

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD / EASTER SUNDAY

Call to Worship

One: Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here. He has been raised!

All: Alleluia!

One: Come, with amazement and great joy. Come, with wonder and praise.

All: Let us shout the good news!

One: Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed!

Hymn #232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
 who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
 who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
 Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
 Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

Like the women who came to your tomb as the first day of the week was dawning and found the tomb empty, we have such good news to tell. For you, Lord, have cast off your grave clothes and shattered the powers of sin and death. Risen Lord, forgive us for our half-hearted witness. Free us from the bindings of fear or indifference, disappointment or disenchantment. Fill us with the light of resurrection and send us into the world to proclaim in word and deed that we have seen the Lord!

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe and live the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

1 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.

4 For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.

6 He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."

8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

9 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.

10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Homily "Do Not Be Afraid"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen

Anthem *Easter (from Five Mystical Songs)*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Marilyn Wilkins, soprano

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise with him may'st rise;
That, as his death calcined thee to dust, His life may make thee gold, and much more, Just.
Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part with all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound his name who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key is best to celebrate this most high day.
Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song pleasant and long:
Or since all music is but three parts vied, and multiplied;
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part, and make up our defects with his sweet art.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

A wooden cross has been erected on the front circle drive of the church. Everyone is invited to drive by on Easter Sunday and place fresh flowers on the cross as a sign of Christ's victory over death.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received today. Your gifts will support the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self Development of People, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Checks may be mailed to the church at FPC Pasadena, 4647 Preston Avenue, Pasadena, TX 77505 or gifts made be made online at our website www.fpcpasadena.org.

Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Health concerns: Louis McCaleb; Jimmy Gilchrest; Luis Alvarez; Donna Morrison; Bill McPhail; Jim Tinney; Edith Langdon; Jane Christopher; Mary Knapik.

Loss of loved one: Frances Jamison family