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*"He
is not
here, for
He is*

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Matthew 28:6, ESV

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Easter Sunday

Welcome to All in the Name of our Risen Savior!

Christ's resurrection assures us that Jesus' work of redemption for us is total and complete and that His sacrifice for us was accepted by God. Jesus is risen! He is alive! We have complete forgiveness and eternal life through the only Savior of the World, JESUS CHRIST! He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Today's Worship!

"Christ is Arisen" Processional Hymn *(Sung by Pastor Naumann)*

Responsive Greeting

P He is risen!

C He is risen indeed!

P Remember how He told you that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise.

C The Lord is risen!

P Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more;

C Death no longer has dominion over Him.

P Christ was delivered for our offenses;

C He was raised again for our justification.

P The Lord is risen! Hallelujah, hallelujah!

C He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Hymn 207:1 (red hymnal): *Like the Golden Sun Ascending*

*1. Like the golden sun ascending,
Breaking through the gloom of night,
On the earth his glory spending
So that darkness takes to flight,
Thus my Jesus from the grave
And Death's dismal, dreadful cave
Rose triumphant Easter morning
At the early purple dawning.*

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

P Beloved of God, on this Easter morning, let us with a true heart confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the name of our resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

G Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His Only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. God raised God from the dead, thereby proving His acceptance of the full payment of our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of the risen 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.

G Amen!

Hymn 207:2,4 (red hymnal): *Like the Golden Sun Ascending*

2. Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious!
Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!
Death hath now no power o'er us,
Thou hast conquered in the strife.
Thanks because Thou didst arise
And hast opened Paradise!
None can fully sing the glory
Of the resurrection story.

4. Thou hast died for my transgression,
All my sins on Thee were laid;
Thou hast won for me salvation,
On the cross my debt was paid.
From the grave I shall arise
And shall meet Thee in the skies.
Death itself is transitory;
I shall lift my head in glory.

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

P Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 52:13-15*

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴ As many were astonished at you-- his

appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind-- ¹⁵ so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

Easter Responsive Reading: *Job 19:23-27*

P Oh, that my words were written!

C Oh, that they were inscribed in a book!

P That they were engraved on a rock!

C With an iron pen and lead, forever!

P For I know that my Redeemer lives,

C And He shall stand at last on the earth;

P And after my skin is destroyed, this I know,

C That in my flesh I shall see God,

P Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold,
and not another.

C How my heart yearns within me!

P The Lord is risen! Hallelujah, hallelujah!

C He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

The Epistle Reading: *1 Peter 1:3-12*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith--more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, ¹¹ inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. ¹²

It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

Easter Creed

We boldly confess what we believe.

☩ I believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, Lord of lords and Savior of the fallen world.

I believe that He is the Word made flesh, Who came to earth to redeem all sinners. He was born under the Law, to fulfill all of God's commandments on my behalf. He was crucified at the hands of sinful men, and endured all the punishment that I and all sinners deserved, to fully satisfy the justice of God. He died and was buried.

I believe that on the third day Jesus Christ rose bodily from the dead, as the prophets foretold and as He himself promised. Proved by the inspired Scriptures and by many eyewitnesses, Jesus' resurrection shows that He is God's Son, that His mission of salvation is complete, and that He has triumphed over death, our last great enemy. With this victory, Christ has become our forerunner, the firstfruits of all who sleep in Him. Because He rose, I and all who trust in His redeeming work shall rise to eternal life on the Last Day.

Because He lives, I too shall live. For He has promised me: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."

Amen.

Hymn 200:1-4 (red hymnal): *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

**1. *I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head.***

**2. *He lives triumphant from the grave,
He lives eternally to save,
He lives all-glorious in the sky,
He lives exalted there on high.***

**3. *He lives to bless me with His love,
He lives to plead for me above.
He lives my hungry soul to feed,
He lives to help in time of need.***

**4. *He lives to grant me rich supply,
He lives to guide me with His eye,
He lives to comfort me when faint,
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.***

The Sermon: Matthew 28:1-8

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

“He is Not Here, for He Has Risen!”

- I. Come, see the angel confirm it
- II. Come, hear the women proclaim it
- III. Come, rejoice your faith trusts it

Sermon Hymns:

203 (red hymnal) *Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb*

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| 1. <i>Morning breaks upon the tomb;
Jesus scatters all its gloom.
Day of triumph through the skies;
See the glorious Savior rise.</i> | 2. <i>Ye who are of death afraid
Triumph in the scattered shade.
Drive your anxious cares away;
See the place where Jesus lay.</i> |
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- 3. *Christians, dry your flowing tears
Chase your unbelieving fears;
Look on His deserted grave,
Doubt no more His power to save.***

198:1,4 (red hymnal) *He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord*

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| 1. <i>He's risen, He's risen,
Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened Death's prison,
the incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven,
in jubilant song,
And, earth, sea, and mountain,
the paean prolong.</i> | 4. <i>Oh, where is thy sting, Death?
We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open
is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions
His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven,
we now are His own.</i> |
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199:1-2 (red hymnal) *Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!*

- 1. Jesus Christ Is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*
- 2. Hymns of praise, then, let us sing Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

193:1-4 (red hymnal) *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

- 1. Christ the Lord is risen today,
Sons of men and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heavens, and, earth, reply.*
- 2. Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won.
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er;
Lo, He sets in blood no more.*
- 3. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His rise;
Christ has opened Paradise.*
- 4. Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save;
Where thy victory, O Grave?*

732:1-2 (tan supplement) *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

- 1. Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
- 2. Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

The Easter Prayer – The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 200:5-8 (red hymnal): *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

- 5. He lives to silence all my fears,
He lives to wipe away my tears
He lives to calm my troubled heart,
He lives all blessings to impart.*
- 6. He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly Friend,
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.*
- 7. He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death:
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.*
- 8. He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe, teach, and practice. Where and when? Your convenience.

COVID-19 CANCELLATIONS: Mt. Zion's "in-person" worship services have been suspended until further notice, in cooperation with coronavirus prevention efforts. Sunday Worship will be available through internet live stream Sundays at 10am.

YOUR OFFERING CONTRIBUTION: The well-being of our members, both spiritual and physical, is our foremost concern. At the same time, it is important to support our mutual work for the LORD, even during this unusual time. This can be done in several ways: Electronic giving is available through "CashApp" -- Download the CashApp on your mobile device or by going to cash.app/login. You can choose to connect a bank account, credit card or a debit card to contribute your offering. The debit card and bank account options are free when you transfer money, however, if you pay with your credit card the app will take 3% of your transaction. The church's \$cashtag is "\$clcmztion". OR You may mail your contribution to Financial Secretary Nathan Fobear, 22034 Donaldson St. Dearborn, MI 48124

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