

The Worship of God

Sanctuary Worship
April 4, 2021 @ 11:00 am
Easter Sunday
First Baptist Church
Gainesville, Florida

Medley of His Passion – *Lift High the Cross* – arr. Raney

Grace Brodbeck, organ, Eve Lipoff, piano

Invitation to Worship

Pastor Eric Spivey

Song of Proclamation – *Lift High the Cross* – arr. Lau

**Sanctuary Choir
Tim Wood, trumpet**

Please join the choir in singing the refrain of *Lift High the Cross*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore His sacred name.

Call to Worship - Luke 24:5b-7 (Phillips)

Pastor Eric and Donn Wisdom

“Why do you look for the living among the dead?

He is not here: He has been raised!

Remember what He said to you, while He was still in Galilee—

**That the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men,
and must be crucified, and must rise again on the third day.”**

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Chorus of the Resurrection – *Christ Arose* - #273

Words and music by Robert Lowry CHRIST AROSE

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!

Invocation

Tim Brophy

Song of Adoration – *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* - #270 (all stanzas)

Words by Charles Wesley, music *Lyra Davidica* EASTER HYMN

Christ the Lord is risen 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!
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave! Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened Paradise, 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 grace, the skies, Alleluia!

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 25:6-9

Reed Pickard

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

Reading from the Psalms – Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Jamila Edwards

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

New Testament Reading – 2 Corinthians 1:1-15

Pastor Eric

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Song of Joy – *Come, Proclaim the Victory* – Williams / Martin

**Sanctuary Choir
Tim Wood, trumpet**

The congregation is asked to join in singing this stanza of *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in 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.

Message – “The Easter Story”

Pastor Eric

Song of Joy – *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* - #360 in Baptist Hymnal 1991 (all stanzas)

Words by William M. James, music by Henry T Smart word © 1979 assigned to
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Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heav'n in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choicest; heav'nly music, let it ring.
Alleluia, alleluia, Easter people, let us sing!

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over ev'ry foe.
Alleluia, alleluia, onto vict'ry now we go.

Ev'ry day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.
Even when life overwhelms us Easter people sing this song:
Alleluia, alleluia, everlasting Sunday song!

Benediction

Pastor Eric

Song of Sending – *Because He Lives* - #449 (refrain)

Word by Gloria Gaither and William J. Gaither, music by William J. Gaither
© 1971 William J. Gaither RESURRECTION

Because He lives I can face tomorrow, because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.

Please remain seated until dismissed by one of our hosts. Thank you.

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Thanks for being here!

The Easter Story
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1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand.

1 Corinthians 15:1 (NRSV)

Sermon Guide

Paul's _____

Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. (v.8-9)

The _____ **Story**

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, 4 and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. (v.3-5)

_____ **Easter Story**

Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe. (v. 11)

Our Easter story multiplies the more we _____ it.

Who first told me the Easter story? _____

When was I baptized? _____

Where was I baptized? _____

With whom will I share my Easter story? _____