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“And you will
know the truth,
and the truth will
set you free.”

John 8:32 (NLT)

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

5 April 2015

6.30am



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Sunday 5 April 2015 • 6.30am • Wesley Plaza
Wesley Methodist Church, Singapore

PRELUDE

REFLECTIONS WERE YOU THERE?

Afro-American Spirituals

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?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

*ACCLAMATION

Pastor: The Lord is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of kings on earth.

People: Alleluia, Amen!

Pastor: On this most holy morning in which Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, we gather as the Church to watch and pray.

People: This is the Passover of Christ, in which we share in Christ's victory over death.

Pastor: Even now as we have received God's greeting, let us greet each other, in Jesus' name.

All: (to each other) The Lord is risen indeed!

*EASTER MEDLEY

Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Tune: HYMN TO JOY – UMH 89)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross as Saviour for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born;
Glorious life, and life immortal, on this resurrection morn.
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by His mighty enterprise;
We with Him to life eternal by His resurrection rise.

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

UMH 302 vs 1-4

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!

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!

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!

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!

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
The only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, True God from true God, begotten,
not made, of one Being with the Father;**

**Through Him all things were made for us
and for our salvation. He came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became
truly human.**

**For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
Who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 71

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.

*LITANY OF PRAISE

Pastor: On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

People: Hallelujah!

Pastor: An angel of the Lord appeared to them and said, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He has been raised."

People: Hallelujah!

Pastor: And the women departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Hail!"

People: Hallelujah!

Pastor : And Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. And she said, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Saying this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. And Jesus said to her, "Mary." And she turned and said to Him, "Master."

People: Hallelujah!

Pastor : That very day, two of the disciples were going to a village named Emmaus. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. And they recognized Him in the breaking of the bread.

People: Hallelujah!

Pastor : On the evening of that day, the doors being shut where the disciples were, Jesus came and stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side.

People: Hallelujah!

Pastor : Simon Peter said to the disciples, "I am going fishing." They said to Him, "We will go with You." And that night they caught nothing. But just as the day was breaking, Jesus stood on the beach. And the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord."

People: Hallelujah!

Pastor : Now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight, through Jesus Christ : to whom be glory for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

PRAYER HYMN **He Is Lord**

UMH 177

He is Lord, He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Leader: God of power and majesty: with the rising of the sun You have raised Jesus Christ and delivered Him and us from death's destruction.

People: We praise You on this bright day for all Your gifts of new life. Especially we thank You for all victories over sin and evil in our lives ...

...for loyalty and love of friends and family

...for the newborn, the newly baptized, and those now in Your eternal home

... for the renewal of nature

... for the continuing witness of the church of Christ

Leader: God of eternity: You are present with us because of Christ's rising from the dead, and You persist in lifting us to new life in Him.

People: We bring to You our prayers for this world in need of resurrection. Especially we pray for peace in Iraq and the Middle East and other regions having conflicts and wars

...for the looming threat of global warming, natural disasters and epidemic

...for nations and people in strife

... for the poor and impoverished, at home and abroad

... for those we know in particular circumstances of distress

... for the diseased and the dying

... for all who follow the risen Christ;

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

PRAYER ON BEHALF OF ALL

THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken)

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER OFFERING FOR ST LUKE'S HOSPITAL

*DOXOLOGY

My Tribute

UMH 99

To God be the glory, To God be the glory,
To God be the glory for the things He has done!
With His blood He has saved me,
With His power He has raised me,
To God be the glory for the things He has done!

*EASTER HYMN **Easter People, Raise Your Voices**

UMH 304

Easter people, raise your voices,
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices;
heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us
from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to
triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter,
with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster
to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
See the power of heavenly throngs.

SCRIPTURE READING
SERMON

John 20, Colossians 3:1-2
Made Alive In Christ

NT 114, 115, 201
Rev Gladwin Lee

*HYMN OF DEDICATION **He Lives!**

UMH 310

I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever foes may say.
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

Chorus:

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing will come at last. (*Chorus*)

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find;
None other is so loving, so good and kind. (*Chorus*)

*CONCLUDING AFFIRMATION

Pastor: He is risen!

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**denotes congregation standing*

WORSHIP LEADERS : Pastors

MINISTRY OF MUSIC : Jusuf Kam

HEAD USHER : Mr Alex Chee

The Pastors,
members of the LCEC,
church staff and their families
wish all members and friends
a very Blessed Easter

