

Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA)

The Lord's Day
Easter
April 4, 2021
Order of Worship

— GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM —

*Call to Worship

Revelation 5:5, 12; 19:6b-7a

Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

— WE RESPOND WITH SINGING & PRAYER —

*Hymn of Praise

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Trinity Hymnal #277, vv. 1, 2

1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n today,”

Al~le~lu~ia!

Sons of men and angels say;

Al~le~lu~ia!

Raise your joys and triumph high;

Al~le~lu~ia!

Sing ye heav’ns, and earth reply.

Al~le~lu~ia!

2 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;

Al~le~lu~ia!

Christ has burst the gates of hell:

Al~le~lu~ia!

Death in vain forbids his rise;

Al~le~lu~ia!

Christ has opened paradise.

Al~le~lu~ia!

*Prayers of Adoration (followed by *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.

— GOD CALLS US TO REPENT —

*Call to Confession

Psalms 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

— WE RESPOND IN CORPORATE & INDIVIDUAL REPENTANCE —

Prayer of Confession

adapted from *The Valley of Vision [Humility in Service]*

O Mighty God, we humble ourselves for faculties misused, opportunities neglected, words ill-advised. We repent of our folly and inconsiderate ways, our broken resolutions, untrue service, our backsliding steps, our vain thoughts. Bury our sins in the ocean of Jesus' blood and let no evil result from careless tempers, unseemly behaviors, or provoking pettiness. Give us repentance unto life; cement our oneness with our blessed Lord Jesus, that faith may adhere us to him, that love may entwine us more tightly, that his Spirit may pervade every fiber of our beings. Then send us out to make him known to our neighbors.

Silent Prayers of Confession

— GOD ANNOUNCES FORGIVENESS —

Words of Encouragement

1 Peter 2:24-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

— WE RESPOND IN ACTS OF WORSHIP —

*Hymn of Praise

“Christ Arose”

Lowry

1 Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior!
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

2 Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior!
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o’er His foes;
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign,
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

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*Confession of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

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

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,¹ born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick² and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic³ Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

traditional English wording. ¹ ‘Ghost’ means ‘Spirit’ ² ‘quick’ means ‘living/alive’ ³ ‘catholic’ means ‘universal;’ that is, the Christian Church made up of all believers throughout history.

Prayers of Intercession

Fellowship through Announcements

Tithes & Offerings Encouragement

Offering plates are located by each entrance. You may also give to the church via the Donate page on our website, by setting up automatic withdrawal from your bank, or by mailing a check to the church. We are thankful to God for your generosity.

— GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT —

Sermon

“What Is Truth?”

Erik McDaniel

John 18:33-38

Meditation & Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Grape juice in the outer ring; wine in the inner ring. The bread is gluten-free.

— WE RESPOND TO GOD’S PROVISION —

***Hymn of Response**

“Behold Our God”

Baird, Baird, Baird, and Altrogge

1 *Who has held the oceans in His hand? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation rises to rejoice.*

Chorus

*Behold our God,
Seated on His throne. Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King,
Nothing can compare.
Come, let us adore Him!*

2 *Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?*

Chorus

3 *Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave. Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!*

Chorus

Refrain

Men

Women (echo)

You will reign forever. (7x) (Let Your glory fill the earth.)

Chorus

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***Benediction**

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