



April 4, 2021
10:00 AM

Reflection: “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures....”
(1 Corinthians 15:3, 4).

Call To Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

-based on Luke 24:34

Hymn

In Christ Alone

Words & Music: Stuart Townsend

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;
'Til 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:
'Til he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Invocation

Hymn

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Words and Music: Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, Michael Bleecker, 2013

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes
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Scripture Reading

Psalm 93

Confession of Sin

Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.
-based on Hebrews 4:14, 16

Corporate Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to the weak. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. -1 Corinthians 15:54-57

Hymn

Christ Is Risen

Words & Music: Matt Maher

Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame
But fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to Him who showed great love
And bled for us
Freely you’ve bled for us

Beneath the weight of all our sin
You bowed to none but heaven’s will
No scheme of hell, no scoffer’s crown
No burden great can hold you down
In strength you reign
Forever let your Church proclaim (Chorus)

Chorus:
Christ is risen from the dead
Trampling over death by death
Come awake, come awake
Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead
We are one with Him again
Come awake, come awake
Christ is risen from the grave

O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light
The glory of God has defeated the night
O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light
Our God is not dead
He’s alive! He’s alive! (Chorus)

Prayer

At the conclusion of prayer pray the Lord’s Prayer in unison:

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us

from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sermon

“Encountering the Risen King” John 20:1-18

Wayne Shelton

Hymn of Response

Because He Lives (Amen)

Words & Music: Matt Maher

I believe in the Son
I believe in the risen one
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away (Chorus)

Chorus:
Amen amen, I'm alive
I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen, Let my song
Join the one that never ends
Because He lives

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives every fear is gone
I know He holds my life,
my future in His hands (Chorus)

Affirmation of Faith

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Maker of heaven and earth.*

*and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to
judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day He arose again
from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
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 above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**The word "catholic" refers not to the Roman Catholic Church, but to the universal church of the Lord Jesus Christ.*