



EASTER

SUNDAY SERVICE

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April 20, 2025-Easter

A Reflection Before the Service

The early Christians did not invent the empty tomb and the ‘meetings’ or ‘sightings’ of the risen Jesus in order to explain a faith they already had. They developed that faith because of the occurrence and the convergence of these two phenomena (the empty tomb and the appearances of the risen Jesus). Nobody was expecting this kind of thing; no kind of conversion experience would have invented it, no matter how guilty (or how forgiven) they felt, no matter how many hours they pored over the scriptures. To suggest otherwise is to stop doing history and enter into a fantasy world of our own...

- N.T. Wright, *The Resurrection of the Son of God* (2003, p. 707)

One must keep on pointing out that Christianity is a statement which, if false, is of no importance, and, if true, of infinite importance. The one thing it cannot be is moderately important.

- C.S. Lewis, “Christian Apologetics” in *God in the Dock: Essays on Theology and Ethics* (1970 American Edition)

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship: *The Gospel According to St. Luke (Ch 24)*

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing; and as the women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them,

"Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again."

Reader: Christ is Risen!

People: He is Risen Indeed!

(Prayer)

The Opening Hymns of Praise

8:30 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” (all 4 verses)

#277

“Rejoice! The Lord is King” (vv. 1-3, 5)

#310

11:15 “Ain’t No Grave”

Ely, Helser, Skaggs

Shame is a prison as cruel as a grave
Shame is a robber and he's come to take my name
Love is my redeemer lifting me up from the ground
Love is the power when my freedom song is found

**There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down
There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down
When I hear that trumpet sound I'm gonna rise up out of the ground
There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down**

Fear is a liar with a smooth and velvet tongue
Fear is a tyrant, he's always telling me to run
Love is resurrection and love is a trumpet sound
Love is my weapon I'm gonna take my giants down
(Chorus)

There was a battle, a war between death and life
There on a tree the Lamb of God was crucified
He went on down to hell, He took back every key
He rose up as a lion, now He's setting all the captives free

There ain't no grave could hold His body down
There ain't no grave could hold His body down
When He heard the trumpet sound, He rose up out of the ground
There ain't no grave could hold His body down
There ain't no grave could hold His body down

11:15 “Christ is Risen / The Blessing”

-Wickham

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
For I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see
Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave! Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave

The prodigal is welcomed home, the sinner now a saint
For the God who died came back to life and everything has changed
Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave! Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave

**O death, where is your sting? O fear, where is your pow'r?
The mighty King of kings has disarmed you
Delivered and redeemed, eternal life is ours. O praise His name forever
Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave
Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave
And all throughout eternity our song will be the same
Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave**

And on the day You call me in to heaven's sweet embrace
I'll see Your scars, Your open arms, the beauty of Your face
Through tears of joy I'll lift my voice in everlasting praise
Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave

Amen! Amen! Amen!

The Lord bless you and keep you,
And make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace.

(Repeat)

Amen! Amen! Amen!

The Prayers of God's People

Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection... - Romans 6.4-5

We praise You for claiming us through baptism and for uniting us with the Beloved: (Silence)

We ask that the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ be displayed in us leading to selfless generosity and the newness of life: (Silence)

We pray for the needs of the poor, the lost, the sick and those far from home: (Silence)

In war-torn regions of the world and for places where corruption and violence have led to great suffering, Lord, have mercy: (Silence)

Now we pray in the way our Savior taught us to pray, saying: (aloud)

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.

The Declaration of Faith and Offering

*(*We use the declaration of faith and offering to “preach to ourselves” the reason for our hope. The Christian’s confidence is in God’s truth and in God’s care. Because Park Road is a church for both convinced Christians and for people at different stages in their spiritual journey, we invite you to use this time and the musical reflection to think, pray, offer and consider what God is doing in your life.)*

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 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.

Response: “The 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.

*Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles’ Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century. *i.e. “living” ** ‘Catholic’ means international unlike the Old Testament Church which was a single nation.

9:00 “Glory Hallelujah to the Risen Lamb”

- Johnson

Glory! Glory! Glory Hallelujah to the risen Lamb! (4x)

Jesus hung on the cruel tree.

Glory Hallelujah to the risen Lamb!

And He gave His life for the likes of me.

Glory Hallelujah to the risen Lamb!

Women came at the break of day.

Glory Hallelujah to the risen Lamb!

The angel rolled the stone away!

Glory Hallelujah to the risen Lamb!

(Chorus)

Glory! Glory Hallelujah! Glory to the risen Lamb! (Repeats)

(Chorus)

11:15 “Still Rolling Stones”

- Duncan, Daigle, Mabury, Ingram

Out of the shadows, bound for the gallows
A dead man walking 'til love came calling
Rise up. Rise up.

