

HopeCC Heights Online Service
April 12 EASTER - 10am - Facebook Live

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Communion Next week

BYOBW - Bring Your Own Bread and Wine

OPENING READING

Leader:

A reading from God's Word, Mathew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Leader: He is Risen!

Everyone: He is Risen, Indeed.

SING TOGETHER

Christ The Lord, Is Risen Today

Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Al - le - lu - ia

All creation joins to say, Al - le - lu - ia

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al - le - lu - ia

Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Al - le - lu - ia

Lives again our glorious King, Al - le - lu - ia

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al – le – lu – ia
Dying once He all doth save, Al – le – lu – ia
Where thy vic - tory, O grave? Al – le – lu – ia

Love's redeeming work is done, Al – le – lu – ia
Fought the fight, the battle won, Al – le – lu – ia
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Al – le – lu – ia
Christ hath opened Para - dise, Al – le – lu – ia

Soar we now where Christ has led, Al – le – lu – ia
Following our exalted Head, Al – le – lu – ia
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al – le – lu – ia
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al – le – lu – ia

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Saviour say
Thy strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in me thine all in all.

Jesus paid it all.
All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

Lord now indeed I find
Thy power and thine alone
Can change the lepers spots
And melt the heart of stone

Jesus paid it all.
All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

And when before the throne
I stand in him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

Jesus paid it all.
All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

Oh praise the one who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead. (x4)

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SERMON

He Is Risen!

Death brings Fear, Life brings Joy.

Baby Chicks aren't Jesus.

Matthew 28:1-10

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

Fear of vs. Joy from

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Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷

'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " 8 Then they remembered his words.

Looking for Life is death.

Control, Comfort, Power, Security from ourselves or creation.

"It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."

C.S. Lewis - The Weight of Glory

Psalm 86:1-13

¹¹ Teach me your way, Lord,
that I may rely on your faithfulness;
give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name.

¹² I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;
I will glorify your name forever.

¹³ For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the depths,
from the realm of the dead.

Further Reflection and Discussion

- Do you know that Jesus, who conquered death and sin, offers you life? Will you cling to Life or death today?
- What are your greatest fears today? Where are you looking for life and finding death? What do you need to turn from and put hope in Jesus?
- Who helps you cling to Jesus? Who is playing the mud with you and who is inviting you to the ocean?
- Who do you know who needs to know that there's something better than playing in mud?

COMMUNION

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ 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." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Cor. 11:23-26

PRAYERS of the Church

Eph. 3:14-21