PRAISE AND WORSHIP

“This Joyful Eastertide” Maroon Hymnal #482

1 Corinthians 15: 14, 20
If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

This joyful Eastertide
Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
Has sprung to life this morrow:

Had Christ who once was slain, not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now has Christ arisen!

Death’s flood has lost its chill
Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver: (Chorus)

My flesh in hope shall rest
And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number: (Chorus)

“When Peace, Like a River” Maroon Hymnal #763
Isaiah 26:3
You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in You.
When peace like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

He lives - oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. (Chorus)

“Victor’s Crown” — Darlene Zschech, Kari Jobe, Israel Houghton

John 19:1
The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head.

John 16:33
In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

You are always fighting for us, Heaven's angels all around.
My delight is found in knowing that You wear the Victor’s crown.
You’re my Help and my Defender, You’re my Savior and my Friend.
By Your grace I live and breathe to worship You.

At the mention of Your greatness, in Your Name I will bow down.
In Your presence, fear is silent, for You wear the Victor’s crown.
Let Your glory fill this temple, let Your power overflow.
By Your grace I live and breathe to worship You.

Hallelujah! You have overcome, You have overcome.
Hallelujah! Jesus, You have overcome the world!

You are ever interceding, as the lost become the found.
You can never be defeated, for You wear the Victor’s crown.
You are Jesus, the Messiah; You’re the Hope of all the world.
By Your grace I live and breathe to worship You. (Chorus)
Ev'ry high thing must come down,
Ev'ry stronghold shall be broken.
You wear the Victor's crown;
You overcome, You overcome!

At the cross the work was finished; You were buried in the ground.
But the grave could not contain You, for You wear the Victor's crown, the Victor's crown!

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor**  
**All**

*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*
*He is risen indeed! Alleluia*

**THE FIRST READING Acts 17:16-31**

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to dispute with him. Some of them asked, “What is this babbler trying to say?” Others remarked, “He seems to be advocating foreign gods.” They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean.” (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.)

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.

“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything, because He Himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. From one man He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us. ‘For in Him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are His offspring.’

“Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by man’s design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent. For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the Man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising Him from the dead.”

**HOLY GOSPEL John 14:15**

“If you love Me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in
"you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see Me anymore, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you. Whoever has My commands and obeys them is the one who loves Me. The one who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I too will love him and show Myself to him."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor
Brothers and sisters in Christ;
God not only asks us to repent, but offers us His forgiveness.
Let us confess our sins to the One who is steadfast and loving:

People
Loving and merciful God,
We do not always keep Your commandments.
We fail to love You and One another.
Our conscience is not clear.
Our hearts are restless and troubled.
Forgive us.
Wash us in the water of life, that we may live again.

Pastor
Brothers and sisters, God forgives, restores and strengthens His children through the risen Christ.
Know that you are forgiven.
Accept God’s wonderful gift of peace.

People
In Him we live and move and have our being.
Come, Holy Spirit, and spark us with a word of life,
a message we may share with others. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
WE WORSHIP GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“Build My Life” – Brett Younker, Bethel Worship

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing.
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe,
We live for You.

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name.
Jesus the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe,
We live for You, we live for You.

Holy, there is no One like You,
There is none beside You.
Open up my eyes in wonder and
Show me who You are
And fill me, with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me.

I will build my life upon Your love;
It is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in You alone,
And I will not be shaken.

SERMON “Connecting With the World” Pastor Steve Ferber

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 Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER
COMMUNION – “Remember Our Lord Jesus Christ”

1 Corinthians 11:23-26
For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

“Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

BLESSING

Pastor Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People He is risen indeed Alleluia!

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People Amen.

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.
He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

DISMISSAL   Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.
Thanks be to God.