



The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Easter Sunday
April 12, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He, Who on the cross a victim, for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.
—Christopher Wordsworth

'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ hath burst His prison,
And from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen;
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
From His light, to Whom we give laud and praise undying.
—John of Damascus (trans., John Mason Nease)

“Early Christians did not go into the world preaching an ethical code,
or a system of philosophy, or a utopian gospel of social improvement....
Christianity is the religion of the Resurrection. Herein lies its
distinctiveness and power.”
—Bernhard W. Anderson

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Driskill

☒ RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn,
they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared.

*And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.*

While they were perplexed about this, behold,
two men stood by them in dazzling apparel.
And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground,
the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?
He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you,
while he was still in Galilee,
that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men
and be crucified and on the third day rise."

*And they remembered his words,
and returning from the tomb
they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.*

Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James
and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles,
but these words seemed to them an idle tale,
and they did not believe them.
But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in,
he saw the linen cloths by themselves;

and he went home marveling at what had happened.

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

“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!

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739. Music: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708.

READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Dan Edwards

Acts 2:22-24

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

☒ SONG OF RESURRECTION

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found,
 He is my light my strength my song;
 This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm;
 What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 When fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
 My comforter, my all in all,
 Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
 Fullness of God in helpless Babe;
 This gift of love and righteousness,
 Scorned by the ones He came to save.
 'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
 The wrath of God was satisfied;
 For ev'ry sin on Him was laid,
 Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
 Light of the world by darkness slain;
 Then bursting forth in glorious day,
 Up from the grave He rose again;
 And as He stands in victory,
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 For I am His and He is mine,
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
 From life's first cry to final breath
 Jesus commands my destiny;

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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PRAYER OF ADORATION

READING FROM REVELATION

John Fountain

Revelation 1:9-20

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. ¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. ¹⁹Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. ²⁰As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

☒ HYMN OF ENTHRONEMENT

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Rejoice, the Lord is King:
 Your Lord and King adore!
 Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
 And triumph evermore.
 Lift up your heart;
 Lift up your voice!
 Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord, our Savior, reigns,
 The God of truth and love.
 When He had purged our stains,
 He took his seat above.
 Lift up your heart;
 Lift up your voice!
 Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail;
 He rules o'er earth and heav'n.
 The keys of death and hell
 Are to our Jesus giv'n.
 Lift up your heart;
 Lift up your voice!
 Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
 Our Lord, the Judge shall come
 And take His servants up
 To their eternal home.
 Lift up your heart;
 Lift up your voice!
 Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Words: Charles Wesley, 1744. Music: DARWALL.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

Marty Crawford

“Thine is the Glory”

Instrumental Offertory

Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu’ring Son;
 Endless is the vict’ry Thou o’er death has won.
 Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
 Kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu’ring Son;
 Endless is the vict’ry Thou o’er death has won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen, from the tomb;
 Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
 Let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
 For her Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.
 (Refrain)

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, through Thy deathless love;
 Bring us safe through Jordan with Thy power and love.
 (Refrain)

Words: Edmund L. Budry; translated by Richard B. Hoyle. Music: George Frederick Handel.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

This we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying:

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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

Luke 24:13-35

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who

were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

All flesh is like grass,
And all its glory is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever.

MESSAGE

"THE CHRISTIAN IN CRISIS: THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION"

Sandy Willson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Josh Johnson

*Lord Jesus Christ,
 Who triumphantly rose from the grave,
 Who has graciously made Yourself known to us,
 and Who has called us to live now as sons and daughters of the resurrection,
 we confess with sorrow that we have fallen short of Your holy commandments
 and have often chosen to go our own way,
 grieving You, wounding others, and diminishing ourselves.
 Please forgive us,
 and renew within us a desire and power to live the resurrected life,
 that we may render honor and glory to Your glorious Name,
 now and forever. Amen.*

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

☒ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

—Colossians 2:13-15

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you forgiveness of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

☒ 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 Ghost,
 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 sitteth 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
 the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

☒ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

to the tune of "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
 Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!
 Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

☒ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

☒ HYMN OF EXALTATION

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of peace, Whose power a scepter sways;
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, And all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, And round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend, Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above In beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail Throughout eternity!

Words: Matthew Bridges, 1851, and Godfrey Thring, 1874 (Rev. 19:12).

Music: George J. Elvey, 1868.

☒ BENEDICTION

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 Michael Latta
 Charlie Logan
 Paul Loyless
 Bob Schaffeld
 Lee Sheppard
 Steve Stigler
 Mark Taylor
 John Wood

2021

Eric Getty
 Russell Martin
 Daniel Murray
 Warren Norville
 Sandy Stradtman
 Clay Wheeler

2022

Ty Dedmon
 John Hamilton
 Mark Hogewood
 John James
 David O'Dell
 Norman Pless
 Kurt Senn

DEACONS

2020

Tripp Alexander
 Paul Darden
 Jay Evans
 Bryan Flores
 John Gant
 John David Gray
 Marty Martin
 Bud Miller
 Tyler O'Connor
 John Shults
 Danny Smith
 Robert Stephens
 Clark Worrell

2021

Nick Baggett
 Ward Bailey
 Samuel Bragg
 Trey Clegg
 Will Graham
 Jeff Hicks
 Jim Jenkins
 Alan Spooner
 Patrick Strong

2022

Jim Bennett
 William Edwards
 Merrill Johnston
 Randall Lancaster
 Mark Midyette
 Stephen Mince
 Clyde Prather
 John Shank
 Matt Thomas
 Greg Tomlinson

BIBLE READING PLAN

These readings are provided as a personal, family, or group worship resource. Use them along with your worship guide as resources for readings, prayers, and hymns. The scripture readings are from Ligonier Ministries and are designed around a one-year cycle that will allow you to read through the New Testament or the entire Bible in 2020.

MARCH READING PLAN

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APRIL READING PLAN

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