Lord's Day Worship

A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER

April 11, 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 Pastor: Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; People: Death no longer has dominion over him! 	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.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;	People: Amen!
But the life he lives, he lives to God. So consider yourselves dead to sin, But alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord, Alleluia! Christ has been raised from the dead,	 <i>t</i> "Doxology"
The first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by a man came death,	GOD CONVERSES WITH US
By a man has come also the resurrection of the dead!	OLD TESTAMENT READING Proverbs 4:1-9
For as in Adam all die, So also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia! Romans 6:9-11; 1 Cor. 15:20-22	This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!
	EPISTLE READING James 1:2-12
†RESPONSE TO GOD'S CALL "The Day of Resurrection!" Selection 267	This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!
 *SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF PRAISE Pastor: We gather to worship in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! People: Amen! 	†GOSPEL READING Matthew 26:36-46 This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!
The LORD be with you!And also with you!Ruth 2:4Our help is in the name of the LORD,Ps. 124:8The maker of heaven and earth!Ps. 124:8For we have died, and our life is hidden with Christ in God.When the Christ who is our life appears,Col.we also will appear with him in gloryAlleluia'3:3-4	 [†]HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise the Savior Now and Ever"
we also will appear with him in glory. Alleluia! 3:3-4 Let us pray together: O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting	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
life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our	who, for us men and for our sativation, came down from

sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and

to do your will; and steel us to wait for the

consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD CLEANSES US

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

Pastor: Now lift up your heads, and hear these words of comfort and

"God raised [Jesus] on the third day and made him to appear, not to all

the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate

and drank with him after he rose from the dead...To him all the

prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives

Our heavenly Father, in his great mercy, has given his only

Acts 10:40-41, 43

good news from the Scriptures...

forgiveness of sins through his name."

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

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GOD CONVERSES WITH US

OLD TESTAMENT READING	Proverbs 4:1-9
This is the word of the Lord.	
Thanks be to God!	
Epistle Reading	James 1:2-12
This is the Word of the Lord.	
Thanks be to God!	
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 26:36-46
This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Chr	ist!
Praise be to you, O Christ!	
HYMN OF PRAISE	
"Praise the Savior Now and Ever"	Selection 243
We Respond by Confessing Our Faith	The Nicena Creed

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 All:

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bread

Pastor: Alleluia, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia! All:

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.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

"Obedience, Suffering & Being Made Mature"..... Pastor Josh Anderson XIV. Exposition of the Epistle to the Hebrews

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" (Verses 1-2, 4-5) . . Selection 378

GOD COMMUNES WITH US

[†]The Great Thanksgiving

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!

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:

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.

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

"For All the Saints"..... Selection 358

†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!

†Those who are able are invited to stand.

Hebrews 5:7-10

[7] In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.[8] Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. [9] And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, [10] being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

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