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**Resurrection Sunday Sunrise Service**

**Hermann Park, Houston, Texas**

**Sunday, April 9, 2023 | 7:00am**

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# **RESURRECTION SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE**

**April 9, 2023 at 7:00am**

**Hermann Park, Houston, Texas**

We gather at sunrise on Easter Sunday for the purpose of meeting with God and turning our hearts to receive the mystery, joy, and victory of Christ's death and resurrection.

A sunrise service like this exposes us to the beauty of creation and draws us together early enough before the distractions, thoughts, and troubles of each day have yet to enter into our hearts and minds.

Together this morning, we will recite Scripture aloud; hear Scripture read to us; sing songs of praise together; listen to prayers lifted up; and sit under the preaching of God's Word.

Please follow along in this program and participate in our corporate worship. May the Lord of all creation, the Risen King, our Redeemer and Savior, reign in our hearts this morning.

*Music:* Michael Lee and Yongyi Zhou

*Readers:* Lily Hu, Frank Fang, and Pastor Henry

*Petitioners:* Jack Chang, Jacky Yeung, and Elder Xianyun Wu

*Preacher:* Elder Melvin Huang

*Food Coordinator:* Frank Fang

All references to Scripture are taken from the English Standard Version (ESV) of the Bible.

## **Welcome and Call to Worship**

Pastor Jason Tarn

*Leader:* "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; the Lord has risen!"

*All:* "He has risen indeed!"

*Leader:* "The Lord has risen!"

*All:* "He has risen indeed!"

*Leader:* "The Lord has risen!"

*All:* "He has risen indeed!"

*Leader:* "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? Death has been swallowed up in victory!"

*All:* "Christ has risen indeed!"

*Leader:* "Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.'"

*All:* "Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

*Leader:* "The Lord has risen!"

*All:* "He has risen indeed! Alleluia!"

## **Worship Song | Man of Sorrows**

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Man of sorrows Lamb of God  
By His own betrayed  
The sin of man and wrath of God  
Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused  
Beaten mocked and scorned  
Bowing to the Father's will  
He took a crown of thorns

Oh that rugged cross my salvation  
Where Your love poured out over me  
Now my soul cries out hallelujah  
Praise and honor unto Thee

Sent of heaven God's own Son  
To purchase and redeem  
And reconcile the very ones  
Who nailed Him to that tree

Oh that rugged cross my salvation  
Where Your love poured out over me  
Now my soul cries out hallelujah  
Praise and honor unto Thee

Now my debt is paid  
It is paid in full  
By the precious blood

That my Jesus spilled  
Now the curse of sin  
Has no hold on me  
Whom the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed

Oh that rugged cross my salvation  
Where Your love poured out over me  
Now my soul cries out hallelujah  
Praise and honor unto Thee

See the stone is rolled away  
Behold the empty tomb  
Hallelujah God be praised  
He's risen from the grave

### **Worship Song | O Praise the Name (Anástasis)**

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I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds His hands His feet  
My Savior on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death where is your sting  
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

**Responsive Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:12-22 (ESV)

Lily Hu

*Leader:* Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

*All:* But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

*Leader:* And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

*All:* 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.

*Leader:* For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.

*All:* And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

*Leader:* Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

*All:* If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

*Leader:* But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

*All:* For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

*Leader:* For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

## **Worship Song | Because He Lives**

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God sent His Son they called Him Jesus  
He came to love heal and forgive  
He bled and died to buy my pardon  
An empty grave is there to prove  
My Savior lives

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

How sweet to hold our newborn baby  
And feel the pride and joy he gives  
But greater still the calm assurance  
This child can face uncertain days  
Because Christ lives

And then one day I'll cross that river  
I'll fight life's final war with pain  
And then as death gives way to vict'ry  
I'll see the lights of glory  
And I'll know He reigns



**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 119:129-136 (ESV)

Frank Fang

[129] Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

[130] The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

[131] I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments.

[132] Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name.

[133] Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

[134] Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts.

[135] Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

[136] My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.

## **Corporate Prayer**

Jack Chang - Prayer for the World

Elder Xianyun Wu - Prayer for Our City

Jacky Yeung - Prayer for Our Church

## **Scripture Reading:** Romans 6:6-14 (ESV)

Pastor Henry Ow

[6] We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. [7] For one who has died has been set free from sin. [8] Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. [9] We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. [10] For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. [11] So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

[12] Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. [13] Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. [14] For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

**Message**

Elder Melvin Huang

## **Worship Song | All I Have Is Christ**

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I once was lost in darkest night  
Yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life  
Had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own  
A rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first  
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race  
Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state  
And led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed  
You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me  
Now all I know is grace

Hallelujah all I have is Christ  
Hallelujah Jesus is my life

Now Lord I would be Yours alone  
And live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands  
Could never come from me  
O Father use my ransomed life  
In any way You choose  
And let my song forever be  
My only boast is You

## **Responsive Reading**

Pastor Jason Tarn

*Leader:* "The Lord is risen!"

*All:* "He is risen indeed!"

*Leader:* "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."

*All:* "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes!"

*Leader:* "Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the Scriptures . . . "

*All:* ". . . he was buried, and he was raised on the third day, in accordance with the Scriptures."

*Leader:* "Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."

*All:* "For as by man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead."

*Leader:* "For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. This is the day that the Lord has made."

*All:* "Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

*Leader:* "The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law."

*All:* "But thanks be to God, who gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

*Leader:* "The Lord is risen!"

*All:* "He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!"

## **Doxology**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

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