



## ***Morning Worship***

THE LORD'S DAY  
April 12, 2020

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### **Call to Worship**

Matthew 28:1-9

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.

**Prayer of Invocation:** Holy Father, giver of all perfect gifts, we join the heavenly choir to herald the news that You have defeated the powers of sin, death, and condemnation by the victory of Jesus Christ, Your Son, over the grave. We confess that the circumstances of this present age often rise up to testify against the promise that You have declared in Your Word. Nevertheless, we bring the experience of our hearts under Your judgment. You have raised Jesus Christ from the dead as the firstfruits of the whole harvest at the last day. As in His resurrection You have brought the new creation into this passing evil age, by faith may we know in this life that we have been raised up with Christ and seated at Your right hand, and by sight may we know in the life to come the resurrection of our bodies. All of this we pray, with joy and thanksgiving, in Christ's name. Amen.

## Song of Praise: 360

*"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!  
Love's redeeming work is done; Alleluia!  
fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!  
death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia!  
Christ hath opened paradise. Alleluia!  
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!  
Christ hath burst the gates of hell; Alleluia!  
death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia!  
Christ hath 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 hath 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!

## Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism (1563)

45 Q. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death,  
so that he might make us share in the righteousness  
he obtained for us by his death.

Second, by his power we too  
are already raised to a new life.

Third, Christ's resurrection  
is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.  
I am anointed  
to confess his name,  
to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks,  
to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil  
in this life,  
and afterward to reign with Christ  
over all creation  
for eternity.

**Song of Response: 100A:1**

*[“Shout to the LORD, All Earth”](#)*

Shout to the LORD, all earth, and make a joyful noise! With gladness serve the LORD your God; before him lift your voice! Now know the LORD is God. He made us, we are his – his people and his sheep, who safely in his pasture graze.

**God’s Will for Our Lives**

Romans 5:12-21

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Prayer of Confession:** Most holy and merciful Father; We acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. But you, O Lord, have pity upon us who are ashamed and sorry for all the ways in which we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; And forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**Song of Thanksgiving: 116B:1-5**

*"I Love the Lord, the Fount of Life and Grace"*

I love the Lord, the fount of life and grace;  
he hears my voice, my cry and supplication,  
inclines his ear, gives strength and consolation;  
in life, in death, my heart will seek his face.

The cords of death held me in deep despair;  
the pangs of hell, like waves by tempest driven,  
rolled o'er my soul; by grief and sorrow driven,  
I turned in my distress to God in prayer.

I cried, "Deliver thou my soul, O Lord!"  
Jehovah heard; I pledge him my devotion.  
The Lord is just, his grace, wide as the ocean;  
in boundless mercy he fulfills his word.

The Lord preserves the meek most tenderly;  
brought nigh to death, in him I found salvation.  
Come, thou my soul, relieved from agitation,  
turn to thy rest; the Lord has favored thee.

Thou, O Jehovah, in thy sovereign grace,  
hast saved my soul from death and woe appalling,  
dried all my tears, secured my feet from falling.  
Lo, I shall live and walk before thy face.

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 24:13-35

**Sermon:** *"Walking with the Risen Christ"*

The Risen Christ strengthens His disciples' faith in His resurrection.

1. The Irony-Rich Events
2. The Christ-Centered Explanation
3. The Heart-Warming Encounter

**Prayer of Application & Congregational Prayer followed by The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen. **(end of video)**

**Song of Application: 364**

*“Alleluia! Alleluia!”*

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Hearts to heav'n and voices 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.  
Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield:  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine  
from the furrows of the grave.

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high;  
alleluia to the Savior,  
who has won the victory;  
alleluia to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity.  
Alleluia! Alleluia  
to the Triune Majesty.

**Prayer of Blessing:** Most Holy Triune God, May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us and your church, now and always. For we come boldly in the name of Jesus, Amen.

**Doxology: 571**

*“Gloria Patri”*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.



## ***Evening Worship***

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### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 117

Praise the LORD, all nations!  
Extol him, all peoples!  
For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.  
Praise the LORD!

**Prayer of Invocation:** Almighty God, who for our redemption did give your only begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy; Grant us so to die daily from sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection, through your Son Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Song of Response: 357**

*[“The Day of Resurrection!”](#)*

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.  
Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;  
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.  
Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth her song begin;  
let all the world keep triumph, and all that is therein;  
let all things seen and unseen, their notes let all things blend,  
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

### **Sermon:**

[Job 1:1; Job 1:21 via Ligonier Connect](#)

**Prayer of Application:** Our gracious God, You build Your church on the foundation of the doctrine of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief cornerstone, and so we pray that You would bless our congregation to grow in their teaching. Assist us in meditating with joy on Your mighty acts, enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting gospel, kindle in our hearts a love of Your truth, nourish us with the full counsel of the Word of God, enable us to contend for the faith once for all delivered to the saints, and defend us from the sins of heresy and schism. And as we have heard the true doctrine proclaimed to us, by Your great blessing may it be preserved among us and propagated through us by our lips and lives to the glory of the one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Song of Application: 16A:1,2,5**

*[“Preserve Me, O My God”](#)*

Preserve me, O my God; you are my refuge true.  
I say, “You are my Lord. I have no good apart from you.”  
The saints throughout the earth – in them is my delight,  
for excellent are they who live as holy in your sight.  
Those seeking other gods shall multiply their pain;  
their gifts of blood I offer not; their gods I will not name.  
O LORD, you are to me my cup and portion sure;  
the lot that you assign to me you guard and keep secure.  
For you will not forsake my soul unto the grave,  
nor will you leave your Holy One to see the tomb’s decay.  
Life’s pathway you make known, full joy of boundless store  
is found with you; at your right hand are pleasures evermore.

**Prayer for God’s Blessing:** Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You have given us grace to offer our common prayers with one heart. You have promised to grant our requests when we ask You in Jesus’ name. Fulfill now the desires of our hearts and the petitions of our mouths, as is most beneficial for us, Your servants, and grant us in this world knowledge of Your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, is eternally praised. Amen.

**Doxology: 571**

*[“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”](#)*

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.