



# PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Easter Sunday

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Quote for Reflection

What doth the resurrection of Christ profit us? First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, that He might make us partakers of that righteousness which He had purchased for us by His death; secondly, we are also by His power raised up to a new life; and lastly, the resurrection of Christ is a sure pledge of our blessed resurrection.

—Heidelberg Catechism, Question 45

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

*It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into His courts.*

### Easter Procession—from Psalm 24

Pastor 1: The Earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.

Pastor 2: For He founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.

Musicians: *Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place?*

**Congregation: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.**

Pastor 1: Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Musicians: *Who is this King of glory?*

**Congregation: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**

Pastor 2: Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Musicians: *Who is this King of glory?*

**Congregation: The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!**

### Introit—Jesus Shall Reign, Vs. 1

Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;

His king - dom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793.

## Call to Worship—from John 11:25-26; Job 19:25

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed!**

Pastor: Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

All: **I know that my Redeemer lives! Christ is risen!**

Pastor: He is risen indeed!

## Hymn of Praise—Christ Jesus Lay In Death’s Strong Bands



Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands, for our of - fens - es — giv - en;  
*It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and death con - tend - ed;*  
So let us keep the fes - ti - val to which the Lord in - vites us;



But now at God's right hand He stands and brings us life from Heav - en:  
*The vic - tor - y re - mained with life: the reign of death was — end - ed.*  
Christ is Him - self the joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.



There - fore let us joy - ful be and sing God's prais - es thank - ful - ly  
*Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns, an emp - ty form a - lone re - mains;*  
Now His grace to us im - parts e - ter - nal sun - shine to our hearts;



With songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
*Death's sting is lost for - ev - er! Al - le - lu - ia!*  
The night of sin is end - ed. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Martin Luther, 1524, Tr. Richard Massie 1858;  
Music: CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN, Medieval melody,  
Arr. Johann Walther, 1524.

# GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

*The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts.*

## Hymn of Praise—At The Name Of Jesus



At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,  
Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name  
In your hearts en - throne Him; there let Him sub - due  
Broth - ers, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain



Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess Him King of glo - ry now;  
From the lips of sin - ners un - to whom He came,  
All that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;  
With His Fath - er's glo - ry, with His ang - el train;



'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call Him Lord,  
Faith - ful - ly He bore it spot - less to the last,  
Crown Him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;  
For all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on His brow,



Who from the beg - in - ning was the might - y Word.  
Brought it back vic - to - rious when from death He passed.  
Let His will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.  
And our hearts conf - ess Him King of glo - ry now.

Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1870; Music: KING'S WESTON, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925.

## Responsive Reading—John 11:25; 1 Corinthians 6:14; Romans 8:1, 38-39, 11:36

Elder: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live."

All: For He who raised Christ from the dead will also raise us up by His power.

Elder: Therefore, neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Elder: To Him be glory forever. Amen.

## Hymn of Praise—Christ Is Risen! Hallelujah!



Christ is ris - en! Hal - le - lu - jah! Ris - en our vic - tor-ious Head!  
*Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness of His earth - ly life is o'er,*  
Christ is ris - en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall;



Sing His prais - es! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
*Through the op - en gates of glad - ness He re - turns to life once more;*  
We are Christ's, in Him for - ev - er we have tri - umphed ov - er all;



Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore Him, as His light once more ap - pears,  
*Death and hell be - fore Him bend - ing, He doth rise, the vic - tor now,*  
All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion of our tremb - ling hearts have ceased,



Bow - ing down in joy be - fore Him, ris - ing up from grief and tears,  
*An - gels on His steps at - tend - ing, glor - y round His wound - ed brow.*  
'Tis His day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.



Sing His prais - es! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
*Through the op - en gates of glad - ness He re - turns to life once more.*  
We are Christ's, in Him for - ev - er we have tri - umphed ov - er all.

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Music: FOUNT OF GLORY (BEACH SPRING), Traditional American Melody, Arr. Gregory Wilbur, 2010.

## Reading of the Word—2 Corinthians 5:21-6:2

<sup>21</sup>For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

<sup>6:1</sup>Working together with Him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For He says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sung Response—In Christ Alone, Vs. 3



There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness slain;



Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious day, Up from the grave He rose a - gain!



And as He stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;



For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the prec - ious blood of Christ.

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## Sermon—*That Favorable Day*

—Pastor, George Grant

# GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

*The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.*

## Confession of Sin—Romans 3:10-11, 23, 6:23; Proverbs 8:36, 14:12; John 3:16; Mark 9:24

**Pastor:** Lord, we come confessing. Every one of us has sinned—and the wages of sin is death. There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death. There is none righteous, not even one; there is none who understands; there is none who seeks for God.

