

Sunday April 20, 2025

John 20:1-18



Eastertide

Whom Are You Seeking?

“Jesus said to her (Mary), ‘Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?’” -John 20:15a

“The Easter faith means more than the conviction that a resuscitation has taken place; it includes understanding that the divine purpose revealed in Scripture has now taken place. It seems that John had now come to believe that the resurrection had taken place, but that he did not yet appreciate all that that meant.” -Leon Morris

“In the variety and fullness of evidence on which it rests, the text of the New Testament stands absolutely and unapproachably alone amongst ancient prose writings.” -F.J.A. Hort

“The resurrection cannot be part of any history unless it is the centre and turning point.” -Lesslie Newbigin

Order of Worship

Welcome & Update

Prelude

Leader: He is risen!
People: He is risen, indeed!

Call to Worship: from Psalm 118

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

People: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

All: This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hymns of Praise

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your voice and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His 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 thy victory, O 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!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

Christ Arose
Low in the grave He lay
Jesus my Saviour!
Waiting the coming day
Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose
With a mighty triumph o’er His foes
He arose a Victor from the dark domain
And He lives forever with His saints to reign

He arose! (He arose)
He arose! (He arose)
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch His bed
Jesus, my Saviour!
Vainly they seal the dead
Jesus my Lord!

Death cannot keep his prey
Jesus, my Saviour!
He tore the bars away
Jesus my Lord!

Membership Reception & Baptism

Prayer for the World, the Church & the City

Confession

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. In Jesus’s name we pray, amen.

Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter:1-4
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.

Hymn of Assurance

In Christ Alone
In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save

Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny

No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Tithes and Offerings

credit card and other options such as e-transfers are available
via mail@gracevancouver.com

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.

Scripture - John 20:1-18

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

God's Word Today- Mike Hsu

Sermon Title: Whom Are You Seeking?

Sermon Outline

- 1. Mary Reporting to Peter and John
- 2. Mary Returns to the Tomb
- 3. Christian, Whom Do You Seek?
- 4. Skeptic, Whom Do you Seek?

Application Question: In light of the testimony of the empty tomb,
what is the next step in the journey for you?

The Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, always and
everywhere to give thanks unto you, O Lord, our Father Almighty,
everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with
all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your holy
name; evermore praising You and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth
of Your glory are full. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

Words of Institution and Declaration of Faith

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.
Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God, take them in
remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your
hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

Hymn of Thanksgiving

I Looked Up
I looked up
and I saw my Lord a-coming
I looked up
and I saw my Lord a-coming
down the road.

*Hallelujah, He is coming,
Hallelujah, He is here,
Hallelujah, He is coming,
Hallelujah, He is here.*

I looked up
and I saw my Lord a-dying
I looked up
and I saw my Lord a-dying on a tree.

I looked up
and I saw my Lord a-rising
I looked up
and I saw my Lord a-rising from the grave.

*Hallelujah, He is risen,
Hallelujah, He's alive,
Hallelujah, He is risen,
Hallelujah, He's alive.*

One day I'll, I'll look up
And I'm gonna see my Lord a-coming
Yes I'll, I'll look up
And I'm gonna see my Lord a-coming in the clouds

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 glory forever and ever. Amen.

Peace

Minister: The Peace of the Lord be with you all
People: And also with you

Announcements

- 1. Zoom Prayer Meeting every Thursday 7-7:45 pm.
- 2. Please send Prayer requests & Tithes to
mail@gracevancouver.com
- 3. Easter Potluck today after the service. Please join us!
- 4. Family Drop-In April 26th 9-11am. Sign-up sheet on back
table.
- 5. All Church Retreat June 13-15! Registration forms on back table.
- 6. Ben's Band show- May 3 @ 7pm at GVC
- 7. Free Parking available across from Canada Post.
- 8. No Children's Church or Nursery today. Please feel free
to keep your child with you. Activity packets available
on the back table.

Tithes

2025 Annual Budget \$250,000
Giving Last Week \$3,593

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