

Easter Sunday Celebration Service



Order of Service



Bloor Lansdowne Christian Fellowship



11:00 A.M. † April 24, 2011



Announcements:

- ❖ Wednesday 10:30AM: BLCF Prayer Room: Prayer & Bible Study: Book of Isaiah
- ❖ Wednesday 6:00-8:00 PM: BLCF Café Community Dinner
- ❖ Friday 7:00 PM: BLCF Youth
- ❖ Saturday May 7 at 7PM BLCF Café Fundraiser featuring live: The Bluegrass/Folk Duo 'A Cup of Cold Water'



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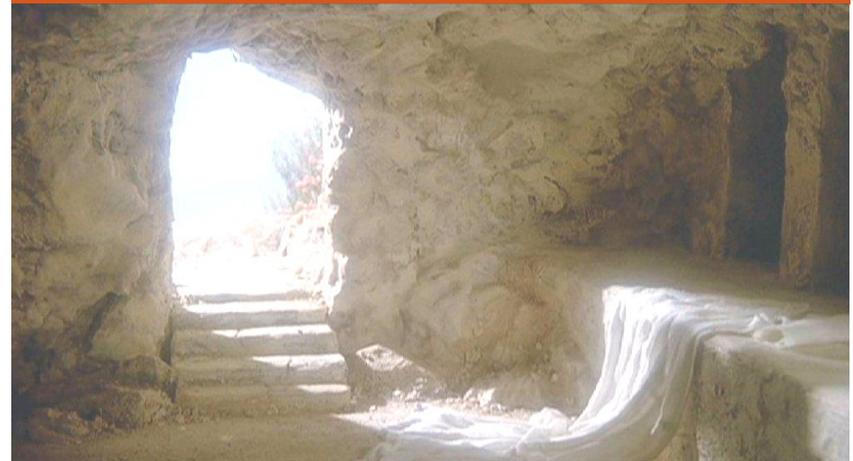


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CHRIST IS RISEN!

Christ Is Risen Indeed!



Matthew 12:38-44 The Sign of Jonah

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

"THREE DAYS & THREE NIGHTS"
 According to Good Friday
 – Easter Sunday scenario

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Nisan 14	Nisan 15	Nisan 16

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Announcements & Call to Worship:

Responsive Reading #623 (The Risen Lord), Prayer

Hymn #163: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Choruses majesty worship his majesty with lyrics

Prayer and Tithing: Hymn #572: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings*

Scripture: (See Opposite Page →)

Message by Steve Mickelson: 'God's Priceless Gift'

Hymn #158: *I Serve a Risen Saviour*

Benediction (1 Thessalonians 5:23): Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Did you know that the resurrection of Christ is a well-known historical account? And did you know that Christ not only appeared to his disciples, but also to over 500 others? Check out these few verses of scripture to learn who Christ appeared to before ascending to Heaven:

- *In or around Jerusalem*
 - *To Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-18)*
 - *To the other women (Matthew 28:8-10)*
 - *To Peter (Luke 24:34)*
 - *To ten disciples (Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-25)*
 - *To the Eleven, including Thomas (John 20:26-29)*
 - *At His ascension (Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:4-12)*
 - *To the disciples on the Emmaus road (Luke 24:13-35)*
 - *In Galilee (Matthew 28:16-20; John 21:1-24)*
 - *To over five hundred people (1 Corinthians 15:6)*
 - *To James and the apostles (1 Corinthians 15:7)*
 - *To Paul on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-6; 18:9-10; 22:1-8; 23:11; 26:12-18; 1 Corinthians 15:8)*
- [<http://straightupfaith.com>]

John 20:1-29 (ESV) The Resurrection

¹ Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."