

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 12, 2020
Easter Sunday



CHRIST
EVANGELICAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH (PCA)

Prelude

Welcome

To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;
To all who fail and desire strength;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;
And to whoever will come-

This church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us worship God together.

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:1, 15, 17, 24 with antiphon

Minister: Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here;
the Lord has risen!

People: He has risen, indeed!

Minister: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love
endures forever!
The Lord has risen!

People: He has risen, indeed!

Minister: Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous.
The Lord has risen!

People: He has risen, indeed!

Minister: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.
The Lord has risen!

People: He has risen, indeed!

Minister: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad
in it.
Christ has risen!

All: Christ has risen, indeed!

Minister: Let us worship the Lord together!

Hymn of Praise

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is ris'n today alleluia
Sons of men and angels say alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high alleluia
Sing ye heav'ns and earth reply alleluia

Lives again our glorious King alleluia
Where O death is now thy sting alleluia
Dying once he all doth save alleluia
Where thy victory O grave alleluia

Love's redeeming work is done alleluia
Fought the fight the battle won alleluia
Death in vain forbids him rise alleluia
Christ has opened paradise alleluia

Soar we now where Christ has led alleluia
Foll'wing our exalted Head alleluia
Made like him like him we rise alleluia
Ours the cross the grave the skies alleluia

Invocation

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.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be
World without end
Amen Amen

Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q/A #40-45

Minister: Why did Christ have to go all the way to death?

All: Because God's justice and truth demand it: only the death of God's Son could pay for our sin.

Minister: Why was he "buried"?

All: His burial testifies that he really died.

Minister: Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?

All: Our death does not pay the debt of our sins. Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life.

Minister: What further advantage do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

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All: Through Christ's death our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may dedicate ourselves as an offering of gratitude to him.

Minister: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

All: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life. And third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns the Lamb upon his throne
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own
Awake my soul and sing of him who died for thee
And hail him as thy matchless King thro' all eternity

Crown him the Lord of love behold his hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified
All hail Redeemer hail for thou hast died for me
Thy praise and glory shall not fail thro'out eternity

Crown him the Lord of life who triumphed o'er the grave
Who rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die

Crown him the Lord of heav'n one with the Father known
One with the Spirit thro' him giv'n from yonder glorious throne
To thee be endless praise for thou for us hast died
Be thou O Lord thro' endless days adored and magnified

Call to Confession

1 John 1:8-10

Minister: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. Yet, we confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We confess that we have not bowed before Jesus or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. We confess that we overlook those Jesus sought—the poor, the hungry and those who mourn. Our ears are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace. Forgive us, God of mercy! Lord, revive us! Bring new, resurrection life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom that only comes from the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

John 3:16

Minister: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground his body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am his and he is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand
'Til he returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

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Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness now the Light of Life has come
Look to Christ who condescended took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry he the perfect Son of Man
In his living in his suff'ring never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law in him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption see the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain him praise the Lord he is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance how unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes

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The Doxology

Hymn #624

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

"The Greatest Love"

John 15:12-14

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun

Benediction

Postlude

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