

Lord's Day Worship

A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER

April 24, 2022

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!

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;

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,

The first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death,

By a man has come also the resurrection of the dead!

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

†RESPONSE TO GOD'S CALL

"The Day of Resurrection!" Selection 267

†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!

The LORD be with you!

And also with you! Ruth 2:4

Our help is in the name of the LORD,

The maker of heaven and earth! Ps. 124:8

For we have died, and our life is hidden with Christ in God.

When the Christ who is our life appears, Col. 3:3-4
we also will appear with him in glory. Alleluia!

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 life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our 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 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. *+Silent Prayer of Confession+* **Amen.**

†DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

"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 forgiveness of sins through his name."

Acts 10:40-41, 43

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 Isaiah 35:1-10

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 4:17-5:2

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

†GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:1-12

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise the Savior Now and Ever" Selection 243

†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 Hebrews 12:12-17

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

"The Way of Holiness" Pastor Josh Anderson
XXXV. Exposition of the Epistle to the Hebrews

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" Selection 420

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

"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Selection 283

†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 12:12-17

[12] Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, [13] and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. [14] Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. [15] See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; [16] that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. [17] For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.



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