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**HOME WORSHIP SERVICE FOR EASTER SUNDAY**  
April 12, 2020

As you know, Loudoun County Public Schools has closed all school facilities until at least June 7 due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Therefore, we have put together the following worship service for use at home.

**Any change in church status or schedule will be communicated via email, Realm, Facebook, and on our website at [www.potomachills.org](http://www.potomachills.org).**

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**All music and the sermon for today can be found in the April 12, 2020 playlist on our PHPC YouTube channel.** [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLK\\_t54i97wu3LSdj98zRrGgSmCmj5in-R](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLK_t54i97wu3LSdj98zRrGgSmCmj5in-R)

If you use the playlist you will not have to individually click on each video link below – just let the videos automatically advance (pressing pause so that you can continue through the Worship Guide).

### **WELCOME TO POTOMAC HILLS!**

Today we are a church distributed, each meeting at home, but still gathered with the saints to worship the Triune God, not just here in Northern Virginia, but around the world.

### **GATHERING HYMN**

Sing the 1st song! All of our songs can be found on YouTube. All the lyrics are in the YouTube videos, so you don't have to print the lyrics. At the end of this bulletin we have given you songsheets containing the lyrics for all of today's worship songs.

**The YouTube link for our Gathering Hymn**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kW54AyZMTIo>

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS for 4/12/20**

All Bible studies, Community Groups, Youth Group, and any other church events will not meet in person until at least June 10th, unless changed by the Governor of Virginia. These groups may meet virtually on Zoom, by phone, etc. Keep an eye out for notifications from your group leader on how these events will proceed.

4/12 – 4/18: Bible Studies and Community Group Prayer Meetings

4/19 – 4/25: Community Groups

4/26 – 5/2: Bible Studies and Community Group Prayer Meetings

5/3 – 5/9: Community Groups

5/10 – 5/16: Bible Studies and Community Group Prayer Meetings

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Read in unison):

**1 Corinthians 15 (selected verses)**

**For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ was not raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your trust in God is useless. But the fact is that Christ has been raised from the dead. He has become the first of a great harvest of those who will be raised to life again. So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, Adam, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man, Christ. Everyone dies because all of us are related to Adam, the first man. But all who are related to Christ, the other man, will be given new life. The Scriptures tell us, "The first man, Adam, became a living person." But the last Adam—that is, Christ—is a life-giving Spirit. Adam, the first man, was made from the dust of the earth, while Christ, the second man, came from heaven. Every human being has an earthly body just like Adam's, but our heavenly bodies will be just like Christ's. Just as we are now like Adam, the man of the earth, so we will someday be like Christ, the man from heaven.**

## OPENING PRAYER

Pray that the Lord would bless our time of worship, focus us upon worshipping Him, and speak to us through His Word.

## WORSHIP WITH SONGS & HYMNS OF PRAISE

Again, go to YouTube and sing the worship set.

The YouTube link for our Songs and Hymns of Praise

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SziKkc5VAKY>

## WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER: A DAY FOR THANKSGIVING

*Here are some suggestions of how we can be thankful from Dr. Dave Harvey of the Great Commission Collective.*

- 1. When the impact of COVID-19 feels like we are under God's punishment, we can remember the price Christ paid at the cross.** Though we, as unholy lawbreakers, deserved God's judgment, Jesus paid the just penalty for our sin. We owed it, He paid it. Now we are no longer under God's wrath, but instead we receive daily, undeserved blessings in Christ.
- 2. When we feel our life's fragility and vulnerability, we can rest in Christ's unchanging refuge.** Because Christ rose triumphant on Easter, we have a risen Savior who intercedes for us, the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, a Heavenly Father who governs our lives, and the church as a shelter in this world.
- 3. When we're tempted to feel defeated, we can remember the sympathy of the Savior.** When we are home-bound, powerless, fearful, and economically helpless, the gospel reminds us that we have something more satisfying than our nervous struggle with unbelief; we have a Savior.
- 4. When the pandemic fosters loneliness, we can remember God's promise never to leave us.** When we self-quarantine or practice social distancing, it's easy to feel a growing alienation. But Jesus was abandoned on the Cross so that we would never be abandoned. He experienced exile — ejected from the Father's presence — so that we might never be alone.
- 5. When worry threatens to become supreme in our minds, the gospel gives us freedom to take our anxious thoughts captive.** At Golgotha, the power of destructive thinking was broken. We can now set our minds on better things. We can swap out fearful speculation with worshipful thoughts about God.
- 6. When our self-worth is attacked by job loss or by rearranged roles, income, or rhythms, our identity is still secure in Christ.** God knows all, and He evaluates you lovingly and graciously in light of His success upon the cross. Through Christ, God has claimed you, and He calls you His child. This pandemic may lead to a divine redirection, but it is not the end of your story.
- 7. When we're tempted by what-ifs, the gospel asks, "What now?"** Crises like this pandemic can cause us to look back with longing or regrets: What if I planned better to shelter my money? What if I'd secured a more stable job? What if I'd been more careful to wash my hands? Such what-ifs shrink the soul under the withering heat of godless thinking. The gospel fixes us instead in the reality of a providential God who is working all things for our good. It moves us to think of the present rather than the past and to ask, "What should I do now to please God?"
- 8. When the pandemic reveals our selfishness, the gospel restructures our affections.** Because Jesus died and rose for us, we have the power to break free from a life consumed by self. Jesus's self-giving life teaches us that life is more than me. In Christ, and as part of the church, others' interests are now my own. Pandemics do not collapse Christians. No, we can see the coronavirus as an opportunity to show Christ's love and good works to our neighbors.
- 9. Finally, when the coronavirus reveals our world's superficial veneer, we can rejoice, for this world is not our home.** Sometimes we're infatuated with this life — our homes, cars, entertainment. A pandemic can fracture that. But that's good, because our dwelling here is only temporary. We have no abiding city here, but Christ's completed work has earned us a place with God forever. When you arrive safely home in the new heavens and new earth, you will see this pandemic — and all other great evils — through the eyes of eternity, and you'll stand amazed at how God used them all for His glory.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN** (pray together in unison)

