

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 4, 2021

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:  
that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,  
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

**1 Corinthians 15:3-4**

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

### Greeting and Blessing\*

### Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 146 (p. 839)

Praise the LORD.

**Praise the LORD, O my soul.**

I will praise the LORD all my life;

**I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save.

**When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;  
on that very day their plans come to nothing.**

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,  
**the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—  
the LORD, who remains faithful forever.**

He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

**The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives sight to the blind,**

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.

**The LORD watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow,  
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.**

The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

**Praise the LORD.**

\* *Congregation is requested to stand, if able.*

***Thine Be the Glory***

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.  
*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.  
*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conqu'rors, thro' thy deathless love: bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above.  
*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won. Amen.*

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Our God and Father, we praise you for the loving kindness you have shown us in Jesus Christ. While we were still sinners, he died for us.

**All:** Forgive us, O Lord, for our many sins. We are guilty of pride and unbelief, of anger and lust. Our transgressions are ever before us, and they weigh heavy on our hearts.

**Leader:** Grant us repentant hearts to understand the sinfulness of sin, but also the assurance of forgiveness. We thank you that our sins will not be counted against us, because they all have been laid upon Christ, our risen and ascended King.

**All:** All praise to you, O God, for such wondrous grace! We are loved with an everlasting love! Grant that we, by your Spirit, may live daily unto you and may seek to glorify you in thought, word, and deed. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

**Private Confession of Our Sins**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Romans 8:31-34

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Exodus 20:1-17; Romans 13:8-10

Congregational Response

Hymn 286

### *Worship Christ, the Risen King!*

Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.

Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.

*Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!*

See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:

“Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares.”

*Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!*

Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with pow'r;

All hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour.

*He has conquered, he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!*

Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer,

But the truth proclaims a wonder thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.

*He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!*

We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;

Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.

*Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King! Amen.*

## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 30.** *How does the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?*

**A.** The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

**Q. 31.** *What is effectual calling?*

**A.** Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, by which, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he persuades and enables us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

**Q. 32.** *What benefits are there in this life for those who are effectually called?*

**A.** Those who are effectually called partake in justification, adoption, sanctification, and the other benefits that, in this life, do either accompany them or flow from them.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

### Doxology\*

Hymn 731

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.

### 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.

# THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading\*

Matthew 28

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month)

Hymn 57 (printed on p. 12)

## *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul*

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,  
O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises  
Of my God through all my days.  
Put no confidence in princes,  
Nor for help on man depend;  
He shall die, to dust returning,  
And his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses  
Israel's God to be his aid;  
He is blessed whose hope of blessing  
On the Lord his God is stayed.  
Heav'n and earth the Lord created,  
Seas and all that they contain;  
He delivers from oppression,  
Righteousness he will maintain.

Food he daily gives the hungry,  
Sets the mourning pris'ner free,  
Raises those bowed down with anguish,  
Makes the sightless eye to see.  
Well Jehovah loves the righteous,  
And the stranger he befriends,  
Helps the fatherless and widow,  
Judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,  
O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises  
Of my God through all my days.  
Over all God reigns forever,  
Through all ages he is King;  
Unto him, your God, O Zion,  
Joyful hallelujahs sing. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Clayton Willis

“Only the Beginning”  
Matthew 28:1-10

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 277

### *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!*

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; *Alleluia!*  
Christ has burst the gates of hell; *Alleluia!*  
Death in vain forbids his rise; *Alleluia!*  
Christ has opened paradise. *Alleluia!*

Lives again our glorious King; *Alleluia!*  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? *Alleluia!*  
Once he died, our souls to save; *Alleluia!*  
Where thy victory, O grave? *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!*

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav’n! *Alleluia!*  
Praise to thee by both be giv’n; *Alleluia!*  
Thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*  
Hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!* Amen.

**Benediction\***

**Congregational Benediction Response\***

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

Honor, glory, might, and merit,  
Be to God and God alone!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
One in Three and Three in One. Amen.





# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

*The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan.*

## **Monday, April 5**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 28:1-68; Luke 11:14-36; Psalm 77:1-20; Proverbs 12:18

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 16

Pray for: Our federal, state, and local government leaders.

## **Tuesday, April 6**

Scripture: Deut. 29:1 - 30:20; Luke 11:37 - 12:7; Psalm 78:1-31; Prov. 12:19-20

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 58

Pray for: Our military, police, fire, and medical personnel.

## **Wednesday, April 7**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 31:1 - 32:27; Luke 12:8-34; Psalm 78:32-55; Prov. 12:21-23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 59

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.  
The churches in Bermuda and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, April 8**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 32:28-52; Luke 12:35-59; Psalm 78:56-64; Proverbs 12:24

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 60

Pray for: Our Elders, Deacons, Women's Ministry, & the PCA.

## **Friday, April 9**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 33:1-29; Luke 13:1-21; Psalm 78:65-72; Proverbs 12:25

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 61

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health care needs.  
Our pregnant mom.

## **Saturday, April 10**

Scripture: Deut. 34:1 - Joshua 2:24; Luke 13:22 - 14:6; Psalm 79:1-13; Prov. 12:26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 62

Pray for: The preaching and for our Sunday School teachers.

## **Sunday, April 11**

Scripture: Joshua 3:1 - 4:24; Luke 14:7-35; Psalm 80:1-19; Proverbs 12:27-28

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 63

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

## MISSIONS CORNER

*Pray for our missionaries. Their prayer requests are sent out through the Prayer Chain and their newsletters are published in Grace Notes as they become available.*

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## LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

The love of God was demonstrated in the death and resurrection of Jesus. In love, God sent his Son to redeem rebels, enemies, creatures who were at enmity with him. In short, God sent his Son in love to redeem unlovely creatures (Romans 5:6-11).

Jesus, sent by the Father, went willingly, keeping perfectly the Law which we broke, living a life of perfect holiness, and then offering himself on the cross in our place, for our sins.

The resurrection proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that Jesus is who he claimed to be: the fulfillment of prophecy, the Messiah, the Savior of the world (Romans 1:4). The resurrection proved that Jesus accomplished what he was sent by the Father to accomplish: to establish the Kingdom of God, and to offer himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the elect so that we could be reconciled to our Creator.

The bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is the foundation on which the claims of the Christian faith are built, because it was the ultimate sign that Jesus had indeed defeated sin and death (1 Corinthians 15:1-8). The historical reality of the resurrection is so important and foundational to Christianity that without the resurrection there is no hope of salvation, and our faith in Jesus is pointless (1 Corinthians 15:17).

But Jesus has been raised from the dead, the tomb was empty and we can be assured that if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved (Romans 10:9).

1. Read Matthew 28:1. What were Mary Magdalene and the other Mary expecting to find at the tomb? What did they find instead? What good news did the angel declare to them in v. 6?
2. Compare v. 6 with Matthew 16:21. Why is it important that the angel reminded the women that Jesus himself taught that he would be killed and raised on the third day?
3. Look up Acts 4:10-12. How does the Apostle Peter connect the resurrection of Jesus to our salvation? How does the resurrection show that Jesus is the only Savior?
4. Look up 1 Corinthians 15:12-19. What false teaching in the Corinthian church was Paul addressing? What does Paul say about the resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15:14, 17? If the resurrection didn't happen, why are we to be pitied?
5. How does the certainty of Jesus' resurrection give you assurance of your salvation? How does the resurrection give you hope for this life and the next? How does the resurrection demonstrate God's love for you?

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Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

*Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Ps. 146:1, 2*

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1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;  
 2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;  
 3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free,  
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;

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I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.  
 he is blessed whose hope of bless - ing on the Lord his God is stayed.  
 rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see.  
 I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.

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Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;  
 Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain;  
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er he be - friends,  
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges he is King;

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he shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.  
 he de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness he will main - tain.  
 helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.  
 un - to him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.