Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

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9:45 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor Kendra Campbell-Milburn, Vocals Donna McDaniel, Vocals James McDaniel, Drums Ashleigh McDaniel Spatz, Vocals Dana Bogdanski, Bass Brad Milburn, Vocals Dan Niwa, Electric/Acoustic James Callison, Electric Luanne Harms, Contemporary Worship Director Vocals & Keyboard

 \mathbf{P} = Pastor \mathbf{Q} = All \mathbf{L} = Leader

PRELUDE: GLORIOUS DAY

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: AGNUS DEI/KING OF KINGS

Verse

Alleluia, alleluia, For the Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia, alleluia, For the Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia.

Chorus

Holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb, You are holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb. Amen.

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Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting Without hope, without light, Till from Heaven You came running. There was mercy in Your eyes.

To fulfil the law and prophets, To a virgin came the Word, From a throne of endless glory, To a cradle in the dirt.

Chorus

Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one. God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of kings.

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost, To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross.

For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side, Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died.

Chorus

Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one. God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of kings.

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose, All of heaven held its breath, Till that stone was moved for good, For the Lamb had conquered death.

And the dead rose from their tombs, And the angels stood in awe, For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored.

Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born Then the Spirit lit the flame. Now this Gospel truth of old Shall not kneel shall not faint.

By His blood and in His Name, In His freedom I am free, For the love of Jesus Christ, Who has resurrected me.

Chorus (2x)

Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one. God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of kings. Praise forever to the King of kings.

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† PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. ▶

Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 10:34-43

■ Today's lesson is from the book of Acts, chapter 10. Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is

acceptable to him.

You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

- Word of God, Word of Life.
- **☑** Thanks be to God.
- **GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10**
- P The Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.
- After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

- Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.'

 This is my message for you."
- So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of 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."

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Fritz

♦ SONG OF THE DAY: MIGHTY CROSS

Verse 1

On the day that death surrendered To the mighty cross of Jesus Christ The earth would shake beneath the weight Of darkened skies

Verse 2

On His brow a crown of sorrow For a king whose weakness was our strength No word He spoke His love was shown For all to see

Chorus

O the cross of Jesus Christ Is the reason I'm alive For His blood has set me free It will never lose its power for me

Verse 3

Now the dawn of resurrection Floods the night as hope prevails to shine Salvation wakes our chains to break And we arise

Chorus

O the cross of Jesus Christ Is the reason I'm alive For His blood has set me free It will never lose its power for me

Bridge (2x)

Hallelujah hallelujah Christ my victory Hallelujah hallelujah It is won for me

Verse 4

On the day He comes in glory To reveal the fullness of His reign All hearts will bow before the sound Of Jesus' name

Chorus (2x)

O the cross of Jesus Christ Is the reason I'm alive For His blood has set me free It will never lose its power for me

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

- P Let us confess our baptismal faith together.
- **G** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
- On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "Merciful God," please respond, "receive our prayer."
When the prayers conclude, please respond, "Amen."

OFFERING

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OFFERING SONG: MIGHTY CROSS

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **Q** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **1** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING COMMUNION AT CHURCH

or at home with your household

Please approach the altar as directed by an usher. You will be offered a wafer, and you may dip it into the chalice containing wine or white grape juice. Or, you may choose a prepackaged kit. (including Gluten-free versions)

COMMUNION SONG: A THOUSAND HALLELUJAHS

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and BENDICTION

- The God of all, who raised

 → Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.
- C Amen.

SENDING SONG: GOD SO LOVED

Verse

Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners Come find His mercy Come to the table He will satisfy Taste of His goodness Find what you're looking for



Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us Whoever believes in Him will live forever

The power of hell forever defeated Now it is well I'm walking in freedom For God so loved God so loved the world

Bridge (2x)

Praise God praise God From whom all blessings flow Praise Him praise Him For the wonders of His love

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save . . .

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us Whoever believes in Him will live forever

The power of hell forever defeated Now it is well I'm walking in freedom For God so loved God so loved the world

Verse 4

Bring all your failures
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Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world

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DISMISSAL

- L Go in peace. Serve in love. Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
- **☐** Thanks be to God.