

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Easter Sunday 17 April 2022 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!

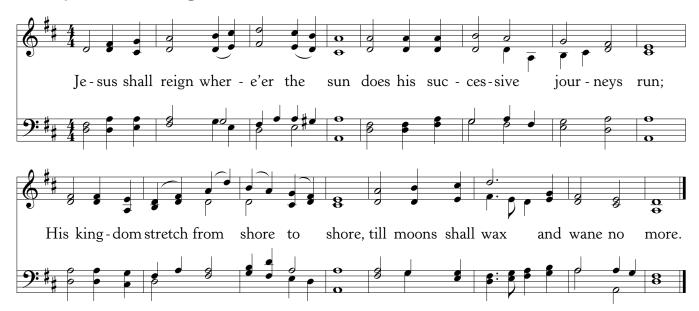
Pastor 2: Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of

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



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

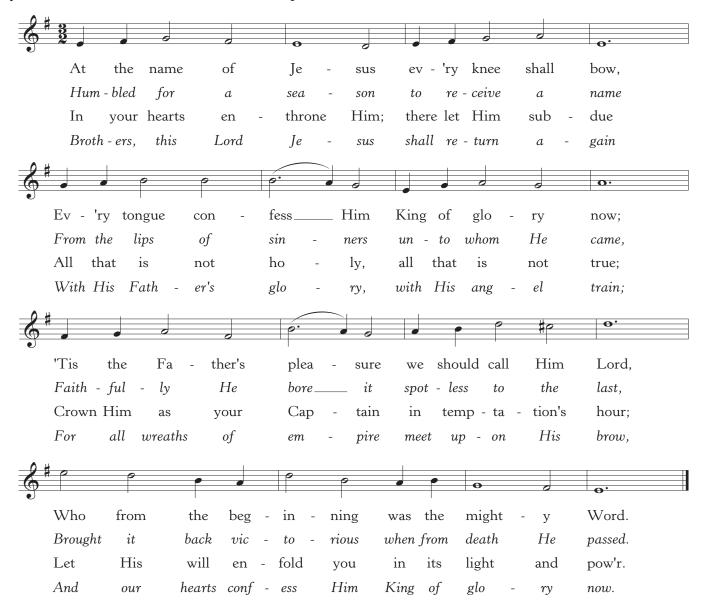


Text: Martin Luther, 1524, Tr. Richard Massie 1858; Music: CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN, Medieval melody, Arr. Johann Walther, 1524.

## 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



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!



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

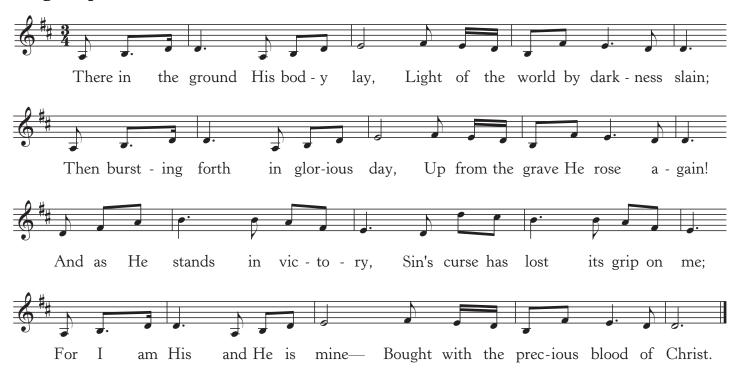
<sup>21</sup> For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

<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



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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



Text and Music: Phillip P. Bliss, 1875.

#### HEAVENLY GIFT—EUCHARISTO

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

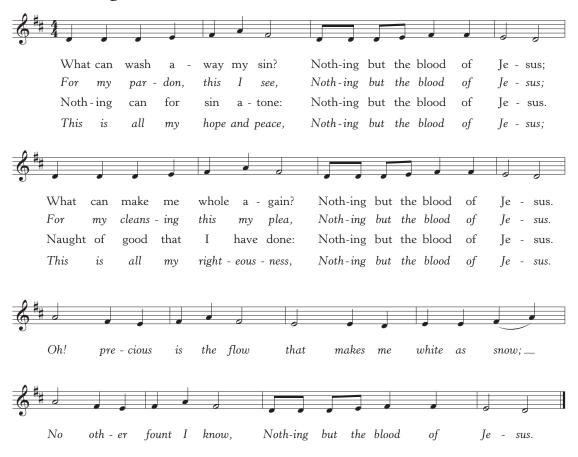
praise:



#### 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



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

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



## 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



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

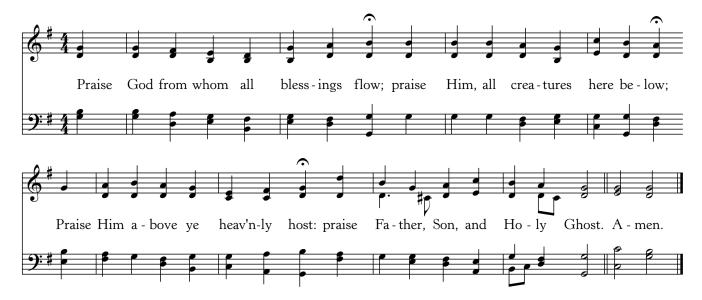
## GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

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



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: Keystone Verse: Made, Sin, Righteousness, Appeal, Grace, Vain, Favorable, Day 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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