



March 31, 2024 | Easter Sunday

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Welcome! Prince of Peace is more than a place on a map. We are a beautiful mosaic of dedicated and diverse people who love Jesus and our neighbors. We care deeply about each other, our community and our world. We are a church on the move with Jesus as our inspiration. Thanks for adding your voice to God's song of love this morning. Once again, welcome!

**Nursery Care for children up to age 4 is available during worship in preschool Room 1 (exit using the south door church entrance go through the courtyard gate and follow the signs towards the preschool deck). **Children activity bags are available in the narthex.*

Partnering in Prayer: Nan Nelson Barbara Sipple Cleo Dillabough
Martha Weld Donna Hesse Betty Schroeder

Setting the Scene:

Prelude

Welcome

The Holy Week Story (*note: video*)

Celebration:

Easter Proclamation:

P: He is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!



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!

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

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!

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!

Easter Litany and Prayer

P: Gracious God, when everything was dark and it seemed that the sun would never shine again, your love broke through.

C: Your love was too strong, too wide, too deep for death to hold.

P: The sparks cast by your love danced and spread and burst forth with resurrection light.

C: We praise you for the light of new life made possible through Jesus.

P: We praise you for the light of new life that shone on the first Easter morning.

C: We praise you for the light of new life that continues to shine in our hearts today.

P: We pray that your light will live in us each day;

C: and that we will be bearers of that light into the lives of others.

P: We lift up our voices in praise! Because of Easter...

C: Every separation is temporary.

P: Because of Easter...

C: Young and old can celebrate together.

P: Because of Easter...

C: You changed the end of every story.

P: Because of Easter...

C: The world can rejoice again.

P: Let us pray together...

C: God of Awesome Joy, let the light of your love flood into our lives and through us to all those who are looking for healing, freedom and hope. Remind us continually that your great news exists for us today. Darkness does not win. Death is not victorious. Christ is Risen, for us, for our friends and families, for our enemies, for all. Let us truly be the "Easter People" that you have called us to be. We ask these things in the name of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Reliving the Story:

Children's Message

Announcements

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8:

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Comeback Season

Pastor Rick Sherrill

Response to the Great News:

Hymn

Thine is the Glory

ELW# 376

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the
vict'ry thou o'er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he
greet's thee, scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught
without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. *Refrain*



Easter Affirmation of Faith

I believe in the resurrection.

I believe that Jesus died on the cross,
as all creation grieved the death of God's eternal Son.

I believe that Jesus' body was placed in a borrowed tomb,
where it lay for three days.

I believe in the resurrection.

I believe that the power of God brought life to his dead body
and rolled the stone away from the entrance
so all might see that Jesus was no longer there.

I believe in the resurrection.

I believe that the unbelievable story of the women was true,
just as the angel had announced:

"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said."

All their doubt was removed; their fear was gone.

I believe in the resurrection.

I believe that Jesus lives today—

as powerfully and perfectly alive as he was two thousand years ago.

I believe that Jesus calls women, men, and children
to join him in changing the world, one heart and life at a time,
starting with their own.

I believe that there is no force in the universe
that could stop, hinder, contain, or successfully oppose
Jesus Christ, the risen savior.

Offering

Special Music

Resurrection Song
POP Choir

Blessed to be a Blessing:

Prayers of the Community

The Celebration of Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Special Music

Alive (Mary Magdalene)
Soloist, Marnie Marquardt

Post Communion Prayer and Blessing

Closing Hymn

Crown Him With Many Crowns

ELW# 855 v. 1,3,4,5

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love--
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity

Dismissal

Postlude

Toccatta from Symphony No.5 (Widor)

Allen Quie



Visitor or New
to POP?



We'd love to connect!



POP Announcements

Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Rick at 10am in the conference room!
Everyone welcome.

Women's Fellowship/Bible Study -Tuesday's at 9:30am- 11:00 am in the Church office conference room. Welcoming women of all ages. Contact Debbie Nelson if you have any questions, debnelson1@cox.net.

Theology Pub -Tuesday's April 9th, 7pm at Fate Brewery (S.Scottsde) Everyone is Welcome!



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