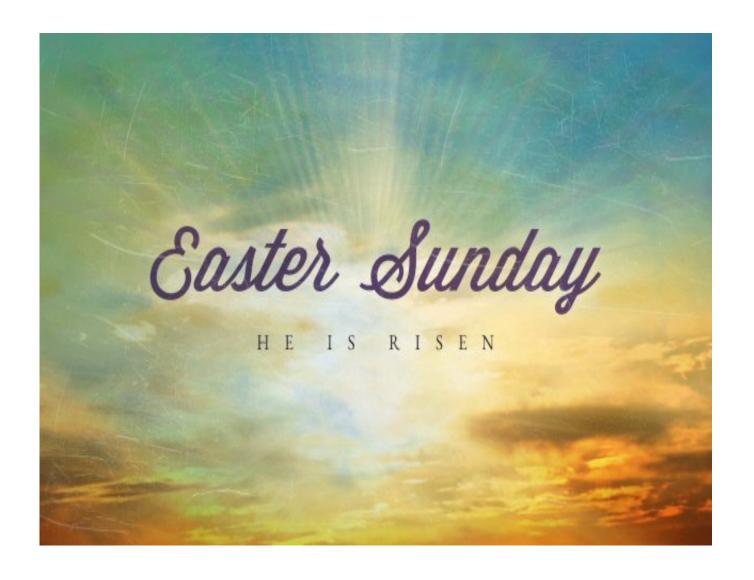


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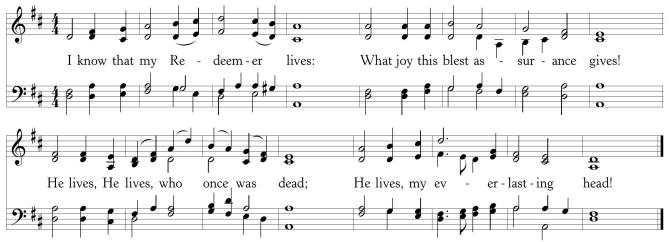
Service of Celebration and Gospel Renewal Resurrection Sunday

12 April 2020

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Introit—I Know that My Redeemer Lives, Vs I



Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99; Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793.

Call to Worship—Romans I:3-5; Job 19:25

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: For Jesus Christ our Lord is declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit

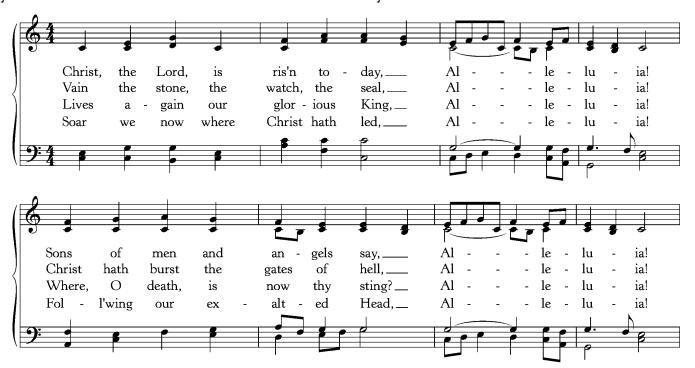
of holiness by His resurrection from the dead—through whom we have received grace.

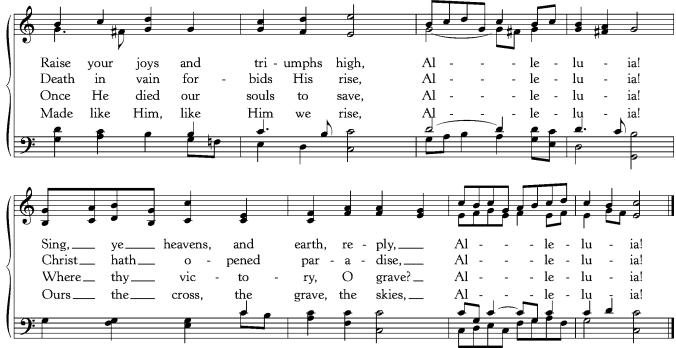
All: I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Hymn of Praise—Christ the Lord is Risen Today





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

New Testament Reading—Luke 24:I-I2

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

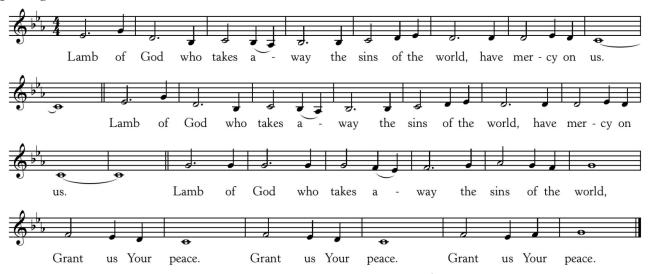
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & 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.

Sung Preparation—Lamb of God



Text: John I:29; Music: Franklin Agnus Dei, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

Corporate Prayer of Confession—based on I Corinthians 15:12-20

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Christ is proclaimed as risen from the dead.

All: But we act as if there was no resurrection of the dead.

Pastor: But if there is no resurrection of the dead then not even Christ has been raised.

All: Our faith is in vain because we act as if Christ has not been raised.

Pastor: We misrepresent God because we testify that He raised Christ from the grave,

All: But we live functionally like there is no resurrection.

Pastor: For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.

All: And if Christ has not been raised, our faith is futile and we are still in our sins.

Pastor: If in Christ we have hope in life only,

All: We are of all people most to be pitied.

Pastor: But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of them who have fallen asleep.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—II Corinthians 5:14-15

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Hymn of Praise—Glory to God! The Morn Appointed Breaks



Text: John Brownlie, Hymns of the Early Church, 1913; Music: Greyfriars, 2016

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Philippians 3:I-II

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

² Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh.³ For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh—⁴ though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon—Press on Toward the Goal: A Study of Philippians, Part 10

The Power of the Resurrection

—Nate Shurden, Pastor



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 holy catholic* church,

The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sung Response—He is Risen!, Vs 4



Text: Eric Schumacher, 2004; Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Cologne, 1623.

^{* &}quot;Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

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 Is Risen! Hallelujah!



Text: James S.B. Monsell, 1863;

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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.

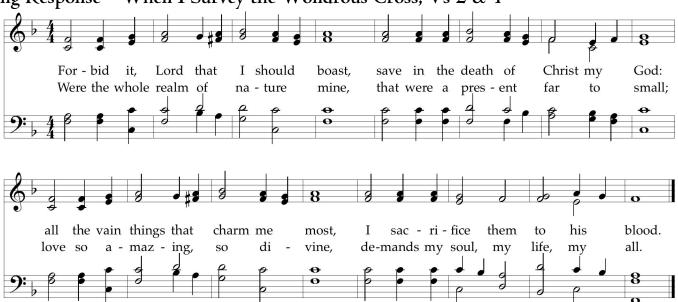
Benediction—Revelation 5:11-12

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!"

Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Sung Response—When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, Vs 2 & 4



Text: Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709; Music: HAMBURG, Gregorian Chant, Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1824.

All Scripture quotations from the English Standard Version