Six feet under, I thought it was over
An answer to prayer, the voice of a Savior
Rise up. Rise up.

**All at once I came alive
This beating heart, these open eyes
The grave let go, the darkness should have known
You're still rolling stones.
You're still rolling stones.**

Now that You saved me, I sing 'cause You gave me
A song of revival; I put it on vinyl
Rise up. Rise up.

I once was blinded, but now I see it
I've heard about the power and now I believe it
Rise up. Rise up.
(CHORUS)

I thought that I was too far gone
For everything I've done wrong
Yeah I'm the one who dug this grave
But You called my name,
You called my name
(REPEAT)

(CHORUS)

The Scripture Reading: *The Gospel According to St. Mark 10.17ff*

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might come and anoint Him. ² Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. ³ They were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴ Looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, although it was extremely large. ⁵ Entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed. ⁶ And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid Him. ⁷ "But go, tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.'" ⁸ They went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

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The End?

The Closing Hymn

9:00 “Jesus Lives and So Shall I” (vv. 1-2, 4-5)

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11:15 “In Christ Alone /The Solid Rock”

- Getty/

Townend

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 the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry 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.

On Christ the Solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand
(Repeat)

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

The Benediction and Amen

The Postlude

SUNDAYS at PARK ROAD

Inquirer's Class | Led by T. J. Campo | Begins May 4

This is our "Park Road 101" class where you have the opportunity to hear from TJ about the belief statements of our Church, the membership commitments, and foundational beliefs of the Christian faith. This 8-week class is required for anyone interested in membership at our Church. Please join us or invite others! If you would like to be a part of this class, please fill out the ***Keeping in Touch*** form or reach out to TJ at tj@standrewspca.com

Children Sunday School

Nursery care is available for children 3 and younger. We encourage your children to join you for our Combined Sunday Class.

THIS WEEK AT PARK ROAD PRESBYTERIAN

Welcome to Park Road Pres! We are glad to have you with us today.

Sunday	8:30, 11:15 AM	Worship Service
	9:45 AM	Easter Brunch (Fellowship Hall & Rec Room)
Monday		OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday	6:30 PM	PRYouth
	6:30 PM	Women's Online Bible Study Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study on Philippians (via Zoom) Contact Nate Dorn at ndom1@gmail.com
Thursday	9:15 AM	Women's In-person Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) Contact: Grace Sked at grace@parkroadpres.org
	11:15 AM	Women's Prayer Time Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
	6:30 PM	ESL
Saturday	9:30 AM	Moms Connect (Rec Room)

Moms Connect | Sat., April 26th | 9:30—11:30 AM | Rec Room

All moms are invited to join Jenny Letizia & Meegan Dorn at the church in the Rec Room (2nd floor) for a time of prayer and fellowship. Moms of all different seasons of life are invited and childcare is provided.

UPCOMING AT PARK ROAD PRESBYTERIAN

SALT (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) Lunch Bunch | Sun., April 27 | 1:00 PM

Once a month on Sunday after the 11:15 AM service the SALT group goes out to lunch! Join them on the 27th at Lester's Diner located at 1760 Stirling Road, Dania Beach, 33004.

Anxiety Support Group | April 28 | 7:00-8:00 PM | Library

Join a supportive group of adults (within the membership and from outside) who meet on the 2nd & 4th Monday at 7:00 pm, to help encourage one another in dealing with anxiety.

Young Adults | Wed., May 7 | 6:30-8:30 PM

If you're a young adult looking for a community to get plugged into, join us on Wednesday at 6:30 PM at the church. If you're not connected to our email list or text alerts reach out to Jonathan (Jonathan@parkroadpres.org) to see what we're doing this month!

The Bible Recap | Wed., May 7 | 7:00-8:15 PM | Dottie's Home

Contact Dottie Wobb at 954-649-7930 for info on this women's in-person Bible study meeting once a month at her home located at 5716 A Polk Street, Hollywood, 33021.

Church Work Day | Sat., May 10 | 8:00 AM — 12:00 PM

We are spending the morning beautifying our campus by doing landscaping projects. Come out for all or just part of the morning to lend a hand. Contact Willy Escobar at 954-444-0499 if you have any questions.

SALT Scam Prevention Presentation | Wed., May 14 | 11:30 AM

Join us for a light lunch and valuable information on avoiding the latest scams, often targeting seniors. Sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form if you plan to attend.

Orchid:

If you would like to purchase (\$30) an orchid for 2025 to be placed in the Sanctuary for a special occasion, fill out your request on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form.

