

# Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

## GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Job 19:25-27 Rev. Dave Lindberg

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

\*SONG

<sup>1</sup> "Christ the Lord is ris'n today," *Alleluia!* Sons of men and angels say; *Alleluia!* Raise your joys and triumphs high; *Alleluia!* Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. *Alleluia!* 

Lives again our glorious King; *Alleluia!* Where, O death, is now thy sting? *Alleluia!* Once he died, our souls to save; *Alleluia!* Where thy victory, O grave? *Alleluia!*  CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

<sup>3</sup> Love's redeeming work is done; *Alleluia!* Fought the fight, the battle won. *Alleluia!* Death in vain forbids Him rise; *Alleluia!* Christ hath open paradise. *Alleluia!* 

Soar we now where Christ has led, *Alleluia!* Foll'wing our exalted Head; *Alleluia!* Made like him, like him we rise; *Alleluia!* Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. *Alleluia!* © Public Domain

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

Christians, what do you believe?

I believe that my only comfort in life and in death is:

That I am not my own, but that I belong, body and soul, to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that without the will of my Heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready, from now on, to live for him. Amen.

### GOD CLEANSES US FROM OUR SIN

\*SONG OF CONFESSION

1

Most Merciful God we confess That we have sinned against you By what we have done By what we have left undone (Repeat)

Chorus 1 We have not loved you with our whole heart Our whole heart We have not loved our neighbors as We've loved ourselves <sup>2</sup> For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ Have mercy and forgive us MOST MERCIFUL GOD

That we may delight In Your will Your will

Chorus 2 And walk in Your ways in Your ways In Your ways To the glory of Your name of Your name Of Your name 3 Most Merciful God we humbly repent Help us to walk in Your ways Most Merciful God Most Merciful God (Repeat)

Amen

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SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 5:14-15,17

We have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised...Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come.

Leader:In Christ you are forgiven.People:Thanks be to God.

SONG OF ASSURANCE (Collection of tithes, gifts and offerings)

> 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!

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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 were, and are, and evermore shalt be. 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 pow'r, in love and purity. 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! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

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#### \*SCRIPTURE READING

2 CHRONICLES 36:11-23 Karla Pollock

<sup>11</sup>Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. <sup>12</sup> He did what was evil in the sight of the Lord his God. He did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet, who spoke from the mouth of the Lord. <sup>13</sup> He also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God. He stiffened his neck and hardened his heart against turning to the Lord, the God of Israel. <sup>14</sup> All the officers of the priests and the people likewise were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations. And they polluted the house of the Lord that he had made holy in Jerusalem.

<sup>15</sup> The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. <sup>16</sup> But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord rose against his people, until there was no remedy.

<sup>17</sup> Therefore he brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or aged. He gave them all into his hand. <sup>18</sup> And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king and of his princes, all these he brought to Babylon. <sup>19</sup> And they burned the house of God and broke down the wall of Jerusalem and burned all its palaces with fire and destroyed all its precious vessels. <sup>20</sup> He took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia, <sup>21</sup> to fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its Sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.

<sup>22</sup> Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing: <sup>23</sup> "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the Lord his God be with him. Let him go up."

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God! 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the alory forever and ever. Amen.

### **GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD**

#### \*SERMON TEXT

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup> And 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? <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." <sup>8</sup> And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now 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, <sup>11</sup> but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But 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.

<sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad, <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" 19 And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death. and crucified him.<sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. 22 Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.<sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." 25 And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Elder Billy Hollingsworth

Luke 24

<sup>28</sup> So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup> but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" <sup>33</sup> And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup> saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

<sup>36</sup> As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup> But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate before them.

44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup> And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dave Lindberg

"The Mystery Meal"

### GOD FEEDS US AT HIS TABLE

#### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- CTK welcomes all baptized believers who are communing members of gospel-believing churches to participate in the Supper.
- Gluten-free and nut-free bread is in a small box on the plate.

### SONG DURING COMMUNION

\*SONG

**INSTRUMENTAL** 

### O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING

1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; For we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior. accept the love we bring. that we who know your favor may serve you as our king; And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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### GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ. to whom be alory forever and ever. Amen.

\*DOXOLOGY/DISMISSAL

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above ve heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Sermon Notes Luke 24 "The Mystery Meal"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Please Save the Date for An Afternoon of Community Presence April 26

On April 26, from 1pm to 8:30 pm, Christ the King will have a booth at the upcoming MidloFest in Downtown Midlothian. Please mark your calendars and plan to join the fun interacting with our neighbors in Midlothian! Please consider joining pastor Dave for the whole event, or for one or more of the following blocks of time: 1:00-3:30 (will include helping set-up); 3:00-5:00; 4:30-6:30; 6:00-8:30 (including take-down). Please email margaret@ctktexas.com and let us know when you plan to join the community-outreach fun. The more the merrier!

### W2W Coffee in Cedar Hill

Ladies, please join us for coffee and fellowship at 1846 Coffee in Cedar Hill on **Friday**, **April 25**, at 2 pm. Questions? Contact Kirstin Hollingsworth 214-621-1116.

## **Youth Group**

Youth Group for grades 6 - 12, will meet Sunday, **May 4**, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the church office, 313 N 9<sup>th</sup> St, Midlothian 76065.

## **Items for Bridges Resource Center**

We are collecting laundry detergent (less than 50 oz) and fabric softener for Bridges in April. You may place these items in the basket provided between the nursery and Welcome Table. Thank you for helping local families in need.

### **Come Pray Together**

Join your brothers and sisters for Corporate Prayer every first, third and fifth Wednesday. We will meet to pray from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the church office, 313 N 9<sup>th</sup> St, Midlothian 76065. April 30

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