

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Easter Sunday, April 5, 2025

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

Musical Prelude- "Thine Be the Glory" Harry Jameson, cello
Randy Berger, piano

Call to Worship: Zephaniah 3

Pastor: Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!

**Congregation: Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Pastor: The Lord has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.

**Congregation: The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.**

Pastor: On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

**Congregation: "Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.**

Pastor: The Lord your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;

**All: he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.**

Risen Lord!"

Glorious Day Choir

Song of Adoration: Hymn #286- Worship Christ, the Risen King

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Hymn #276- Up from the Grave He Arose

Confession of Sin (inspired by Matthew 5: 3-12)

Lord Jesus, you taught us that in Your kingdom,

Pastor: "Blessed are the poor in spirit" —

Congregation: but we have been rich in pride.

Pastor: "Blessed are those who mourn" —

Congregation: but we have not known much sorrow for our sin.

Pastor: "Blessed are the meek" —

Congregation: but we are rebellious by nature.

Pastor: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness" —

Congregation: but we have great desire for evil and little longing for Your true goodness.

Pastor: "Blessed are the merciful" —

Congregation: but we are harsh and impatient.

Pastor: "Blessed are the pure in heart" —

Congregation: but we have impure hearts.

Pastor: "Blessed are the peacemakers" —

Congregation: but we have not sought reconciliation.

Pastor: "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness" —

Congregation: but our lives do not challenge the world. "

Pastor: Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me" —

Congregation: but we have hardly made it known that we are yours.

All: Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us all of our sins.

Renew us and lead us by your Holy Spirit

so that we may seek first your kingdom and Your righteousness

and walk joyfully in the way of Your blessing.

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 6:9-11

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Harry Jameson

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation: "Glorious Day" (Living He Loved Me) Glorious Day Choir

Sermon text:

20 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. **2** So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." **3** So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. **4** Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

5 And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. **6** Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, **7** and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. **8** Then the other disciple, who had

reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples went back to their homes.

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. **12** And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. **13** They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." **14** Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." **20** When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. **21** Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." **22** And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Children's Message

Sermon: The Resurrection , Rev. Brandon Edmonds

Outline:

- I. Crisis
- II. Recognition
- III. Peace

Song of Grace: Hymn #425- Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Invitation to Table: Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Prayer of Receiving

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer for Blessing

Closing Song- Because He Lives

Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.