

# 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  
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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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