



Calvary Presbyterian Church
April 12, 2020

Call to Worship

Beloved church, behold the victory of God: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sin and death shall reign no more.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let your hearts be filled with joy.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Hymn: *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!

sinner to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Call to Confession

Jesus' rising from the dead assures us that we, too, have been given new life. Let us repent of our sin, certain of God's mercy. Let us pray together...

Confession

Gracious God, we have heard the good news, how on the third day, Christ rose again. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Lord, come to our rescue. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us

courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of this world. Forgive us, renew us, and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Church, hear the Good News: God, who raised Jesus from the dead, has not give us over to fear and death. You are forgiven, so be at peace.

Because Jesus is alive, we, too, shall live! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Passing the Peace

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

**Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day;
open our lips to tell of the empty tomb;
open our hearts to believe the good news;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson: Mark 16:1-8

The Resurrection of Jesus

1When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' 4When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. 5As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 6But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. 7But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' 8So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Sermon: Good News, Anyone?

Hymn: Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.
Refrain*

*Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.
Refrain*

*We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever.
Refrain*

Prayer of Dedication

We praise you, O God, and give you thanks that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let our lives be proof of that good news. Let all our words and actions, our love and service bear witness to your resurrection power; for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer.

Benediction