



Easter Sunday Service
Sunday, April 4, 2021
Faith Presbyterian Church
Sierra Vista, AZ



PRELUDE “*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*” - Traditional
Recorded March 2020 Organ/Piano Duet – Sharon Keene & Janis Wheat

WELCOME One: This is the day that the Lord has made!
All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!!

INTROIT “*Christ is Alive!* #246

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: This day is like every other day.

All: Alarm clocks beeped. Covers were removed.
Coffee was brewed. Weary bodies came to life.

One: And yet this day, is like no other day—

All: For the sun rose, and we knew it was a miracle.
The tomb was empty, and they knew it was love.

One: So again and again we say—

All: The longest night is over. Death has lost its sting.
Jesus is among us. Alleluia! Amen.

One: Again and again and again—

All: Alleluia! Amen.

OPENING HYMN “*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*”

*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, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath 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!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have wandered from your ways, wasted your gifts, and forgotten to share your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and stay true to your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Beloved friends, before God and before each other let us remember:

You are forgiven.

God's love is like the sun.

No matter how lost we are in the night,

Day after day, the light will find you.

Rest easy. You are held in God's warmth. Amen.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Amen!

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Heather Carter (Online Service)

SPECIAL MUSIC - *"Crown Him, The Risen King!"* - Larson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE - THE EPISTLES **Romans 6: 3-11**

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

SCRIPTURE – THE GOSPELS **Mark 16: 1-8**

After the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene, Salome, and Mary the mother of James bought some spices to put on Jesus' body. ²Very early on Sunday morning, just as the sun was coming up, they went to the tomb. ³On their way, they were asking one another, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance for us?" ⁴But when they looked, they saw that the stone had already been rolled away. And it was a huge stone! ⁵The women went into the tomb, and on the right side they saw a young man in a white robe sitting there. They were alarmed. ⁶The man said, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus from Nazareth, who was nailed to a cross. God has raised him to life, and he isn't here. You can see the place where they put his body. ⁷Now go and tell his disciples, and especially Peter, that he will go ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you." ⁸When the women ran from the tomb, they were confused and shaking all over. They were too afraid to tell anyone what had happened.

SERMON ***"The Sun Rises"***

RESPONSE – Apostle’s 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.

DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

CLOSING HYMN

“The Day of Resurrection”

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***The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.***

***Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the victor strain.***

***Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph and all that is there-in.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.***

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *“Thine is the Glory”* #238 Verse 1

*Thine is the glory risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death has won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.*

POSTLUDE - *“Christ Arose”* - Lowry

~ Following the parking lot service, there will be a children’s Easter Parade! ~

PARTICIPANTS:

Rev. Renée Rico - Pastor
Elder Fred Whitley - Worship Leader Online Service
Deacon Paul Lewis - Worship Leader Parking Lot Service
Elder Heather Carter - Children’s Time
Janis Wheat - Piano and Organ
Elder Paul Hay - Video-Tech
Elder Judy Mayhew - Photos

NO ZOOM COFFEE HOUR ON EASTER

RADIO STATION FREQUENCY FOR PARKING LOT SERVICE - 91.9