**All:** All of us have turned aside; together we have become useless.

**Pastor:** All those who hate God love death. But, thanks be to God: He so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**All:** Lord, we believe. Help us in our unbelief.

## Assurance of Pardon

The Lord God Almighty, who is the giver of life (Acts 17:25), the fountain of life (Psalm 36:9), the defender of life (Psalm 27:1), the prince of life (Acts 3:15), and the restorer of life (Ruth 4:15), did not leave us to languish hopelessly in the clutches of sin and death. He not only sent us the message of life (Acts 5:20) and the words of life (John 6:68), He sent us the light of life as well (John 8:12). He sent us His only begotten Son—the life of the world (John 6:51)—to break the bonds of death (1 Corinthians 15:54-56). Jesus tasted death for everyone (Hebrews 2:9), actually abolishing death for our sakes (2 Timothy 1:10). And having been raised from the dead, He now offers us new life, resurrection life (John 5:21).

**Pastor:** This is the promise of God. This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** What is impossible with man is possible with God.

## Sung Response—Man of Sorrows, Vs. 4

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Lift - ed up was He to die; 'It is fin - ished!' was His cry;". The piano accompaniment starts with a bass clef, the same key signature and time signature, and features a steady bass line with chords. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line lyrics are: "Now in Heav'n ex - alt - ed high. Hal - le - lu - jah! What a Sav - ior!". The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

# HEAVENLY GIFT—EUCCHARISTO

As God beckons His people to the bounty of His table, they make joyous profession of their fealty to Him.

## Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell.

On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; the one holy church—both visible and invisible;

The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

## Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

WOMEN



MEN Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow'r and might, Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, Ho high-est, Ho san-na in the high-est, Ho-san-na in the high-est. A-men. san-na in the high-est, Ho san-na in the high-est. A-men.



# WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

*This table is open to all baptized Christians who have made a profession of faith. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine or grape juice.*

## Hymn of Praise—Nothing But The Blood



What can wash a - way my sin? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
For my par - don, this I see, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
Noth-ing can for sin a - tone: Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
This is all my hope and peace, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;



What can make me whole a - gain? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
For my cleans - ing this my plea, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
Naught of good that I have done: Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
This is all my right - eous - ness, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.



Oh! pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow; —



No oth - er fount I know, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1876; Music: PLAINFIELD, Robert Lowry, 1876.

## Hymn of Praise—I Know That My Redeemer Lives



I\_\_\_ know that my re - deem - er lives, glor - y, hal - le - lu - jah!  
He\_\_\_ lives to bless me\_\_\_ with His love; glor - y, hal - le - lu - jah!  
He\_\_\_ lives to crush the fiends of hell; glor - y, hal - le - lu - jah!



What com - fort this sweet sen - tence gives, glor - y, hal - le - lu - jah!  
He\_\_\_ lives to plead my\_\_\_ cause a - bove; glor - y, hal - le - lu - jah!  
He\_\_\_ lives and doth with - in me dwell; glor - y, hal - le - lu - jah!



Shout\_\_\_ on, pray on, we're gain - ing ground, glor - y, hal - le - lu - jah!



The dead's a - live, and the lost is found, glor - y, hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1775; Music: ANTIOCH, Samuel Wood, *The Sacred Harp*, 1850;  
Arr. Henry C. Haffner, 2017.

**GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE, PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS**  
*Our praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship. It is here that our faith moves from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

**Hymn of Praise—Christ The Lord Is Risen Today**

Christ, the Lord, is ris'n to - day, — Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, — Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Lives a - gain our glor - ious King, — Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Sons of men and an - gels say, — Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ hath burst the gates of hell, — Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids His rise, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Once He died our souls to save, Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye — heavens, and Earth, re - ply, — Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ hath o - pened par - a - dise, — Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Where thy — vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: EASTER HYMN, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708.

## GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

*After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.*

### Benediction—Revelation 5:11-14

Pastor 1: I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

Pastor 2: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Pastor 3: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

### Sung Response—Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709; Music: OLD 100TH, Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551.

## Announcements

## Worship Notes:

The very first promise of redemption comes immediately after the Fall of Adam and Even in the Garden. There, God declares that the “seed of the woman” would “bruise the head of the serpent” (Genesis 3:15). In the earliest churches, this great promise was artistically represented by mosaics of dragons on floors—upon which everyone in the congregation could step and jump and stomp. We don’t have a mosaic in our foyer (yet), but we do have a wonderful red carpet inscribed with a Celtic dragon image. So on this Resurrection Sunday morn, go ahead: join with the saints across the ages who have followed after *Christus Victor* in crushing the head of the serpent! — Pastor George Grant

**Key Words:** Made, Sin, Righteousness, Appeal, Grace, Vain, Favorable, Day  
**Keystone Verse:** For our sake He made Him to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)



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