

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Easter

### PREPARATION

Welcome Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

The prelude provides an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God by being still and quiet.

Prelude Charles C. Converse

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*  
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

### ADORATION

Call to Worship from *Psalms 118* Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!  
Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.  
This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.  
I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.  
This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Invocation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Hymn of Praise *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

*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!*  
*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!*  
*Where, O Death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!*  
*Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!*  
*Where thy victory, O Grave? Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!*  
*Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!*  
*Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!*  
*Christ hath opened Paradise, Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!*  
*Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!*  
*Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!*  
*Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

Call to Confession Tom Marchand

Let us confess our sins to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.  
Jesus' rising from the dead assures us that we too have been given new life.

Let us repent of our sin before God and one another,  
certain of God's mercy and grace.

Prayer of Confession NAME

All-knowing, all-powerful God,  
we confess that, even on this most holy day,  
we are unable to believe fully in the victory over death  
shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We confess our utter dependence on you, not only for life,  
but also for faith, hope, and love.

Without your astonishing appearance to our spiritual ancestors,  
and your stunning presence throughout the ages,  
we would be lost.

Forgive us and transform us,  
that in every way our work and prayer will help to make whole  
that which is broken and in need of your grace.  
May you find us seeking to share your message of resurrection  
with our world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Tom Marchand

By the grace of God and the witness of the saints,  
the good news of Jesus' resurrection is our rock and our salvation.  
You shall not die but you shall live.

The rejected cornerstone has become your strength and your song.  
We declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
who lives and reigns in our hearts, now and forever.

### PROCLAMATION

Children's Sermon Holly Hatton

Scripture Readings *Matthew 28:1-10* Cathy Wilhelm

Anthem *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. Fred Mallory  
Cathy Wilhelm, *soprano* Trudy Hatton, *alto*  
Dennis McDuffie, *tenor* Ray Hatton, *bass*

*When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died;  
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.*

*See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine demands my soul, my life, my all!*

Prayer of Preparation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde and Congregation

**Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Message Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

*What Jesus Said . . . About Fear*

### RESPONSE

Hymn of Prayer *We Welcome Glad Easter* ST. DENIO

*We welcome glad Easter when Jesus arose,  
And won a great victory over His foes.  
Then raise your glad voices, all Christians, and sing,  
Bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your King.*

*We tell how the women came early that day,  
And there at the tomb found the stone rolled away.  
Then raise your glad voices, all Christians, and sing,  
Bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your King.*

*We sing of the angel who said: "Do not fear!  
Your Savior is risen, and He is not here."  
Then raise your glad voices, all Christians, and sing,  
Bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your King.*

*We think of the promise which Jesus did give:  
"That all who believe in Me also shall live!"  
Then raise your glad voices, all Christians, and sing,  
Bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your King.*

Reminder of Giving Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Meditation Music *Keep Watch Dear Lord* Daniel J. Ward  
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

Congregational Response *Doxology* OLD 100TH  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayers of the People Rev. Ray Hatton

The Lord's Prayer Rev. Ray Hatton  
*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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass  
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.*

Words of Encouragement Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Benediction Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Hymn of Response *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* DENNIS  
*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.  
We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear;  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.  
When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;  
But we shall all be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.*

Postlude *Easter Hymn Medley*  
Aaron Foster, *organist*

## THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

The resurrection of Jesus is, for Christians, the heart of history; the flashpoint from which everything is reordered. It is the beginning of the new thing that God is up to, defeating death and initiating the new Creation, which God will bring to full fruition in God's own time. The season of Eastertide lasts 50 days, because importance of the resurrection is too vast to be contained within one day.

## A WORD ABOUT FBC

First Baptist Memphis is a Midtown congregation that seeks to follow Christ by practicing hospitality, community, dialogue, and service.

- We value diversity in our membership and believe it enriches our journey and ministry.
- We strive to be a family of faith where all can belong.
- We value the voice of every child of God and strive to hear the voice of God in one another.
- What we do inside our walls prepares us to share God's love across the street and around the world.

The Radio Bible Class (10:30 am) and this service (11:00 am) are broadcast live on radio stations ESPN 680 AM, and ESPN 92.9 FM. Sermons are available online at [www.fbcmemphis.org](http://www.fbcmemphis.org).



*Resurrection*, by Ivan Filichev

## Easter

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*The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here! He has risen, just as he said he would!"*

—Matthew 28:5-6



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