

His Resurrection Destiny

By Oswald Chambers

*Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory? —**Luke 24:26***

Our Lord's Cross is the gateway into His life. His resurrection means that He has the power to convey His life to me. When I was born again, I received the very life of the risen Lord from Jesus Himself.

Christ's resurrection destiny— His foreordained purpose— was to bring “many sons to glory” (**Hebrews 2:10**). The fulfilling of His destiny gives Him the right to make us sons and daughters of God. We never have exactly the same relationship to God that the Son of God has, but we are brought by the Son into the relation of sonship. When our Lord rose from the dead, He rose to an absolutely new life— a life He had never lived before He was God Incarnate. He rose to a life that had never been before. And what His resurrection means for us is that we are raised to His risen life, not to our old life. One day we will have a body like His glorious body, but we can know here and now the power and effectiveness of His resurrection and can “walk in newness of life” (**Romans 6:4**). Paul's determined purpose was to “know Him *and the power of His resurrection*” (**Philippians 3:10**).

Jesus prayed, “...as You have given Him authority over all flesh that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him” (**John 17:2**). The term *Holy Spirit* is actually another name for the experience of eternal life working in human beings here and now. The Holy Spirit is the deity of God who continues to apply the power of the atonement by the Cross of Christ to our lives. Thank God for the glorious and majestic truth that His Spirit can work the very nature of Jesus into us, if we will only obey Him.

Bethel United Methodist Church

WORSHIP SERVICE EASTER SUNDAY April 20, 2025

PRELUDE The Prelude on "Maccabeus" Handel/Payne
CHIMING OF THE TRINITY
INTROIT Jesus, The Christ, is Risen Today Handel

WELCOME
THE EASTER PROCLAMATION Matthew 28:1-10
AN EASTER PRAYER #320

OPENING HYMN Christ the Lord is Risen Today #302 vs 1-4
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Modern Affirmation #885

CHILDREN'S LESSON Easter Eggs Rev. Ott

ANTHEM Alleluia, Alleluia! Beethoven

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY
HYMN OF PRAYER He Is Lord #177
PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY The Holy City
Soloist Stephanie Drawdy
DOXOLOGY Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow #94

HYMN Easter People, Raise Your Voices #304
SERMON TEXT John 20:19-23
SERMON Easter People Rev. Ott

CLOSING HYMN Because He Lives #364
BENEDICTION
CHORAL BENEDICTION Jesus, The Christ, is Risen Today Handel
POSTLUDE

OUR PRAYERS: Lad Howell, Dwight Courtney, Ed Newington, Carrie Fender, Mike Fanchette, Bo Hetrick, Bobbie McLaine, Debra Smith

OUR PRAISES: Kirk Breland, Carl Avant

Nursing Homes/Shut-Ins/Distant Members: Jane Brown, Nina Crosby, Lucille Culpepper, Sarah Anne Dean, June Dyches, Lynn Harrison, Joy Lawson, Jeanine Price, Rusty Riddle, Kay Speaks, Miriam Westbury.

Military Service: Elijah and Kaeleigh Forni, Matthew Mangum, Jordan Ray, Tristan Ray

Audio/Video Technician John Thomas

The Youth Groups will NOT meet this afternoon.

Healing Service next Sunday during worship. We will follow the liturgy from our UM Book of Worship. Please read the healing stories in the Gospels in preparation.

Epworth Mother's Day Offering is May 11th.



Lance Sims – 24th
Sharon Molinari – 26th