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# West Valley Presbyterian Church

*worship as communal exchange . Trinity God renews us, and we respond*

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called to come in

God comes near and calls his people out of the world, and  
takes hold of us and brings us into the community of Himself.

## SONG: Christ The Lord Is Risen Today!

*Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia  
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia*

*Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia  
Christ hath burst the gates of hell, Alleluia  
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia  
Christ hath opened Paradise, Alleluia*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia  
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia*

*Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia*

*Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia  
Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia  
Hail, the resurrection day, Alleluia*

we hear . from I Corinthians 15:17

*(leader)*

Christ has risen!

*(all)*

He has risen indeed, hallelujah!

*(leader)*

If Christ has not been raised, than our faith is futile and we are still in our sins.

But we are not... for he has risen, hallelujah!

*(all)*

He has risen indeed, hallelujah!

we respond . SONG: Up From The Grave He Arose!

*Low in the grave he lay Jesus, my Savior;*

*Waiting the coming day Jesus, my Lord.*

**CHORUS:**

*Up from the grave he arose,*

*with a mighty triumpho'er his foes,*

*He arose 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.*

*Chorus*

*Death cannot keep its prey Jesus, my Savior;*

*He tore the bars away Jesus, my Lord.*

*Chorus*

reading of the Word . from Matthew 28:1-17

*(leader)*

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.<sup>9</sup> And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.

While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day. Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.

confessing our sin

God the Spirit reminds us that God the Father has saved us through the righteous life and sacrificial death of Christ the Son - and in faith we rest on his gracious interest to renew us yet again.

we hear . from I Corinthians 15

*(leader)* For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain... If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins... If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied... So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.

we confess . from Romans 7:15-25

*(all)* O God who knows me... I do not understand myself. For in this life, I do not do what I want, but I do the very things I hate. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my body another law waging war against my mind and making me captive to the law of sin... Wretched man that I am, who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

we rest . SONG: Christ Is Risen He's Risen Indeed

*How can it be, the One who died  
Has borne our sin through sacrifice  
To conquer every sting of death  
Sing, sing hallelujah*

*For joy awakes as dawning light  
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes  
Alive He stands, their Friend and King  
Christ, Christ He is risen*

*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed  
Oh, sing hallelujah  
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed  
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed*

*Where doubt and darkness once had been  
They saw Him and their hearts believed  
But blessed are those who have not seen  
Yet, sing hallelujah*

*Once bound by fear now bold in faith  
They preached the truth and power of grace  
And pouring out their lives they gained  
Life, life everlasting*

*The power that raised Him from the grave  
Now works in us to powerfully save  
He frees our hearts to live His grace  
Go tell of His goodness*

*He's alive, He's alive  
Heaven's gates are opened wide  
He's alive, He's alive  
Now in heaven glorified*

**DECLARATION: I Peter 2:24**

*(leader)* He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

consecrated by Word

God declares the finished gospel of his Son, and continues his powerful, internal work of change/consecration by his Spirit.

**greeting, children and announcements**

we hear . Dave Royes . Title: Resurrection Applied . Text: John 14: 1-7  
(Black NIV Bible page: 763 Blue ESV Bible page: 901)

### *1. The Reality of a Troubled Heart*

*\* Jesus senses the disciples inner turmoil*

*\* 'Quiet-ness of heart' is theological!*

### *2. The Practical comfort of the Gospel*

*a. God resurrects: a place of \_\_\_\_\_*

*b. God resurrects: a place of \_\_\_\_\_*

*c. God resurrects: a place of \_\_\_\_\_*

### *3. The Exclusive claim of Jesus*

*What things most often give rise to a troubled heart?  
How does the resurrection of Jesus offer practical comfort,  
or send us on mission?*

we respond . SONG: In Christ Alone

*In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm*

*What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand*

*In Christ alone Who took on flesh  
Fullness of God In helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save*

*'Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live*

*There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again*

*And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost it's grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ*



*No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ In me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny*

*No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand*

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SONG: (offering) Resurrection Hymn

*See, what the morning, gloriously bright  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem  
Folded the graveclothes, tomb filled with light  
As the angels announce Christ is risen*

*See God's salvation plan, wrought in love  
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice  
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives  
Christ is risen from the dead*

*See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name  
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again*

*The voice that spans the years, speaking life  
Stirring hope, bringing peace to us  
Will sound 'til He appears, for He lives  
Christ is risen from the dead*

*One with the Father, Ancient of Days  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise  
To the King crowned with power and authority*

*And we are raised with Him, death is dead  
Love was won, Christ has conquered  
And we shall reign with Him, for He lives  
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communion in Sacrament

God invites us into his community to share in his covenant table – and we respond by enjoying his renewing, preemptive heavenly feast. Acts 20.7; I Corinthians 11.23–28

compelled to go out

God blesses us and charges us go out and extend his kingdom into the broken world around us, making disciples of all nations.

benediction . from I Corinthians 15:54-57

*(leader)* O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?

The sting of death is sin...

But thanks be to God, who gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ, who IS risen!

*(all)* He is risen indeed, Hallelujah!