class Intensive from 9a - 1p, with lunch served.

### **Baptism Sunday**

*Autumn Ridge Community Church will celebrate baptisms during worship on Sunday, April 12. If you have questions about baptism, or if you are interested in pursuing baptism on April 12, please contact Davis Lacey at [davis@autumnridgecommunitychurch.com](mailto:davis@autumnridgecommunitychurch.com).*

### **Seeing Jesus Together Training**

Ted Sinn, the Founder of Seeing Jesus Together, will be in-house with Autumn Ridge Community Church on **Saturday, April 18 | 2pm - 5pm**. You are invited to join us for an interactive workshop that will explain the use and benefits of the Seeing Jesus Together Journal. This training is ideal for people who want to develop more meaningful devotional rhythms, as well as for those who intend to participate in a Transformation Group now or in the future.

In order to prepare our childcare and facility logistics, please RSVP below by **Sunday, April 12**.

### **Ridgelines Class Intensive**

On Saturday, April 25, Autumn Ridge Community Church will host an "intensive" version of its Ridgelines Class between 9a - 1p at The Victory Christian Center. Childcare will be provided, and lunch will be served. To learn more, please email Peter Reale ([membership@autumnridgecommunitychurch.com](mailto:membership@autumnridgecommunitychurch.com)).