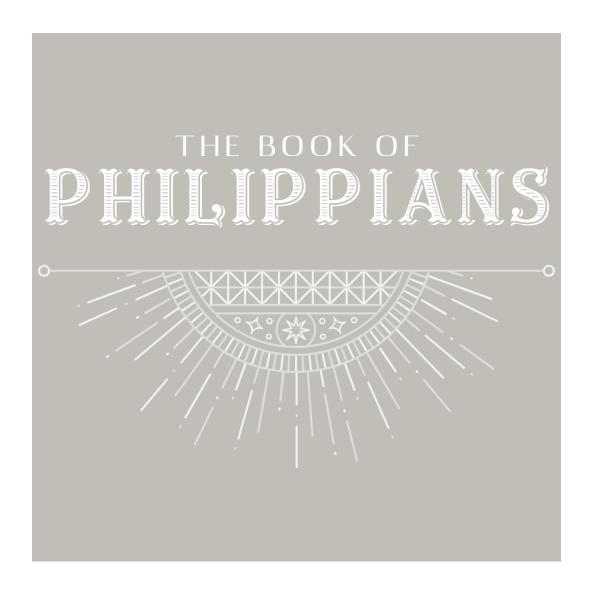


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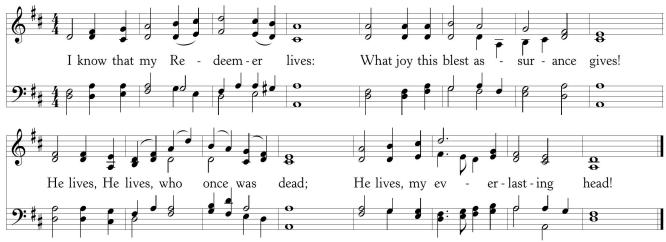
Service of Celebration and Gospel Renewal Second Sunday of Easter

19 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—from Psalm 57:5, 7-II

Pastor: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

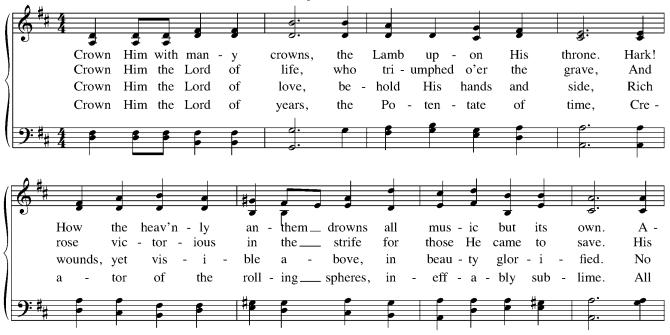
All: We will sing and make melody! Awake, O harp and lyre! We will awake the dawn!

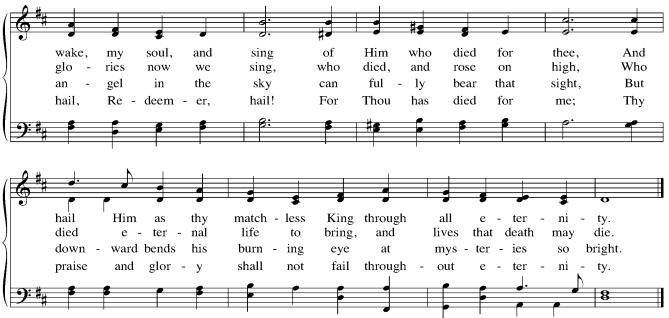
Pastor: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;

All: We will sing praises to You among the nations.

Pastor: For Your steadfast love is great to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds. All: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let Your glory be over all the earth!

# Hymn of Praise—Crown Him With Many Crowns





Text: Matthew Bridges, 1852; Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868.

#### New Testament Reading—I Peter 1:3-9

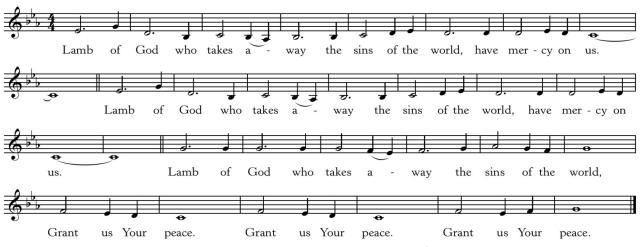
3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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 Psalm 31:7, 9-10, 23-24

Pastor: O Lord, we come confessing. We rejoice in Your steadfast love, because You have seen our afflictions;

All: You know the distress of our souls.

Pastor: Be gracious to us, O Lord, for we are in distress;

All: Our eyes are wasted from grief; our souls and bodies also.
Pastor: For our lives are spent with sorrow, and our years with sighing;

All: Our strength fails because of our iniquity, and our bones waste away.

Pastor: Love the Lord, all you his saints! The Lord preserves the faithful

All: But He abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.

Pastor: Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!

#### Silent Prayers of Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon—Titus 3:4-7

4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

# Hymn of Praise—O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus



#### GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

# The Reading of the Word—Philippians 3:12-16

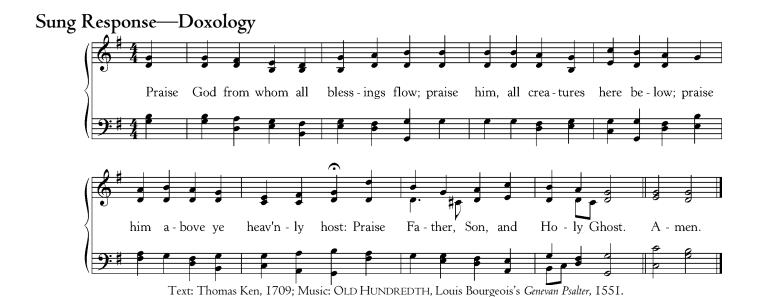
<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. <sup>16</sup> Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

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 II

Press On —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.

<sup>\* &</sup>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—Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



Text: Charles Wesley, 1747; Music: HYFRYDOL, R.H. Prichard, 1831.

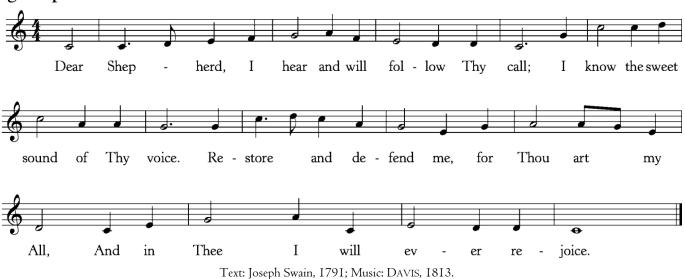
# GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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—Ephesians I:17-19

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe. *Amen.* 

# Sung Response—O Thou In Whose Presence, Vs 11



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