

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 16, 2017

*To protect the Worship environment,
please, no drinks in the Sanctuary, and remember to turn off cell phones.*

THE GATHERING

*#217 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 ANNOUNCEMENT

LEADER: Christ is risen.

ALL: He is risen indeed!

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Romans 10:8-12

LEADER: The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

ALL: For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

LEADER: As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame."

ALL: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

***Resurrection Hymn**
(See What a Morning)

See what a morning gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the graveclothes, tomb filled with light
As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice.
Fulfilled in Christ the Man
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,
Honour and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with power and authority!
And we are raised with Him,
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with Him,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

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***THE GOSPEL READING: John 20:1-10**

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
You shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we often find ourselves living
as if he has not risen,
as if we are still enslaved to sin's guilt and power.
In pride we are slow to seek forgiveness;
In selfishness we neglect the needs of others;
In self-righteousness we trust in ourselves.
Forgive us by the death of Christ;
Transform us by 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)

LEADER: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 1:9-2:2)

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Man of Sorrows**

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, by His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God, has been on Jesus laid
Silent as He stood accused, beaten, mocked, and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will, He took a crown of thorns

(chorus)

Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation, where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelu - jah, praise and honor unto Thee

Sent of heaven, God's own Son, to purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones, who nailed Him to that tree

(repeat chorus)

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full
By the precious blood, that my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin, has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free, oh is free indeed (2x)

(repeat chorus)

See the stone is rolled away, behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah, God be praised, he's risen from the grave

(repeat chorus)

Praise and honor unto Thee

***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 there 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.)

***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 Praise the Name

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet
My Savior on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

(chorus)

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

And then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death, where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

(repeat chorus)

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

(repeat chorus 2x)

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

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*THE DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Although giving is a significant part of worship, we do not collect the offering during our service. Two boxes are placed by the doors to receive your offering. Tithes and offerings for the General Fund are placed in the box without the "steeple." Offerings for the Building Fund are to be placed in the box with the "steeple," with check payable to Grace EPC Building Fund.

THE WELCOME

At this time, please fill out the friendship register found at the side aisle. As the register is passed, please note those with whom you are worshipping so that you can greet one another after the service. If this is your first Sunday at Grace, please accept our invitation to worship with us again soon. If you would like information about Grace EPC, please take one of our brochures from the table in the narthex. If you are looking for a church home, please let us know and we will be happy to visit with you.

(CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR THEIR CLASSES AT THIS TIME:
K-4TH GRADE — LINE UP IN THE HALLWAY OUTSIDE SANCTUARY.
CONNECT CLASS [5TH & 6TH GRADE] HEAD DIRECTLY TO ROOM 7)

(10:45AM SERVICE: INTERNATIONALS WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL
TEACHING TIME MAY BE DISMISSED AT THIS TIME TO ROOM 17 —JUST TO THE RIGHT AS YOU LEAVE THE SANCTUARY.)

(THOSE WHO ARRIVE AFTER THE SERVICE HAS BEGUN MAY BE SEATED AT THIS TIME)

THE WORD OF GOD AND PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

John 20:30-31

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF THE WORD

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

THE MESSAGE FROM SCRIPTURE

Bill Vogler

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

It is our sincere desire to pray effectively for the particular needs of those worshipping with us this morning. If you have a prayer concern that you want shared with the congregation during the prayers of the people, please call the church office or one of the elders prior to the service with your request. If you desire prayer on a personal matter, we invite you to meet with the elders in the front pews after the Benediction.

Available for prayer after 8:45 worship: Mike Bartlow & Darby Ritter
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Scott Rask & Kim Grubbs

*THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*#225 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!
He is risen, He is risen, worship Christ, the Risen King!

TEXT: Jack W. Hayford MUSIC: Henry T. Smart CCLI #245668

*Congregation will stand.