



Welcome

Call to Worship

based on Luke 24:1-8; Revelation 11; John 11:25

On the first day of the week,
very early in the morning,
the women took the spices they had prepared
and went to the tomb.
They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
but when they entered,
they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.
While they were wondering about this,
suddenly two men in clothes
that gleamed like lightning
stood beside them.
In their fright the women bowed down
with their faces to the ground,
but the men said to them,

“Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here; he has risen!
Remember how he told you,
while he was still with you in Galilee:
‘The Son of Man
must be delivered over to the hands of sinners,
be crucified
and on the third day be raised again.’ ”
Then they remembered his words.

Hear your Lord Jesus speak:
Do not be afraid.
I am the First and the Last.
I am the Living One;
I was dead, and now look,
I am alive for ever and ever!
And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

Dear children, he has risen!

He has risen indeed!

Christ has risen!

He has risen indeed!

Jesus is the resurrection and the life!

**Whoever believes in him shall not die
but have eternal life!**

Opening Hymn

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!
Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
’Tis music in the sinner’s ears,
’Tis life, and health, and peace.**

**He breaks the power of reigning sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.
He speaks, and, listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.**

**My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name.
O for a thousand tongues to sing,
My great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!!**

words: Charles Wesley, 1739; music: Carl G. Glaser, 1828; arr.: Lowell Mason, 1839

Prayer of Lament

Father, we lament that we are lonely.
We ache to have someone be present with us:
To embrace one another
and share our lives in person.
To share a meal,
even to share the silence with another.
Isolation has become oppressive.

Jesus, when will you come and reign?

We lament that we cannot
worship together in person.
We should be feasting and celebrating
this Easter day, face-to-face.
We wish that we were kneeling, praying, singing,
sharing the bread and the cup together.

Jesus, when will you come and reign?

We lament that death is our enemy,
and it rules with cruelty and impunity.
It's a monstrous invader into God's creation.
Thousands upon ten thousands
are dying from this virus.
People we love are dying from this virus.

Jesus, when will you come and reign?

Lord, we are a broken people in a broken world.

Lord, in your mercy, hear us and help us.

Song of Lament

"My Help My God"

**Why are you so full of heaviness?
Why are you disquieted within?
O my soul, O my soul.**

**As the deer longs for the water brooks,
So my soul it longs, it thirsts for you.
O my God, O my God.**

**Put your trust in God, I will yet give thanks to him.
Put your trust in God, I will yet give thanks to him.
Put your trust in God, I will yet give thanks to him.
My help, my God!**

Sandra McCracken, 2015

Assurance and Hope of the Gospel

*from on John 19; Matthew 26; Isaiah 53; Romans 5; John 3;
Acts 2; Matthew 28; Hebrews 4; Revelation 11; 21; 22*

Take heart in this assurance
and hope of the good news of the King:
The King has been lifted up
and reigned from the cross.
Jesus commands the angels,
yet became the man of sorrows,
in order to die for us, the powerless, the ungodly.

**For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him
should not perish but have eternal life.**

The King has been raised from the dead.
The grave could not hold him!
He ascended into heaven to the right hand of his Father,
from whom he has all authority.

**We can approach the throne, therefore, with confidence
to receive mercy and find grace in our time of need.**

The King will reign—
the kingdom of the world
will become the kingdom of our Lord and his Messiah.
Our triumphant, yet tender King Jesus
will wipe away every tear from our eyes.
There will be no more sickness
or death or mourning
or crying or pain.

**His words are trustworthy and true.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Song in the Gospel

“Up from the Grave”

**Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
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! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

**Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,
Vainly they seal the dead, 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! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

**Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
He tore the bars away, 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! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

words & music: Robert Lowry, 18261-899

Song in the Gospel

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

**Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heav’nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o’er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died, and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose pow’r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
And all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
And round his piercéd feet
Fair flow’rs of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heav’n,
One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv’n,
From his eternal throne,
To Thee be endless praise,
For Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days,
Adored and magnified.**

words :Matthew Bridges, 1851; music George J. Elvey, 1868

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Preparation for the Word

based on 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Let us honor our Father together.

**Father, we receive your word, which we have heard
through the prophets,
the apostles
and Jesus, your Son,
And accept it not as a human word,
but as it actually is,
the word of God.**

Yes, for it is indeed at work
in all who believe.

Scripture

Romans 8:17-25

¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Homily

Charles Anderson
Easter Groans

Prayer

Life as Worship

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Valediction

John 14:5-9

Let us remember these words together:

Thomas said to Jesus,
“Lord, we don’t know where you are going,
so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered:
“I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father
except through me.
If you really know me,
you will know my Father as well.
From now on, you do know him
and have seen him.”

Philip said,
“Lord, show us the Father
and that will be enough for us.”

Jesus answered:
“Don’t you know me, Philip,
even after I have been among you
such a long time?
Anyone who has seen me
has seen the Father.”

Closing Hymn

“Man of Sorrows”

**Man of Sorrows! What a name,
For the Son of God, who came,
Ruined sinners to reclaim.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place, condemned, he stood,
Sealed my pardon with his blood.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**Guilty, vile, and helpless we;
Spotless Lamb of God was he;
“Full atonement!” Can it be?
Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**Lifted up was he to die;
“It is finished!” was his cry;
Now in heav’n exalted high.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**When he comes, our glorious King,
All his ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we’ll sing:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

Philip P. Bliss, 1875

Benediction

Upcoming Events

Women, register for this year’s OneRead!

Redeemer Women invites you to join us for a Women’s OneRead. Grab a copy of *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life* by Tish Harrison Warren, read it, and join us as we look more closely at the small practices and habits that form our everyday life.

We will meet virtually Tuesday, 4/28, 7:30-8:30pm via a Zoom room. Books are available on Amazon (hard and electronic versions are available). There are a few hard copies still available for \$10. Email women@redeemindy.org to organize a porch pick up.

Please register online [redeemindy.org/events/oneread] to ensure you get the Zoom room invitation and so we can plan accordingly. We do hope you will join us! We are looking forward to a great night!

Feeling inadequate to handle life and relationships?

New Hope Counseling continues to be open to serve clients. We do not want finances to be a barrier. We provide scholarships as needed to all Redeemer and Fountain Square Pres attendees. We offer a full slate of telecounseling options via a secure provider on your computer, tablet, or mobile device. We all sense how disrupted life is right now. If you want to talk with a counselor, please contact us.

Email our Intake Coordinator, Liz Escoffery at [counseling@newhopeindianapolis.org] to ask questions about scheduling an appointment. If you need to come in for in-person sessions, we are still equipped for that as well and are following all relevant CDC guidelines.

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