



THE GREAT CROSSING

(ENTRANCE, ESCAPE, RESCUE)
CHRISTMAS TO EASTER #14
(LUKE 2:7-14; MARK 16:1-8)

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Believe this, and rejoice in the implications.

NOTES:

Covenant Presbyterian Church
of
Reno, Nevada

EASTER

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- Mark 16:5-6

March 31, 2024

Service for Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

As far as the Markan account of the Empty Tomb is concerned, the naturalness of the first part, the simplicity and restraint of vv. 5-8, and the surprising feature of the women's silence all point to its authenticity. It reads like an eye-witness's account, not a dramaticization of a religious conviction.

- C.E.B. Cranfield, The Gospel According to St. Mark, p.463

God's People Gather Saying "He Is Risen!"

Prelude Nancy Tedford, organ

Greetings and Church Family News Pastor Jay Hull

Choral Introit "Alleluia Fanfare"– Lojeski Covenant Choir
Nancy Tedford, organ; Melissa Bullard, piano; Josh Dunlap & Larry Machado, trumpets; Kevin Miescke, horn & John Bennum & Spencer Hannibal-Smith, trombones

***Call to Worship** Luke 2:7-14 Jenny McNeely

Leader: And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

People: And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Leader: And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them,

People: "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

Leader: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

People: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

We Declare the Truth: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

***Hymns of Praise & Decorating the Cross** #208 & #195

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" & "Joy to the World"

Children's Prayer

(Children preschool to early grade school excused to Children's Church)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon & Gloria Patri (Hymnal-inside back cover)

Reception of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem "Lift High the Cross" – arr. Nichols

***Doxology** (#592) and **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

With God's Help, We Hear & Understand His Word

***Hymn of Preparation** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" #273

Scripture Reading Mark 16:1-8 (p.853)

Message: *The Great Crossing* Pastor Jay Hull
(The Rescue: Christmas to Easter #14)

We Respond to the Finished Work of Christ the Lord

Prayers of the People and The Lord's 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

We Depart in Joy Declaring Together "He Is Risen!"

***Closing Hymn** "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today!" #277

***Charge & Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** "Hallelujah!" from *The Messiah* – G. F. Handel
(Congregation members are encouraged to come forward to sing with the choir)

***Postlude**

*indicates to stand if you are able



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Easter at Covenant

Welcome to Worship

Sunday March 31, 2023 – 11:00 a.m.

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Prelude

Welcome & Church Family News Pastor Jay Hull

Call to Worship Luke 2:7-14

Songs of Praise

Samuel Dueñas & the Covenant Praise Band

“The Lion & The Lamb”

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” & “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” & Decorating the Cross

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Offering *(Our giving is an act of worship.)*

Children's Prayer Time Kati Guerrero

Prayer of Confession & Word of Assurance



Scripture Reading:

Mark 26:1-8 (p.853)

Message

“The Great Crossing”

Pastor Jay Hull

(The Rescue: Christmas to Easter #14)

Prayers of the People

Closing Song - “King of Kings”

Final Word of Blessing

“He Is Risen!

He Is Risen Indeed!”

