

Celebrations!

Sunday, April 15, 2018 - 10:45 a.m.

As We Gather

“Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song” (Psalm 95:1-2).

Welcome & Community Greeting

Opening Song (Remain standing) “The Cross is Not the End of the Story” Tony Spelde

Refrain F C F C F C

The cross is not the end of the sto - ry If it were our

D G F C F C F C

hope dis - ap - pears The cross is not the end of the sto - ry Je - sus lives and de -

F C C susC C susC F C G C

stroys all our fears *After last verse, repeat refrain* 1. At the cross His fol - low - ers tremb - led
2. At the tomb asked "Why are you cry - ing
3. At the tomb ev - ry thing chang - es

F C D G F C

Je - sus Christ was at death's door At the tomb
Tell me Who you're look - ing for?" We im - plore
He brought hope to all who des - pair Je - sus lives the

E Am F C F C C FC FG *C to refra*

ev - 'ry thing changes Je - sus lives and reigns ev - er - more! The
where was He tak - en Je - sus spoke and our hopes soared
tomb is now emp - ty He's a - live and He is not there!

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, who created our bodies;
in the name of the ☩ Son, who by His blood redeemed our bodies;
in the name of the Holy Spirit, who by Baptism sanctified our bodies to be His temple;
keep us to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

C: Amen.

Gathering Prayer

Our Shared Confession of God

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 Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

✠ God's Word for Us ✠

First Reading *(Please be seated)*

"To This We Are Witnesses"

Acts 3:11-20

¹¹While [man who had been healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?" ¹³"The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus,

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

"See What Kind of Love the Father Has Given to Us"

1 John 3:1-3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." — Matthew 4:4

Gospel Procession and Song *(Please stand)* **“Christ is Risen He is Risen Indeed”** *Getty/Cash*
(While the verse is sung, the Gospel procession moves into the center of the congregation. The congregation stands and faces the cross in the center. The Gospel is read from our midst to symbolize the Risen Christ standing among us with the good news of His victory.)



How can it be the One who died has borne our sin thru sac-ri-fice to con-quer ev-ry
 sting of death Sing sing Hal-le-lu-jah Christ is ri-sen He is
 ris-en in-deed Oh sing hal-le-lu-jah Join the cho-rus sing
 with the re-deemed Christ is ris-en He's ris-en in-deed.

Holy Gospel

“Why Are You Troubled?”

Luke 24:36-48

³⁶As [the disciples] were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Gospel Procession and Song *(cont.)*

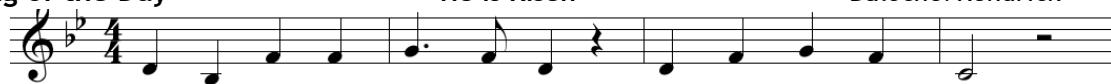
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| <p>1 The power that raised Him from the grave
 Now works in us to powerfully save
 He frees our hearts to live His grace
 Go tell of His goodness</p> | <p>2 Christ is risen He is risen indeed
 Oh sing hallelujah
 Join the chorus sing with the redeemed
 Christ is risen He is risen indeed</p> |
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Children’s Message *(Please be seated)*

Song of the Day

"He is Risen"

Baloche/Kendrick



Ear - ly morn - ing break of dawn stum - bling to the tomb;
Sing with all cre - a - tion sing of a world made new



Stand - ing awe - struck won - d'ring who rolled a - way the stone And as the
End - less life we too may live burst - ing from the tomb And look - ing



sun came up a - mazed they looked in side and saw an an - gel clothed in
up we see our King en - throned on high His wounds of love now glo - ri



light Don't be a - fraid He is a live He is ris - en
fied Re - jice for soon He'll burst the skies!



Hal - le - lu - jah Hal - le lu - jah Christ is ris - en Let the whole world



sing Christ is ris - en Christ is ris - en



from the dead.

After second verse:

He is ris-en Hal-le-lu-jah Hal-le lu-jah Christ is ris-en Let the whole world sing
He is ris-en Hal-le-lu-jah Hal-le lu-jah Christ is ris-en Let the whole world sing
Christ is ris-en Christ is ris-en Christ is ris-en from the dead.

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1) In the midst of all the disciples' _____, Jesus _____.

³⁶ As they were talking about *these things*, Jesus stood among them, and said, “Peace to you!” ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ He said, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? (Luke 24:36-38).

2) For all our _____, he gives _____ to _____.

a. _____ Evidence

³⁹ “See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ... ⁴¹ While they still disbelieved for joy...he said, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them (Luke 24:39, 41-43).

b. _____ Evidence

⁴⁴ “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” (Luke 24:44).

3) If Jesus _____, then our lives have _____.

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things” (Luke 24:45-48).

✝ Thanking Him with Our Lives ✝

Pastoral Greeting & Rite of Fellowship

(Welcome! Please add your name to the fellowship pad.)

Ministry Moment

“Sr. High Youth Ministry”

Sam Troemel

Gathering of Offerings

(As an act of worship and thanksgiving, we offer to God what He has first given to us: the first and best of our lives, time, talents and financial gifts.

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Special Music

“Fruit of the Spirit”

Calvary K-2 Choir

Note: To provide an atmosphere of worship, we kindly ask that you refrain from taking photographs or video during the service. Photographs are welcome after the service.

✝ Calling Upon Him in Confession and Prayer ✝

Confession & Absolution *(Please stand)*

Based on Psalm 2 & Psalm 46

P: Almighty God, merciful Father,

C: By nature, we try to take hold of Your authority as God. Both knowingly and unknowingly, we plan, plot, scheme, and try to control our own lives independently of You. We confess that You are God and we are not. For Jesus’ sake, have mercy on us and forgive us, and fill us anew with Your Holy Spirit that our lives may be cared for by You.

P: Our Lord gently reminds us, “Peace! Be still and know that I am God” *(Psalm 46:10)*. Know that our Heavenly Father still loves you! Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayers of the Church & the Lord’s Prayer

L: Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

— Philippians 4:6

✝ Sent with His Blessing ✝

Blessing

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you strong in resurrection faith.

The Lord make His face shine on you and graciously let Easter joy dawn within you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace here in time and in the courts of heaven forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song

“Christ is Risen, Christ is living”

tune: Hymn to Joy

1 Christ is risen, Christ is living.
Dry your tears; be unafraid.
Death and darkness could not hold Him,
Nor the tomb in which He lay.
Do not look among the dead for
One who lives forevermore.
Tell the world that Christ is risen;
Make it known He goes before.

2 If the Lord had never risen,
We'd have nothing to believe.
But His promise can be trusted:
You will live because I live.
As we share the death of Adam,
So in Christ we live again.
Death has lost its sting and terror;
Christ the Lord has come to reign.

3 Death has lost its old dominion;
Let the world rejoice and shout!
Christ, the firstborn of the living,
Gives us life and leads us out.
Let us thank our God who causes
Hope to spring up from the ground.
Christ is risen, Christ is giving
Life eternal, life profound.

Join us this morning in the Narthex to check out a few of the many ministry teams and ministry groups here at Calvary, as we join with others to serve in God's Kingdom here on the southside of Indianapolis.

How is God inviting you to care for your fellow Christians here at Calvary and to serve our community and world?