

# THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 1, 2018

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**Preparing for Worship:** Lord God of Hosts, you have prepared a feast of rich food and pure fruit of the vine. Come eat with us again, as you did with your disciples, that we may be witnesses of your resurrection, telling the good news to all the world.

**Gathering Music & Prelude** “Were You There?” Jan Mauck

**Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time** Brice Smith

**\*Song** “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” 288

### \*Call to Worship:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Praise the God and Father our Lord Jesus Christ.

**In God’s great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

The Spirit of God has conquered sin and death through the sacrifice of God’s one and only Son.

**“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”**

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

**But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**1 Corinthians 15:55-57 and 1 Peter 1:3 (New International Version)**

### \*Invocational Prayer

**The Ordinance of Christian Baptism**

**Song of Faith** “Christ Arose” 294

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today” 295

**Community and Congregational 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

**A Reading from the Old Testament** Isaiah 25:6-9

**A Reading from the New Testament** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**\*A Reading from the Gospel** John 20:1-18

**\*Responsorial** “Doxology (Old 100<sup>th</sup>)” 34

**Invitation & Dedication of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings**

**Choir Offertory** “The Light of Life ” Janet Nyfeler, Director  
Words and Music by James Goodnow

**Children’s Message** (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and younger to Junior Church)

**Evangelism Message:** “It’s Not Over Till It’s Over”  
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

## THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

**Invitation to the Lord’s Table** – West Side Baptist Church practices *open communion*. This means we recognize the Table of the Lord does not belong to any church but solely to the Lord. Therefore, all baptized Christian are welcome to receive the bread and the cup in this Christian church. Please hold each gift until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

†**Servers Prepare for the Table of the Lord**

**\*Song** “I Come with Joy” 706

**The Ordinance of the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion)**  
The Body of Christ – The Bread of Heaven

## The Blood of Christ – The Cup of Salvation

The Agape Fund - The Collection for the Saints and the Needy

### RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

**\*Invitation to Christian Faith and Discipleship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to follow Christ in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

**\*Song** “Because He Lives” **447**

**\*Spoken Benediction**

**\*Postlude** “Festal Fanfare” by **Steven Scott**  
\*Please stand if able

**THE AGAPE FUND COLLECTION** – West Side Baptist Church receives a benevolence offering for the poor and needy the first Sunday of each month after the Lord’s Supper. These funds are generously shared with persons in the church and neighborhood who have financial need. Please see the Pastor, Church Office, or the Moderator to complete an Application for Assistance.

**CHILDRENS ACTIVITY BAGS AND BULLETINS** – **We are glad to have children in worship!** Activity bags filled with coloring pages, crayons, and other items are available for preschool and elementary-aged children near the sanctuary door. Enjoy the bags and children’s bulletins; take your artwork home. Place the bags on the front pew after the worship service so we can restock them.



**MISSION:** The vision of West Side Baptist Church shall be that we commit ourselves to continual personal growth, reaching out to win and nurture others in the love of Jesus Christ

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# Christ

has been raised from the dead,  
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:20, ESV



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