

A detailed botanical illustration of several lilies in various stages of bloom, rendered in a light teal color against a darker teal background. The lilies have long, pointed petals and prominent stamens. The illustration is spread across the entire page, with some flowers in the foreground and others in the background, creating a sense of depth.

EASTER SUNDAY

# SUNRISE SERVICE

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MEMPHIS BOTANIC GARDEN

APRIL 21, 2019

## Thank you for worshipping with us this Easter morning!

Today we celebrate our Lord's resurrection from the dead. A belief in Jesus' resurrection is waning even among those who profess to be Christians. So you might ask: Why is it that we believe in His bodily resurrection?

### Here are four reasons:

- **The Prophetic Scriptures:** The historical event of Jesus' resurrection occurred to fulfill the promises of the Old Testament Scriptures. A Jewish man who knew the Old Testament well and who initially hated Jesus and persecuted Christians wrote: Jesus "was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures" (I Corinthians 15:4). Some of these Old Testament verses would include Psalm 16:10 and Isaiah 53:10.
- **The Empty Tomb:** We can identify the tombs of the founders of other religions. However, the angel's wonderful words to the women at Jesus' tomb have reverberated down through the centuries: "He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead" (Matthew 28:6-7a).
- **The Eyewitnesses:** There are many eyewitnesses who validate the historical event of Jesus' resurrection. We know that over 500 people saw Jesus in His resurrected body.
- **Transformed Lives:** The last reason we believe in the resurrection is the transformed lives of Christ's followers through the centuries. Violent persecutors like Saul became fervent preachers of the Gospel. Those who were naturally cowards became bold as lions as they willingly died a martyr's death for Christ.

What difference should the resurrection of Jesus Christ make in our lives?

First of all, the resurrection of Jesus Christ revolutionizes how we view death. Many people live in denial of their own mortality. In fact, Sigmund Freud said, "Death is a painful riddle... for which no remedy at all has yet been found, nor probably ever will be." For those who trust in Jesus, death is no longer a final, fatal and painful riddle. II Corinthians 4:14 says, "knowing that He (God) who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence." Death is not the end for a follower of Jesus.

Secondly, the resurrection of Jesus Christ revolutionizes our reason for living. We no longer fear a life of futility. We no longer live strictly for ourselves. We live for Him who died and rose again on our behalf (II Corinthians 5:15).

Leo Tolstoy posited a question that almost brought him to the brink of suicide. He asked, "What will come of what I do today or tomorrow? What will come of my entire life? Is there any meaning in my life that will not be annihilated by the inevitability of death which awaits me?"

The resurrection of Jesus Christ proves that there is a purpose for your life that death cannot destroy. Through simply receiving Jesus Christ as Your crucified and resurrected Savior, you will enjoy a life-giving relationship with the God who made you and who was willing to pay an incredible price to rescue you from peril and to bring you into His presence to live forever and ever.

This is why we celebrate Easter!

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Welcome to the Sunrise Service,  
hosted by Second Presbyterian Church.  
May our worship open our hearts to God's love,  
our eyes to God's beauty, our minds to God's truth,  
and our wills to God's service.

**Christ Is Risen!**

BAGPIPE PRELUDE

EASTER INTROIT: "Were You There?" ..... Spiritual

*Words and Music: African-American Spiritual*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble.  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Were you there when He rose up from the grave?  
Were you there when He rose up from the grave?  
Oh, sometimes I feel like shouting, "Glory!"  
Were you there when He rose up from the grave?

*Christy Young, soloist*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Brett Wynne

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The Lord is our strength and our song;

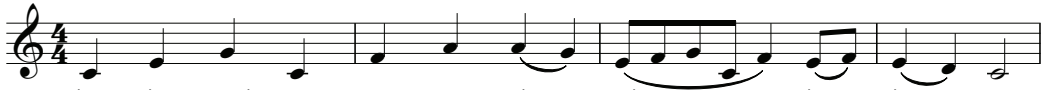
**He has become our salvation.**

For Christ is risen!

**He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

♠HYMN: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" . . . . . EASTER HYMN

Words: Charles Wesley / Music: Lyra Davidica; arr. Campbell / I Corinthians 15:57



1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!



Earth and heaven in cho - rus say, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where, O Death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fol - lowing our ex - al - ted Head, Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ has o - pened pa - ra - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where's thy vic - tory, boas - ting grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

♠INVOCATION (please lift hands)

♠RESURRECTION LITANY . . . Adapted from Revelation 1:17-18; 2 Timothy 1:10b; John 11:25-26

We praise You, O reigning Lord, for reassuring us when we suffer:

**"To fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one.  
I died, and behold I am alive forevermore,  
and I have the keys of death and the grave."**

We adore You, O risen Savior, for You have abolished death

**and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.**

We magnify You, O living Christ, for You declare:

**"I am the resurrection and the life.  
Whoever believes in me, even though he die, yet shall he live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."**

◆HYMN: "In Christ Alone". . . . . Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

*Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend / Philippians 3:8-9*



1. In Christ a - lone, my hope is found; He is my  
 2. In Christ a - lone, Who took on flesh, full - ness of  
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner-stone, this sol - id  
 God in help - less Babe; This gift of love and right-eous -  
 world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm;  
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save;  
 day, up from the grave He rose a - gain;  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny;



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are  
 'Til on that cross, as Je - sus died, the wrath of  
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease; My Com - fort - er, my All in  
 God was sat - is - fied, for ev - 'ry sin on Him was  
 lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is  
 pluck me from His hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me



all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 laid; Here in the death of Christ I stand.  
 mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

GOSPEL LESSON. . . . . Matthew 27:62-66

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY: "After Three Days I Will Rise" . . . . . David Bowen

♠HYMN: "Alleluia, Alleluia!" . . . . . ODE TO JOY

Words: Christopher Woodsworth

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven; arr. Campbell / I Corinthians 15:20



1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise.  
2. Christ is ris - en, Christ the first-fruits of the ho - ly har - vest yield,  
3. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
which will all its full a - bun-dance at his sec - ond com - ing yield.  
al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior, who has won the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic - tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled,  
Then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,  
al - le - lu - ia! to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;



Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.  
rip - ened by his glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

♠BENEDICTION (please lift hands)

♠BAGPIPE POSTLUDE

♠Indicates congregation standing

## Second Presbyterian Church

This service and the reception to follow are hosted by Second Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of Poplar and Goodlett. We invite you to contact one of the pastors listed in the box below to find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community.

If you'd like to learn more about the reason for Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection, complimentary copies of the *New Testament* and *He Did This Just for You* are available inside the reception area.

We invite you to worship with us on campus later this morning during one of our Easter services at 8:00, 9:30, or 11:00 a.m.

## Worship with Us on Sundays

**Mornings:** 8:15 or 11:00 a.m. | **Evenings:** 6:00 p.m.

For more information, visit our website at [2pc.org](http://2pc.org) or call (901) 454-0034. Also, follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @2pcmemphis.

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Thank you to our instrumentalists, directed by Stephanie Hancock: Ben Kempker, bagpipe; Alex Schuettrumpf, Will Paladino, and Yiming Zhang, trumpet; Greg Luscombe, Nathan DuVall, and Martin McCain, trombone.



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