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Welcome

Vicar Tim: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Easter Prayer

Vicar Tim will offer the Easter Prayer.

Part 1: Jesus' Crucifixion and Burial

Hymn – “Were You There” (*Christian Worship 119 - stzs.1,2*)

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

First Scripture Reading: Mark 15:21-47

Hymn – “Go to Dark Gethsemane” (*Christian Worship 104 - stzs.3,4*)

3. Calv'rys mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
“It is finished!” hear him cry;
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.
4. Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid his breathless clay
All is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken him away?
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.

Part 2: Jesus' Resurrection

Second Scripture Reading: Psalm 16 (read responsively)

Vicar Tim: Keep me safe, O God

All: For in you I take refuge

Vicar Tim: I said to the Lord, "You are my Lord."

All: Apart from you I have no good thing

Vicar Tim: I have set the Lord always before me

All: Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken

Vicar Tim: My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

All: My body will also rest secure,

Vicar Tim: Because you will not abandon me to the grave,

All: Nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

Vicar Tim: You have made know to me the path of life;

All: You will fill me with joy in your presence.

Hymn – "Morning Breaks upon the Tomb" (*Christian Worship 159 - stz.1*)

- 1. Morning breaks upon the tomb;
Jesus scatters all its gloom.
Day of triumph through the skies,
See the glorious Savior rise.**

Easter Message – "Love, Joy, Hope, Safety, Thanks"

Pastor Kevin will offer the Easter Message based on 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14.

Hymn – "Morning Breaks upon the Tomb" (*Christian Worship 159 - stzs.2,3*)

- 2. You who are of death afraid,
Triumph in the scattered shade.
Drive your anxious cares away;
See the place where Jesus lay.**
- 3. Christian, dry your flowing tears;
Chase your unbelieving fears
Look on his deserted grave;
Doubt no more his power to save.**

Third Scripture Reading: Mark 16:1-6

Hymn – “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!” (CW 157 – stz.1)

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Part 3: Jesus' Resurrection Appearances

Fourth Scripture Reading: John 20:11-18

Hymn – “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!” (Christian Worship 157 – stz.2)

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

Fifth Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-32

Hymn – “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!” (Christian Worship 157 – stz.3)

3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sixth Scripture Reading: Luke 24:33-35

Hymn – “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (Christian Worship 157 - stz.4)

4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Seventh Scripture Reading: Luke 24:36-43

Hymn – “Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won” (Christian Worship 145 - stzs.1,2)

1. Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!
Death no longer can appall me.
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.

2. **Jesus lives! To him the throne
High o'er heav'n and earth is given.
I shall go where he is gone,
Live and reign with him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.**

Eighth Scripture Reading - I Corinthians 15:20-23

Hymn – “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won” (*Christian Worship 145 - stzs.4,5*)

4. **Jesus lives! I know full well
Nothing me from him shall sever,
Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be a sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.**
5. **Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate to life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
“Jesus is my confidence!”**

Prayer of the Church

Vicar Tim will offer the Prayer of the Church.

Lord’s Prayer

All: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Vicar Tim will offer the Blessing.

Hymn – “I Know that My Redeemer Lives” (*Christian Worship 152*)

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.**
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, heav'nly 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!"**

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