

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

APRIL 12, 2020

THE GATHERING

The Welcome

*The Announcement

Leader: Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed!

*The Prayer of Invocation

*The Responsive Call to Worship: Psalm 66:1a, 4-5

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

All: All the earth worships you and sings your praises, shouting your name in glorious songs.

Leader: Come and see what God has done: His awesome deeds for all His people.

*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!

TEXT: Charles Wesley MUSIC: from Lyra Davidica, London, 1708

*The Gospel: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 11

The Prayers of Confession

All: Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
You announced His victory over sin and death,
and crowned Him Lord of all.

We confess that we often find ourselves living
as if He has not risen,
as if He is not Lord,
as if He has not conquered death,
as if we are still enslaved to sin's guilt and power.

In self-righteousness, we can trust in ourselves.
In our pride, we can be slow to seek forgiveness;
In our selfishness, we can neglect the needs of others;
In our fear, we can be anxious from the cares of this world.
Forgive us through the death of Christ;
Transform us through the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit;
Enable us to know the joy of new life that is ours
through faith in our risen Lord. Amen.

Private (a time of silent and private confessions for personal sins)

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: 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. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:9-13)

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*God is Able

God is able, He will never fail, He is almighty God
Greater than all we seek, greater than all we ask
He has done great things

(chorus)

Lifted up He defeated the grave
Raised to life, our God is able
In His name we overcome
For the Lord our God is able

God is with us, God is on our side, He will make a way
Far above all we know, far above all we hope
He has done great things

(repeat chorus)

(bridge)

God is with us, He will go before,
He will never leave us, He will never leave us
God is for us, He has open arms,
He will never fail us, He will never fail us

(repeat chorus 2x)

For the Lord our God is able
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*** The Profession 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 Spirit,
 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 is seated on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;
 from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting.

Amen.

(Note: Although not written by the apostles, this creed is a summary of their teachings. Though its origin is traced to the second century, it developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century. For the sake of clarity, please note that we believe that Jesus suffered the agony and punishment of Hell on the cross, most especially when He knew that He had been forsaken by His Father, and that He died a real death from which He was resurrected. We believe also that "holy catholic church" refers to the church universal.)

***Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery**

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King
He the theme of heavens 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 mystery, He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering, 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 mystery, 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 mystery, 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 deliverance, how unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes

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***Cling to the Crucified**

Cling to the crucified, cling to the Lamb
Cling to the buried One, the Great I Am
O Cling to the risen Son of Man
Alleluia, Amen

Cling to the Faithful One, cling in thy pain
Cling to the gracious One, who rids thy stain
O cling to the Holy Son of Man
Alleluia, Amen

Cling to the glorified, Cling to His side
Cling to the reigning One, in Him abide
O cling to the coming Son of Man
Alleluia, Amen

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O Cling to the risen Son of Man
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The Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

Since we are not meeting at the church-house, tithes and offerings can be made by mailing checks to Grace EPC, Attn: Bob Woods, 3312 Calvin Drive, Lawrence KS 66049. You can also give directly from your bank to the church, or by credit or debit card. Please go to Grace EPC website at www.gepc.org, click on "Give," and follow the prompts to set up an account and choose the amounts, funds and frequency you prefer. If you have any questions concerning online giving, please contact bob@gepc.org or (785) 843-2005.

THE WELCOME

THE WORD OF GOD AND PRAYER

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Scripture

Response to the Reading of the Word

All: The grass withers and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever.

The Message from Scripture

Bill Vogler

*THE SENDING

*The Benediction

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
And truth eternal is thy word:
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

First verse by Thomas Ken, 1674; Second/Third verse by Isaac Watts.

*Congregation will stand.

Elders are available to pray and assist you at elders@gepc.org,
or contact Ryan Randolph (randolph@gepc.org) with any other needs you may have.