

Shaped By the Cross by Bekah Hanson

Happy Easter

Call to Worship

The tomb empty; Christ is not here!

Christ is risen from the grave!

We shall not die, but live.

Let us raise glad songs of victory!

Christ is Risen! **He is risen indeed!!**

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This day God has brought life from death,
and open the gates of righteousness.

**Let us enter God's gates with
thanksgiving and praise.**

Let us worship our God!

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Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Eternal, holy, God: Creator, Savior, and Sustainer, by your love you choose us, through Christ we are redeemed, by your spirit we are refreshed. ... Hear us join our voices and hearts, lifting our praise and claiming our trust in you, as we pray the prayer you taught us saying, **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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

HYMN "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

PH 113 (GTG 245)

**1 "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!**

**3 Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save; Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

**4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia!
Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!**

Prayer of Confession ~ *We Tell the Truth About Ourselves*

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that leads to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. (Praying silently) All the congregation said, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon ~ God Blesses and Forgives Us

Good news siblings and faith: God shows no particularity but looks with acceptance and love all who draw near. Through love and mercy God sent Christ as a living expression of love. All who believe in Christ receive forgiveness of sins through his holy name. Know that you are forgiven! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

Sing *Glory Be to the Father*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF THE LORD

Children's Message ~

Scripture Psalm 118: 14-24 and John 20:1-11

Sermon

The First Easter ~ We Join the Disciples

Pastor Sharyl

DISCIPLES RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes & Gifts

Continuing our worship; we will give back to God our offerings, gifts, pledges, and tithes by mail or online with Tithely at <https://kingstonpresbyterian.org>. We offer God our hearts, hands, minds and money as an expression of gratitude and our love for God and as a marker of our partnership with God through our Kingston Presbyterian Church.

Sing the Doxology: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of Intercession ~ Prayers of the People

DISCIPLES ARE SENT AND BLESSED TO SERVE GOD

Hymn

Thine is the Glory!

PH 122 (GTG 238)

1 Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes Where Thy body lay.

Refrain:

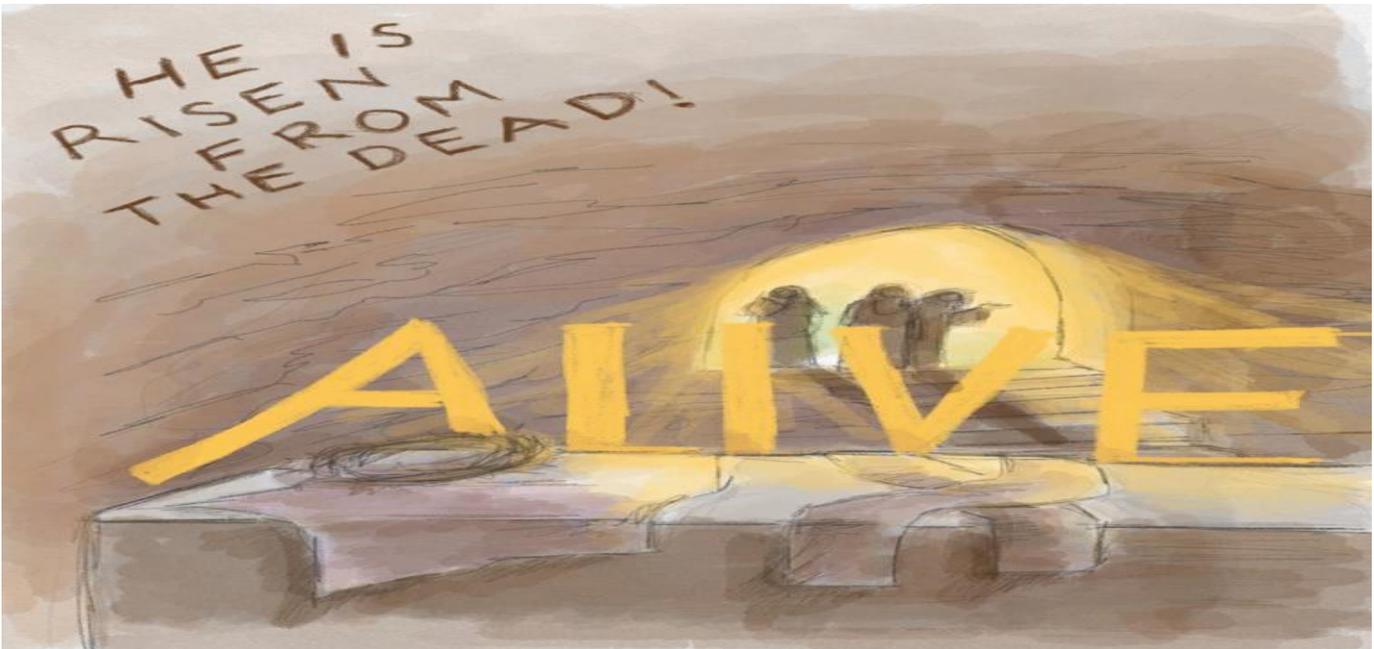
Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb; Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting. [Refrain]

3 No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without Thee; Aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors Through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan To Thy home above. [Refrain]

Benediction & Passing the Peace of Christ

Have you seen the Lord? **Christ is risen!** Have you seen the Lord? **Christ is risen!**
Have you seen the Lord? **Christ is risen!** Have you seen the Lord? **Christ is risen!**
And now the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all now and always. **Amen.**
The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
Share it!! It's not for you to keep. **Let's share it!**



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