

Sunday, 17 April 2022

Today's preacher is:
Jerry Middleton

What I received I passed on to you as of first importance
1 Corinthians 15:3 (NIV)

Morning Service

Welcome and Notices

Praise

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan,
wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, 'Where is He laid?'
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
will sound till He appears,
for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,
honour and blessing, glory and praise
to the King crowned with power and authority!
And we are raised with Him,
death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
and we shall reign with Him,
for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

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Prayer

Reading

Acts 2:22-24

²²“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

Easter Hunt 1

Praise

Come on, come in, everybody,
there is a God who is worthy
of all our praise – He alone is Lord.
Come on and join with creation,

let everything shout to praise Him:
glory to Christ – He’s the one who made us.
*Lift up your voices to heaven’s King,
bow down before His throne.
Our perfect Saviour died for our sin,
Hallelujah!
Praise to Jesus Christ the King.*

Come on, come in, all you weary,
come on and find rest with Jesus.
He is the one who can heal your soul.
Come on and join with the angels,
praising the Lamb who was faithful,
giving His life – He’s the one who saved us.
Lift up your voices to heaven’s King...

Come on, you saints, keep believing,
gather to hear the Lord speaking,
humble your hearts, tremble at His voice.
Come in with joy for the future,
He will renew heaven and earth.
Jesus is Lord – He’s the one who’ll raise us.
Lift up your voices to heaven’s king...

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Easter Hunt 2

Prayer

Praise

He lives! He lives! Jesus the Saviour.
*He lives! He lives! He rose from the grave.
And He’s mighty, mighty, mighty,
mighty, mighty, mighty,
mighty, mighty, mighty,
mighty, mighty to save!*

Jesus died upon the cross,
they laid Him in the grave.
Three days later Sunday came
the stone was rolled away.
Hear the angels say:
He lives! He lives! Jesus the Saviour. ..

Jesus is the only way,
He breaks the power of sin.
All who come believing
are gonna rise again like Him.
Hear the angels sing:
He lives! He lives! Jesus the Saviour. ..

Colin Buchanan

Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers

and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

Message

Why Jesus Matters

Prayer

Praise

Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes,
where Thy body lay.
*Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly He greets us,
scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting.
Thine be the glory...

No more we doubt Thee,
glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without Thee:
aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors,
through Thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan
to Thy home above.
Thine be the glory...

Edmond Budry 1854-1932

Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen

Evening Service

Welcome and Notices

Praise

Come, people of the risen King,
who delight to bring Him praise;

come all and tune your hearts to sing
to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to Him,
where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in.
*Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
and those weeping through the night;
come, those who tell of battles won,
and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
and His mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days
with the certain hope of peace.
Rejoice, Rejoice...

Come, young and old from every land -
men and women of the faith;
come, those with full or empty hands -
find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing -
shore to shore we hear them call
the Truth that cries through every age:
"Our God is all in all!"
Rejoice, Rejoice...

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Prayer

Reading

John 20:1-10

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ²So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Praise

Jesus Christ is risen today, Hallelujah!

Our triumphant holy day, Hallelujah!
Who did once, upon the Cross, Hallelujah!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!

Hymns of praise, then, let us sing Hallelujah!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Hallelujah!
Who endured the Cross and grave, Hallelujah!
Sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!

But the anguish He endured, Hallelujah!
Our salvation hath procured; Hallelujah!

Now above the sky He's King, Hallelujah!
Where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!

Sing we to our God above, Hallelujah!
Praise eternal as His love; Hallelujah!
Praise Him, all ye heavenly host, Hallelujah!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

Lyra Davidica 1708

Reading

Isaiah 26:1-4

In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

We have a strong city;
God makes salvation
its walls and ramparts.

²Open the gates
that the righteous nation may enter,
the nation that keeps faith.

³You will keep in perfect peace
those whose minds are steadfast,
because they trust in you.

⁴Trust in the LORD forever,
for the LORD, the LORD himself, is the Rock eternal.

Prayer

Message

A Strong City

Prayer

Praise

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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Benediction

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the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen

Calendar for April

Sundays 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

Morning Service at 11am
Evening Service at 6.30pm

Wednesdays 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

mainly music at 10am (20th and 27th only)
ReLaunch at 12.30pm

Saturdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Prayer Meeting on Zoom at 7pm

Also

Tuesday 5th: Leadership Team Meeting at 7pm on Zoom

Tuesday 12th: Elders' Meeting at 7.30pm on Zoom

Friday 15th: Good Friday Service at 7.30pm

Thursday 21st: Deacons' Meeting at 7.30pm on Zoom

Friday 22nd: Young Adults at 7.30pm

Tuesday 26th: Leadership Team Meeting at 7pm in the Hall

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