

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

Second Sunday of Easter

April 3, 2016

Nine O'clock



Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

Opening Voluntary

Richard Gress

“Chaconne in G Minor”

Tomaso Vitali

Keoni Bolding, Violin

Call to Worship

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God,
“who is, and who was,
and who is to come, the Almighty.”

**Blessing and honor and glory
and might be unto the Lamb!**

Worthy is Christ who has ransomed us by his blood
from every tribe and tongue and nation,
and made his people a kingdom,
and priests to our God.

**Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come! Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 154

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

CORONATION

* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

through your only Son you overcame death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.

Grant that we who celebrate our Lord’s resurrection,
by the renewing of your Spirit,
arise from the death of sin
to the life of righteousness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith

1 Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16

There is one God
and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,
who came as a ransom for all,
to whom we testify.

**This saying is sure
and worthy of full acceptance:
That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,
and was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated in the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed in throughout the world,
taken up in glory.
Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.**

* Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!
**Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!**
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
**Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!**
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
**Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!**
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord.

Prayer

New Testament Lesson
Revelation 1:4-8 (CEB)

* Gospel Lesson
John 20:19-31 (CEB)

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Homily

Rev. Tommy Perkins
“New Domains: Resurrection J.O.Y. dot org”

Invitation to the Table

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God
and one another.

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God’s love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Offering of our Gifts

* The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal Page 13
(Communion responses are spoken.)

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Loving God,
we thank you that you have fed us
in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
in your eternal kingdom.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 451
“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

* Benediction

Rev. Tommy Perkins

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Rev. Creede Hinshaw, Senior Pastor Emeritus
Richard Gress, Assistant Organist*

Welcome All Visitors

*We welcome you to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.
Please make sure you sign the **Attendance Register** as it is passed.*

***Nursery Care** is provided for children under 4 years of age.
Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.*

Up & Coming Events & Prayer List

*If you would like to have a copy of
Mulberry's Up & Coming Events and Prayer List,
please see an usher.*

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Today's Sermon

“New Domains: Resurrection J.O.Y. dot org”

Today's Scripture

Revelation 1:4-8 (CEB)

⁴ John, to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace and peace to you from the one who is and was and is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before God's throne,⁵ and from Jesus Christ—the faithful witness, the firstborn from among the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To the one who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,⁶ who made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father—to him be glory and power forever and always. Amen.

⁷ Look, he is coming with the clouds! Every eye will see him, including those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of him. This is so. Amen. ⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the one who is and was and is coming, the Almighty.”

John 20:19-31 (CEB)

¹⁹ It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, “Peace be with you.”²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.”²² Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven.”

²⁴ Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples told him, “We've seen the Lord!”

But he replied, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe.”

²⁶ After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!”

²⁸ Thomas responded to Jesus, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹ Jesus replied, “Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe.”

³⁰ Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll. ³¹ But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

Sermon Notes

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