

MEDITATION

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 52. How was Christ exalted in his resurrection?

A. Christ was exalted in his resurrection, in that, not having seen corruption in death (of which it was not possible for him to be held) and having the very same body in which he suffered, with the essential properties thereof (but without mortality and other common infirmities belonging to this life) really united to his soul, he rose again from the dead the third day by his own power; whereby he declared himself to be the Son of God, to have satisfied divine justice, to have vanquished death, and him that had the power of it, and to be Lord of quick and dead: all which he did as a public person, the head of his church, for their justification, quickening in grace, support against enemies, and to assure them of their resurrection from the dead at the last day.

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 45. What does the “resurrection” of Christ profit us?

A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, that he might make us partakers of that righteousness which he had purchased for us by his death;
secondly, we are also by his power raised up to a new life;
and lastly, the resurrection of Christ is a sure pledge of our blessed resurrection.

Prelude

Apostolic Greeting

* **God's Call to Worship**

Revelation 1:4-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

**To him who loves us
and has freed us from our sins by his blood
and made us a kingdom,
priests to his God and Father,
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.
Amen.**

**Behold, he is coming with the clouds,
and every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him,
and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.
Even so. Amen."**

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

* **Hymn of Praise #273**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

* **Prayer of Adoration**

* **Affirmation of Faith** – Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended into hell¹.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic² church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

¹He descended to the dead.

²universal, Christian

* **Confession of Sin**

Jesus, Faithful Friend of Sinners

* **Assurance of Pardon**

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Reading of God's Word

Luke 24:1-35

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

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ 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, ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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.

²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³² 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?" ³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*** Hymn of Preparation #274**

Thine Be the Glory

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of God's Word

1 Corinthians 15:1-26

15 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen

asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Preaching of God's Word

Pastor Landow

"I Believe!: The Third Day He Rose From the Dead"

* **Hymn #279**

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Lord's Supper - Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available.
Please ask the elders serving.

Prayer of Commitment and Dedication

* **Hymn of Response #420**

At the Lamb's High Feast

* **God's Commission and Blessing**

* **Closing Response of Praise**

May the Grace

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

SERMON NOTES

Sermon Series: "I Believe!: The Apostles' Creed"

Sermon: "I Believe!: The Third Day He Rose From the Dead"

Luke 24:1-35 and 1 Corinthians 15:1-26

A. **The Death of Christ was a _____.**

B. **J.R.R. Tolkien Calls the Resurrection of Christ a
Eu_____.**

C. **Three ways you benefit from Christ's Resurrection:**

1. Christ was raised for his _____
and your _____. (Romans 4:25;
1 Corinthians 15:12-22; Romans 1:4; 1 Timothy 3:16)
2. Christ was raised for your _____.
(Ephesians 2:4-5; Romans 6:5-11)
3. Christ was raised for your _____.
(1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 53-57; Hebrews 2:14-16)

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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Go quickly and tell his disciples: "He has risen from the dead." Matt. 28:7

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison
 suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

St. 1, anon.
 St. 2-3, Arnold's *Complete Psalmodist*, 1740
 St. 4, Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.

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 Robert Williams, 1817

Jesus, Faithful Friend of Sinner

Douglas Bond, 2014

Gregory D. Wilbur, 2014

1 C G/B F/A G Am Em F G

1. Je - sus, faith - ful Friend of sin - ners, God in - car - nate, pure and sin - less;
2. Je - sus, ten - der Shep - herd faith - ful, God in full - ness here be - low;
3. Je - sus, Ser - vant, pre - cious treas - ure, Gave Your life my life to win.
4. Je - sus, Sav - ior, blest Re - deem - er - Filled with mer - cy o - ver - flow - ing,

5 Am F Em F G Am G/B F G

I am full of all that hin - ders - Emp - ty, lone - ly, lost and friend - less;
I am anx - ious, dull, un - grate - ful, Prone to wan - der, full of woe;
I am vain, pur - su - ing pleas - ure, Full of hun - ger, self and sin;
I'm for - giv - en with - out meas - ure - Friend of sin - ners, glor - ious King!

9 Am Em F G C

Emp - ty, lone - ly, lost and friend - less.
Prone to wan - der, full of woe.
Full of hun - ger, self and sin.
Friend of sin - ners, glor - ious King!

The musical score is written in 4/4 time. The first system (measures 1-4) features a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a bass clef. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The second system (measures 5-8) continues the melody and accompaniment. The third system (measures 9-12) concludes the piece with a final cadence. The lyrics are aligned with the melody, with some words in parentheses indicating alternative phrasings or breath marks.

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Thine Be the Glory

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:57

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with -

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won; an - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom; let the church with glad - ness,
 out thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes,
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth,
 thro' thy death - less love: bring us safe thro' Jor - dan

^r REFRAIN
 where thy bod - y lay,
 death hath lost its sting. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;
 to thy home a - bove.

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end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Edmond Budry, 1884
Tr. by Richard B. Hoyle, 1923
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From George Frederick Handel, *Judas Maccabaeus*, 1747

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Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. Acts 2:24

1. Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands, for our of - fens - es giv - en;
 2. It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and death con - tend - ed;
 3. Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free - ly gave us;
 4. So let us keep the fes - ti - val where - to the Lord in - vites us;
 5. Then let us feast this joy - ful day on Christ, the Bread of heav - en;

but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from heav - en;
 the vic - to - ry re - mained with life, the reign of death was end - ed;
 • he died on the ac - curs - ed tree—so strong his love!—to save us.
 Christ is him - self the joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.
 the Word of grace hath purged a - way the old and e - vil leav - en.

there - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to God right thank - ful - ly
 Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly saith that death is swal - lowed up by death,
 • See, his blood doth mark our door; faith points to it, death pass - es o'er,
 By his grace he doth im - part e - ter - nal sun - shine to the heart;
 Christ a - lone our souls will feed, he is our meat and drink in - deed;

loud songs of hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 his sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 • and Sa - tan can - not harm us. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 the night of sin is end - ed. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 faith lives up - on no oth - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

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Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 1 Cor. 5:7

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 2. Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
 3. Might - y vic - tim from the sky, pow'rs of hell be - neath thee lie;

who has washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 death is con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light;

praise we him whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal vic - tim, pas - chal bread;
 hymns of glo - ry and of praise, ris - en Lord, to thee we raise;

gives his bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
 ho - ly Fa - ther, praise to thee, with the Spir - it, ev - er be.

Latin hymn, 6th cent.
 Tr. by Robert Campbell, 1849; alt.

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 George J. Elvey, 1859

May the Grace

(Benediction)

John Newton, 1779

Gregory D. Wilbur, 1993

Simplified chords

May the grace of Christ our Sav-ior and the Fa-ther's
bound-less love, With the Ho-ly Spir-it's fa-vor rest up-
on us from a-bove. Thus may we a-bide in un-ion
with each oth-er and the Lord, And pos-sess in
sweet com-mun-ion joys which earth can-not af-ford.

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