

The Lord's Service

Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019

**Standing together is our ordinary practice,
but you are welcome to remain seated.*

Prelude

Alayne Griffin and Evangeline Wykoff

*Song of Praise and Greeting *Come, People of the Risen King*

1. Come peo - ple of the Ris - en King, who de - light to bring Him praise; Come
2. Come those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those weep - ing through the night; Come
3. Come young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wom - en of the faith; Come

all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace. From the shift - ing shad - ows
those who tell of bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight. For His per - fect love will
those with full or emp - ty hands - find the rich - es of His grace. O - ver all the world, His

of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him, where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to
nev - er change, and His mer - cies nev - er cease, but fol - low us through all our days, with the
peo - ple sing - shore to shore we hear them call the truth that cries through ev - 'ry age, "Our -

gath - er chil - dren in. Re - jice, re - jice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re -
cer - tain hope of peace. God is all in all."

oice! One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, re - jice!

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

In silent meditation, let us prepare to meet the living God in worship.

Christ Candle Is Returned

Thirty-Three Chimes

*Call to Worship

Psalm 47.5-6

Call to Worship

We must be called into worship by God Himself. He sets the terms for worship because He makes worship possible through Jesus Christ.

LEADER: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

PEOPLE: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Choral Call

Courtney

The Tomb Stands Open Wide

Hallelujah!

Christ is risen from the dead, the third day even as He said,
And He has cancelled sin's dread curse- the tomb stands open wide!

He is victor o'er the grave, He tasted death then made it slave,
And we are freed from guilt and shame- the tomb stands open wide!

Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?
Thanks be unto God, Who gives us the victory
Through our Savior, Lord Jesus Christ!

Death could not hold Him, the grave could not contain Him,
The darkness could not cover Him, He arose!

The tomb stands open wide! Hallelujah!
(1987 Beckenhorst Press)

*Hymn

No. 277

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*Invocation

Elder Jason Coffey

Invocation

This prayer addresses God in three persons, asking Him to be present with us in worship to help us worship Him according to His will.

God Cleanses Us

Call for Confession

2 Corinthians 7.1

LEADER: Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit,

PEOPLE: **Bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.**

*Whether seated or kneeling,
let us approach the Lord together with a posture of reverence.*

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

Heavenly Father,
You have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have often gone our own way
and rejected Your will for our lives.
We are sorry for our sins
and turn away from them.
For the sake of Your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.
By Your Holy Spirit
enable us to live for You
and to please You in every way,
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Corinthians 15.20-22

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as 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.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

Call for Confession

As we see God in His invitation and our praise, we cannot help but see how we have fallen short. God's Holy Scripture has the authority to reveal us to ourselves and transition our hearts to confession.

Corporate Confession of Sin

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. Our prayer includes time not only for individual silent confession, but also confession that unites our voices as a body of people equally and desperately in need of God's grace.

Assurance of Pardon

God's Holy Scripture reminds us not only of who we are as sinners, but also assures us of who we are as Christians united to Jesus in His death and resurrection.

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service, but this lesson, or reading, prepares us for the sermon text.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The tithe is our regular, worshipful setting apart of a portion of our resources for the purpose of God, while an offering is an additional portion we return to God for His glory. Both are a display of our joyful dependence upon God rather than our money.

Doxology

A *doxology* is a hymn or word of praise to God for His goodness and glory. The *Gloria Patri* is another example of a doxology.

*Hymn

No. 296

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

God Consecrates Us

Old Testament Reading Elder Adam Sanders

Exodus 25.17-22 (p. 65)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Worship

Choir

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
That I should boast, save the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love, so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!
(Martin, 1970 Theodore Press)

*Doxology

No. 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:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of the Church

Pastor Mullinax

*Song of Preparation

The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

Chorus: This the pow'r of the cross; Christ became sin for us,
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.

Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life. "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.
(chorus)

Oh to see my name written in the wounds, for through
Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through
Your selfless love.

This the pow'r of the cross; Son of God slain for us.
What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

(2005 Thankyou Music)

Scripture Lesson

John 20.11-18 (p. 906)

Sermon

Pastor Jones

THE VOICE

*Hymn

No. 274

Thine Be the Glory

Those wishing to join the choir in singing the Hallelujah Chorus, please join the choir at this time.

*Confession of Faith (in unison)

The Apostles' Creed

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and was buried;**

**Prayer of the
Church**

We share in our health
and sickness, happiness
and sorrow, assurance
and doubt, as together
we bring our prayers to
God. Holy Scripture
commands pastors to
pray with and for God's
people, not just in
corporate worship, but
privately, as well.

Sermon

A preacher is
commanded to
faithfully steward God's
Holy Scripture by
submitting to it,
studying it, and
expositing it (holding it
forth), bearing witness
to Jesus, by the power
of the Holy Spirit.

**Confession of
Faith**

By confessing our faith
together using
statements believed by
Christians over the
ages, we join in the
sweep of Christian
history even as we
await the return of
Jesus.

He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I 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.

*Hallelujah Chorus

G.F. Handel

Hallelujah!
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!
The kingdom of this world is become.
The kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.
And He shall reign forever and ever.
King of kings and Lord of lords.
Hallelujah!

God Commissions Us

Benediction

Just as God calls us to
worship at the
beginning of the service
with Holy Scripture, He
sends us into our week
with a Holy Scripture
reminder (*a good word*)
of the blessing of
Christ, by God's grace,
through the indwelling
Spirit.

*Benediction

Pastor Jones

Postlude

Evangeline Wykoff and Alayne Griffin

[†] "catholic" -- universal