



✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

SONG SET *Michael Amidei, Infinite Grace Team*

Please refer to the screens for the song lyrics.

Come Holy Ghost
Jesus Messiah

INVOCATION *Pastor Brad Stoltenow*

Matthew 28:19b

Pastor (P): We call on the name of the Triune God—the name into which we have been baptized: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen!

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Matthew 28:6; Mark 16:6; Luke 24:6, 34

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND FORGIVENESS

To save us from sin, the Father gave us His very own Son.

On His cross, Jesus paid our debt and rose to declare:

“Because I live, you also will live.”

By the Spirit’s power, we trust in the forgiveness won for us by Christ, our Lord.

SONG Let There Be Light

FIRST READING Acts 17:16-31

Travis Jarvi, Lector

Now while Paul was waiting for Silas and Timothy at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbling wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” Now all the Athenians and the

foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward Him and find Him. Yet He is actually not far from each one of us for “In Him we live and move and have our being;” as even some of your own poets have said, “For we are indeed His offspring.” Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent, because He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a Man whom He has appointed; and of this He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead.”

EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him.

HOLY GOSPEL John 14:15-21

Jesus said, “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. Whoever has My

commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

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CHILDREN'S CHAT *Pastor Brad*

Children's Bulletins are available on the entrance table.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

for giving options, go to: ShepherdHillsChurch.org/Give

SONG O Praise The Name

MESSAGE “Have Your Answer Ready” text: 1 Peter 3:13-22

STATEMENT OF FAITH ~ THE APOSTLES' CREED

ALL: 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen!

PRAYERS

In our May prayers, we pray with open hearts for our armed forces, their families, and military chaplains.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

ALL: 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 and ever. Amen!

GOD'S WORD OF BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

In this Divine Service, by the gift of faith, the Holy Spirit has opened our hearts and minds to receive His graces. As Jesus told His disciples (John 20:21), so He tells us:

Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you!

We now leave this house of worship to share the love of Jesus and HISTORY!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG Holy Holy Holy

☩ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ☩

Ascension Worship ~ Thursday, May 14, 7pm

The Ascension of Our Lord

This coming Thursday, May 14, we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord. Christ's Ascension is a major church festival which celebrates the completion of the earthly phase of Jesus' work of salvation. His ascension is a simple yet powerful action—one that affirms His Kingship over earth and heaven.

Even though we may wish Jesus were physically present with us on earth, we can be joyful at His promise to be with us always—a promise fulfilled through Word and Sacrament as the Holy Spirit comes to us with His gifts. We also look forward to our own ascension to heaven, into God's glorious presence!

Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ!
~Philippians 3:20

Responding to His might and His majesty, we affirm that the kingdom, the power, and the glory are His, stated each time we pray the Lord's Prayer: *Thy kingdom come.... For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever!* AMEN. Come, Lord Jesus!



Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
~Philippians 4:6-7

**LORD, LAY SOME SOUL UPON MY HEART AND LOVE THAT SOUL THROUGH ME:
AND MAY I GLADLY DO MY PART TO WIN THAT SOUL FOR THEE. AMEN!**

CONNECT CARDS Guests and members, please:

- ◆ fill out a Connect card, or
- ◆ scan the QR code to connect with us online

Cards are on clipboards at the end of a row. These methods include a space to share prayer requests with our pastors.

We look forward to praying for and connecting personally with YOU!

