

The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

On Resurrection Sunday

April 4, 2021

Prelude

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him!

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

1 Chronicles 16:29-30

Welcome

God Calls Us to Worship Him

† Call to Worship

1 Corinthians 15

Pastor: Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

People: *Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?*

Pastor: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

People: *Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Δ† Hymn of Adoration

#277 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* (1-5)

† Salutation and Responsive Scriptures

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: *Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: *Christ is risen indeed!*

† Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise

† The Lord's Prayer

Together as God's People

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.

† Affirmation of Faith

Mr. Billy Hastings

Heidelberg Catechism #1 and #45

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: *That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, wherefore by His Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto Him.*

Pastor: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

People: *First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.*

Δ† 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.

God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

We Confess Our Sin

O Lord, how pitiful and wretched we are. We have turned to our own prideful ways, disregarded your laws and have forgotten our first love. Do not forsake your handiwork O Lord, have mercy on us. In your compassion, for the sake of Christ's perfect, finished work, and because of your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions as far as the East is from the West. With the same resurrection power that raised Jesus from the grave, Lord, refresh us and raise up within us a right spirit - A spirit of humility and a compelling passion to worship, honor and glorify you. Amen.

Individual Silent Confession of Sin

God Forgives Us in Christ

1 Corinthians 15:56-58

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

Interlude for Meditation

Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

267 *The Day of Resurrection!*

† The Passing of the Peace

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you!

People: *And also with you!*

Pastor: Let us offer one another a sign of peace!

(Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words which the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you.")

Morning Prayer

Elder Steve Campbell

We Give Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

† 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.

God Instructs Us With His Word

Scripture Reading

The Rev. Aaron J. Suber

Mark 16:1-8

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word

"The Gospel Proclaimed By An Empty Tomb"

† Hymn of Response (as the Elders prepare the Table)

286 *Worship Christ, the Risen King* (1-3)

God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table

Invitation and the Words of Institution

Rev. Suber

Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of the Elements

The Elders

(Partake of the Bread together by lifting the clear wrapper, and the Cup by lifting the foil wrapper. Please note the bread is not gluten free.)

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

† Hymn of Dedication

286 *Worship Christ, the Risen King* (4-5)

† Benediction

Rev. Suber

† Hymn of Dismissal

369 *Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns* (4)

O may his holy church increase, his Word and Spirit still prevail, while angels celebrate his praise, and saints his growing glories hail.

Postlude

The Order of Divine Worship concludes with your silent prayer of praise and thanksgiving.

† Indicates the congregation standing

Δ Ushers may seat latecomers