Our gracious Father, You sent Your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we too might live a new life. Foolishly, however, we have, time and time again, chosen death over life. In our thoughts, words, and deeds we have rebelled against You and Your intentions for us. In so doing, we have broken our fellowship with You, whose love is better than life and whom to know is life itself. In so doing, we have hurt others, sometimes unintentionally and sometimes deliberately, and have diminished their lives. In so doing, we have damaged and despoiled ourselves who had been created to reflect Your beauty. Father, forgive us our sin for Jesus' sake. And grant that Your resurrection power might course through our entire being that we might walk in the ways of love and justice, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (read in unison)

We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. (Romans 6:4-5)

## **WORSHIP THROUGH OFFERING AND A SONG**

We believe that the offering is an act of worship. Giving to the work of the church in building God's Kingdom is a strong reminder of our dependence on Him.

You can give through your bank's billpay system, or mail checks to the church office: 2 Cardinal Park Drive, Suite 101A, Leesburg, VA 20175. You can give today through the Realm app on your phone, at <https://onrealm.org/PotomacHills/-/give/now> , or through PayPal to [give@potomachills.org](mailto:give@potomachills.org)

**The YouTube link for our Offering Song**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7voL92Nl1ag>

## **READING OF THE WORD: Mark 16:1-8**

Dr. Silvernail will read today's passage at the beginning of the sermon video; please have your Bible open and ready so you may follow along.

*When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.*

**PREACHING OF THE WORD: Dr. Silvernail**

## *“Hopes and Fears”*

This is the 26th sermon in the Gospel of Mark entitled **“The King and His Cross”**  
All sermons are recorded and available for download at [www.PotomacHills.org](http://www.PotomacHills.org).

Today's sermon was pre-recorded and you can find it on Youtube! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nRHYjYWq2J0>

If you would rather read today's sermon, you can find the manuscript at:

<https://www.potomachills.org/sermons/sermon/2020-04-11/hopes-and-fears-mark-16:1-8>

### **RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND SONG**

Acceptable responses to hearing and applying God's Word to our lives include Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication. Take time to thank God that we can worship Him no matter where we are, or what crisis we're facing!

**Then go to YouTube and sing our Closing Hymn**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZUPdMn2oGM>

### **RECEIVING THE BLESSING & ONE ANOTHER TIME**

End your time worshiping together with this blessing from **John 20:30-31**

*“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, **and that by believing you may have life in His name.**”*

**And now we hope you'll enjoy this “We Celebrate Jesus” slideshow!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DyHG3ONxkto>

**We're glad you joined the church distributed for worship today!**

**Go to our Facebook Group and let us know how it went!**

Remember to keep in touch with each other by whatever technological means you have –  
***call, text, email, use your favorite messaging service, Facetime, Google Hangouts, Zoom***

Send prayer requests or theological questions or comments to [dsilvernail@potomachills.org](mailto:dsilvernail@potomachills.org)

**Have a good week! Keep Your Distance and Wash Your Hands!**

## April 12, 2020 Worship Song Lyrics

### Christ the Lord is Risen Today (Written by Charles Wesley Public Domain, Trinity Hymnal #277)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia. Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia.  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia. Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply- Alleluia.

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia. Where, o death, is now your sting? Alleluia.  
Dying once, He all does save, Alleluia. Where your 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. Following our exalted Head, Alleluia.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia. Ours the cross, the grave, the sky, Alleluia.

### The Day of Resurrection (Written by John Mason Neale and Henry Smart Public Domain, Trinity Hymnal #267)

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 heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin; let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein.  
Invisible and visible, their notes let all things blend, for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

### Man of Sorrows (Written by Matt Crocker & Brooke Ligertwood, CCLI #6476063)

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 hallelujah, 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.

**Chorus:** *Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation, where Your love poured out over me.  
Now my soul cries out hallelujah, praise and honor unto Thee.*

Bridge: 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.

**Chorus:** *Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation, where Your love poured out over me.  
Now my soul cries out hallelujah, praise and honor unto Thee*

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

**Chorus:** *Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation, where Your love poured out over me.  
Now my soul cries out hallelujah, praise and honor unto Thee. Praise and honor unto Thee.*

*Praise and honor unto Thee!*

Jesus Is Lord (Written by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend ©2003 Thank You Music, CCLI Song No. 3992447)

“Jesus is Lord!” The cry that echoes through creation, Resplendent power, Eternal Word, our Rock.  
The Son of God, the King Whose glory fills the heavens, Yet bids us come to taste this Living Bread.

Jesus is Lord, whose voice sustains the stars and planets, yet in His wisdom laid aside His crown.  
Jesus, the Man, who washed our feet, Who bore our suffering, became a curse to bring salvation’s plan.

Jesus is Lord, the tomb is gloriously empty, not even death could crush this King of love.  
The price is paid, the chains are loosed and we’re forgiven, and we can run into the arms of God.

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery (Written by Matt Papa, Matt Boswell & Michael Bleecker CCLI #7026028)

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King.  
He the theme of heaven’s praises, robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.  
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man.  
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man.  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption. See the Father’s plan unfold.  
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life.  
But no grave could e’er restrain Him, praise the Lord, He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope.  
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes.

Worship Christ the Risen King! (Written by Jack Hayford and Henry Smart ©1986 Maranatha! Music, Trinity Hymnal #286)

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 power;  
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!