

As we are unable to meet for public worship, we hope you will either join us at 10am Sunday for worship via Zoom video conference, or make use of this abridged liturgy in your private or family worship. Audio recordings of the sermons will be posted on the website here:

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP • APRIL 12, 2020



CALL TO WORSHIP • Ephesians 5:14

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise

Text: Charles Wesley • Music: Robert Williams • Public Domain

Tenor

8 Hail the day that sees Him rise! Al - le - lu - ia!
5 There for Him high tri - umph waits;

8 To His throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
9 Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates,

8 Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!
13 He hath con - quered death and sin,

8 En - ters now the high - est - heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
Take the King of glo - ry in!

See, he lifts his hands above! Alleluia!
See, he shows the prints of love! Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
blessings on his church below! Alleluia!

Lord, beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!
there thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Psalm 34:18

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. We confess that we have sinned against you, and have clung to evil rather than to Christ. Have mercy on us, and forgive our sin. Restore us to newness of life, and seat us at your table of grace, that we may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Psalm 34:22

The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Exodus 23:19

The best of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God.

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Ascension Presbyterian Church
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Hillsboro, OR 97123

DOXOLOGY

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.

GOSPEL READING • John 14:18–20

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

(Elder prays)

And now as our Savior taught us, we pray:

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.

Be Patient

Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:14 • Music: Dana Dirksen • © 2004 Dana Dirksen
From *Songs for Saplings: ABC* (songsforsaplings.com)

*Be patient
(echo)
with everyone.*

*Be patient
(echo)
with everyone*

Be patient with everyone.

First Thessalonians five, verse fourteen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING • 1 Corinthians 15:12–26

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “Christ The Firstfruits” (Rev. Eric Costa)

CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Apostles’ Creed

What do you believe?

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 at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living 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.

* When the Creed states that Jesus “descended into hell,” we understand it to mean that he suffered the holy wrath of God for the sins of his people.

[†] Or, “universal.”

Jesus Lives And So Shall I

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Tenor

8
Je-sus lives, and so shall I, death, thy sting is
4
gone for-ev-er. He who deigned for me to die,
7
still re-main-ing. I shall al-so be with Him,
8
lives, the bands of death to sev-er. He shall raise me
10
ev-er liv-ing ev-er reign-ing. God has prom-ised
8
from the dust: Je-sus is my hope and trust!— He lives! He
15
be it must, Je-sus is my hope and trust!—
8
21
lives! Je-sus lives!— He lives! He lives! and so shall
8
!!

Jesus lives, and by his grace, vict'ry o'er my passions giving,
I will cleanse my heart and ways, ever to his glory living.
Me he raises from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust!

(Chorus)

Jesus lives, I know full well, naught from him my heart can sever,
life nor death, nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, henceforth forever.
None of all his saints is lost: Jesus is my hope and trust!

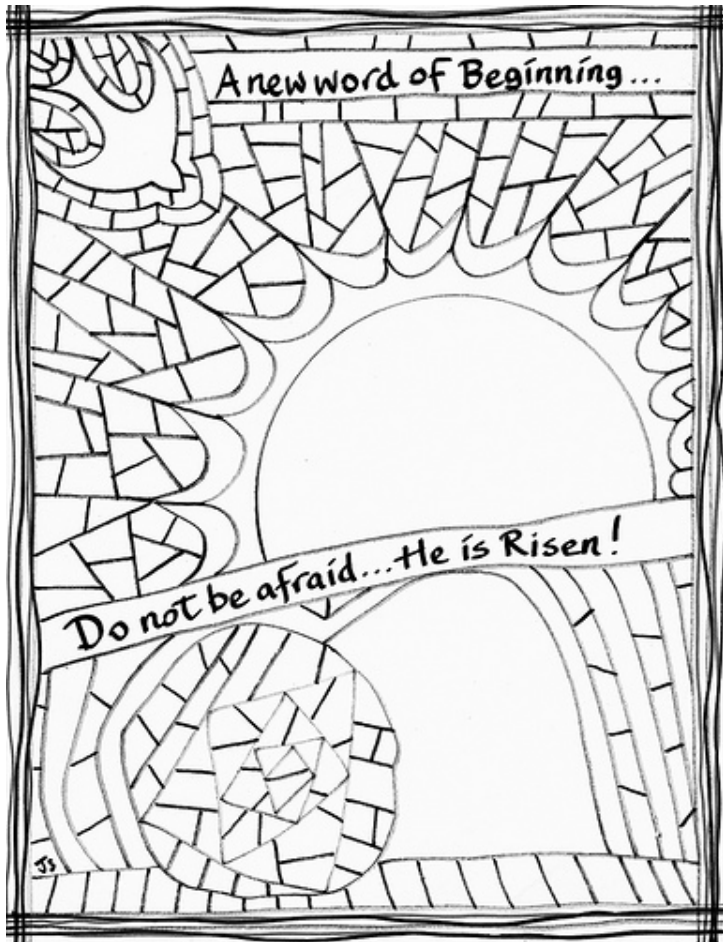
(Chorus)

Jesus lives and death is now but my entrance into glory.
Courage, then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life before thee;
thou shalt find thy hopes were just: Jesus is my hope and trust!

(Chorus x2)

BENEDICTION • Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.



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