



BOISE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

SERMON: "Why Do You Seek the Living Among the Dead?"

1. Waiting for the First Day
2. Running to the Tomb

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is for all who trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, have been baptized, and are a part of any Bible-believing church.

If you're curious to learn more about what it means to be a follower of Jesus, or would like to discuss what it means to get baptized or to participate in the Lord's Supper, contact Pastor Brian – he would be delighted to meet with you over coffee: brian.frey@boisepres.org.

NOTE: All of our bread is Gluten Free. The dark drink is wine, and the light drink is grape juice.

SONG OF CELEBRATION: "Christ the Lord is Risen today" (words: Wesley 1739, music: Easter Hymn 1708)

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| 1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia! | 3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia! |
| 2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia! | 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia! |

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.

BENEDICTION

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Welcome to Boise Presbyterian Church! We are so glad that you have joined us for worship this morning. Boise Pres exists to bring the love of Christ to the heart of Boise, and regardless of where you're coming from, we hope that this will be a place where you find rich refreshment, genuine community, honest engagement, and meaningful growth. We're happy that you're here!

CALL TO WORSHIP: from Matthew 28:5-6 and Luke 24:34

Leader: "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said."

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE: "Holy, Holy, Holy!" (words: Reginald Heber 1826, music: John Dykes 1861)

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and ever more shall be.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
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SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CALL TO CONFESSION: “Jesus, I Come” (words: William Sleeper 1883, music: Greg Thompson 2000)

1. Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

2. Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth’s sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life’s storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

3. Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Psalm 57:1 (followed by a few moments for personal, silent prayer)

**Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge;
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE: 2 Corinthians 5:17

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from 1 Corinthians 15

Leader: I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved,

All: Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures

If Christ has not been raised,
our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

If Christ has not been raised,
your faith is futile and you are still guilty of your sins.

If Christ has not been raised,
those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

If Christ has not been raised,
we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
So also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Christ has been raised from the dead,
He must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

Christ has been raised from the dead,
The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable.

Christ has been raised from the dead,
“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

“O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Katelin Crutcher

SONG OF CELEBRATION: Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE (greet one another with the peace of Christ)

TITHES AND OFFERING

Giving is a regular part of worship and life together as a church family. You can give tithes and offerings in the offering box on the back table, online at boisepres.org/give, or by mailing a check to:

Boise Presbyterian Church, 1185 W. Grove Street, Boise, ID 83702.

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SONG OF ASSURANCE: “Amazing Grace” (words: John Newton, music: folk tune)

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

3. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

4. When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 23:50–24:12

⁵⁰ Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, ⁵¹ who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. ⁵² This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³ Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. ⁵⁴ It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵ The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶ Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.