

Lord's Day Worship

A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4, 2021

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Quiet our minds, O God, and gladden our hearts; that, as we come together to worship you, we may be open to your presence and find that this place is indeed the very gate of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

GOD CALLS US

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Pr: Christ is Risen!

All: He is Risen indeed!

Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death;

And upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Are there any who are lovers of God?

Let them enjoy this bright beautiful festival!

Are there any who are grateful servants?

Let them rejoice and enter the joy of their Lord!

Let no one grieve at his poverty,

For the riches of the kingdom of the Risen Christ have been revealed!

Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again,

For forgiveness has risen from the grave!

Let no one fear death,

For the death of our Savior has set us free.

He has destroyed death by enduring it;

He destroyed hell when he descended into it.

Death is in an uproar because it is mocked;

Death is in an uproar because it is now made captive.

Death, where is thy sting?

Grave, where is thy victory?

Christ is Risen!

And you, O Death, are annihilated!

Christ is Risen!

And the demons are cast down!

Christ is Risen!

And the tomb will be emptied of its dead!

For Christ, having risen from the dead;

Has become the first-fruit of those who have fallen asleep!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit!

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen!

(from John Chrysostom's Easter Homily, c. 400 AD)

†RESPONSE TO GOD'S CALL

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (Verses 1-5) Selection 277

GOD CLEANSSES US

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We are not worthy to be called your children; and thus we turn to you again. Have mercy on us, and bring us back to yourself as those who were once dead but now have life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Now lift up your heads, and hear these words of comfort and good news from the Scriptures...

"[Righteousness] will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification." Romans 4:24-25

Our heavenly Father, in his great mercy, has given his only Son to die for you, and for his sake forgives you all your sins; wherefore as Christ's minister and by his authority, I declare to you that all of your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

†*"Doxology"* Selection 733

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOD CONVERSES WITH US

OLD TESTAMENT READING Job 19:23-27a

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 15:12-26

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

†GOSPEL READING John 20:1-18

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†HYMN OF PRAISE

"Up from the Grave He Arose" Selection 276

†We Respond by Confessing Our Faith *The Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us, under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen!

†*"Gloria Patri"* Selection 735

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.

SERMON TEXT 2 Corinthians 4:13-18

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

"We Do Not Lose Heart" Pastor Josh Anderson
A Sermon for Easter Sunday

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Selection 283

GOD COMMUNES WITH US

†The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise!

Pastor: It is indeed right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God; but chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious Resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, for he is the very Paschal Lamb; who by His Death has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again, has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with the angels and the archangels, and with all the company of heaven, along with the whole church on earth, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, ever more praising You, and saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord Most High!

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Prayer of Preparation & Faith

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your steadfast love, which endures forever. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Father, to partake of the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ, that we may grow into his likeness, and evermore abide in union with him, and he with us. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bread

Pastor: Alleluia, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

‡Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Wine

Pastor: Let us confess the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

GOD COMMISSIONS US

†Prayer of Dedication

All gracious God, who of your infinite love gave your only begotten son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins and rise again for our justification, and have made us partakers of your divine nature through the gift of the Holy Spirit; accept the fruits of our labors which we now present to you in this offering and also our very selves as we stand before you; and hear us as we pray as your Son taught us: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen!

†Hymn of Praise

"Worship Christ, the Risen King!" Selection 286

†Pastoral Benediction

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

People: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed!

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Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed! Amen!

†Those who are able are invited to stand.

2 Corinthians 4:13-18

[13] Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, [14] knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. [15] For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

[16] So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. [17] For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, [18] as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.



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