

Lord's Day Worship March 31, 2024

Resurrection Sunday

WELCOME

During Christian worship we cross the threshold
of the secular to the sacred,
from the common to the uncommon,
from the profane to the holy.
Our contact with the holy is not merely an encounter
with a different dimension of reality;
it is the meeting with Absolute Reality.
Christianity is not about involvement with religious experience as a tangent.
It involves a meeting with a holy God.¹

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude: Jesus Shall Reign, words by Isaac Watts (1719) based on Psalm 72

set to the tune DUKE STREET (1793)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more. People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

CALL TO WORSHIP: JOHN 20:1-8

Leader:

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and

Church: he saw and believed.

¹ R.C. Sproul, *The Holiness of God* (Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson, 2010), 144, 146.

HYMN OF ADORATION

360 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED²

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.³

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,⁴ the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

² The Apostles' Creed is the oldest and simplest creed in the Christian church. Its earliest forms have been dated to around AD 200 when new converts were asked to profess it before joining the church. Christians have used it during worship for thousands of years to show our unity in the faith.

³ "He descended into hell" expresses Christ's "being buried, and continuing in the state of the dead, and under the power of death till the third day." See Westminster Larger Catechism 50.

⁴ The word "catholic" derives from the Greek word *katholikos*, which means universal. The catholic church the universal church, which is invisible, consisting of all Christians in every church that have been, are, or shall be under Christ the Head. *See* Westminster Confession of Faith 25:1. The Apostles' Creed predates the church's division into the Western Roman Catholic and the Eastern Orthodox churches or the Reformation of the western church that came much later.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: EPHESIANS 2:19–22.

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Derek & Carlie Kovacsy

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Elek Kovacsy

Jonathan & Jenniefer Tkachuk
Chris & Chelsea Van Dam
Henry Powers

Josh & Hannah Vaughan
Connor Wyman
Bèla Kovacsy

Elek Kovacsy

Henry Powers

Rex Powers

Tabitha McFarland

Membership Vows

- 1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
- 2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
- 3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
- 4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
- 5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?



Jack Hayford, 1986

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7. Henry Smart, 1867

GREET ONE ANOTHER

As the Apostle Paul encouraged churches to "Greet one another" (Romans 16:16, 1 Corinthians 16:20, 2 Corinthians 13:12, 1 Thessalonians 5:26), please greet those around you, and please introduce yourself to anyone you do not know.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Christ intercedes for His church in prayer (John 17; Luke 23:34; Hebrews 7:25), and He gives His church the ministry of praying "with each other for each other" as well praying for the community in which our church is placed (1 Timothy 2:1–4). We also use this time to pray for the advancement of God's kingdom in the world (Matthew 6:10).

NEW TESTAMENT READING: JOHN 20:19–31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord....

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "**My Lord and my God!**" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ 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.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

"My Lord and my God!"

Rev. Porter Harlow, Minister, Christ Presbyterian Church

In Christ Alone





Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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IN CHRIST ALONE L.M.D. Keith Getty and Stuart Townend Arr. Ruth Coleman

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meditation: I Know that My Redeemer Lives—Glory Hallelujah! words by Samuel Smedley (1775), set to the 19th Century American Folk Tune SHOUT ON

I know that my Redeemer lives—
glory, hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives—
glory, hallelujah!
Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground—
glory, hallelujah!
The dead's alive and the lost is found—
glory, hallelujah!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead—
glory, hallelujah!
He lives, my everlasting Head—
glory, hallelujah!
Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground—
glory, hallelujah!
The dead's alive and the lost is found—
glory, hallelujah!

He lives, to bless me with his love glory, hallelujah! He lives to plead for me above glory, hallelujah! Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground glory, hallelujah! The dead's alive and the lost is found glory, hallelujah!

He lives, all glory to his name!
glory, hallelujah!
He lives, my Jesus, still the sameglory, hallelujah!
Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground—
glory, hallelujah!
The dead's alive and the lost is found—
glory, hallelujah!

Sermon Outline "My Lord and my God!" John 20:19–31

I. Thomas' Disbelief (v.19–27)

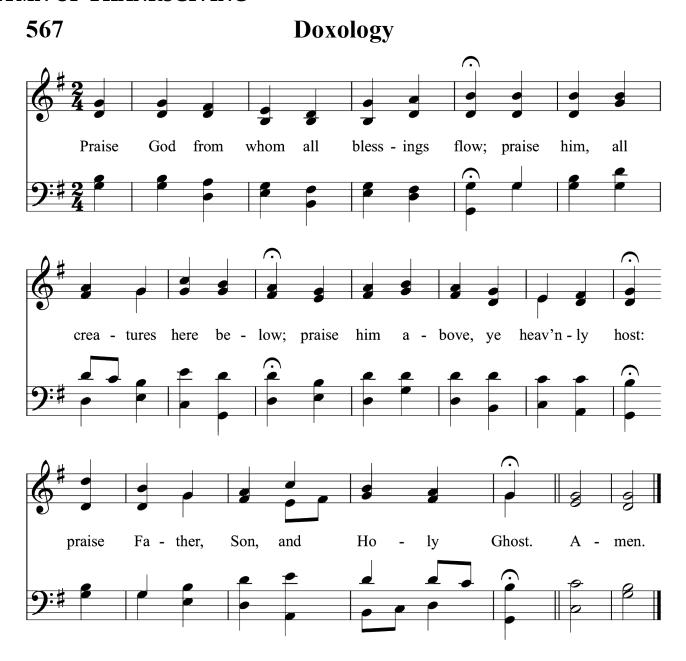
II. Thomas' Belief (v.28)

III. Jesus' Blessings (v.29-31)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

During our prayer of thanksgiving, we express our thankfulness for what the Lord has provided, and we ask him to use our tithes and offerings to advance his kingdom and provide for those in need. Our church has three opportunities to give: (1) over the internet, (2) the collection box on the back table, or (3) by mail. Please see the announcements page for details.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING



Thomas Ken, 1674

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M. Louis Bourgeois, 1551

BENEDICTION: EPHESIANS 3:20–21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leadership. Christ Presbyterian is served by the following leaders:

- Teaching Elder: Porter Harlow
- Ruling Elders: Scott Hatch, Kevin Horrigan, David Hudak, and Philip Lee
- Deacons: Michael Hornbuckle, David Och, Wade Woo
- Women's Ministry Leadership Team: Bethany Fernandez, Kristy Hatch, and Lee Ann Hudak
- Pastoral Intern: Robert Hasler

Giving. You may support the work of the Lord by giving in the following ways.

- Internet. Go to https://cpcburke.org/support or you may scan this QR Code.
- Offering Box. You may place your offering in the wooden box on the back table.
 Offering boxes were used in Old Testament synagogues (Luke 21:1-4). The ancient church continued to use them. Most churches eliminated them when they made the collection part of the worship service. During the Reformation, some churches returned to the practice. With the increasing use of electronic giving, many churches are returning to the Biblical precedent of offering boxes.



Recurring Events

- **Sunday School** meets after worship. Children 0-3 meet in the nursery. Pre-K to 5th graders meet in the pod outside the nursery before breaking into their classes. 6th to 12th meets in the band room. Adult Sunday School meets in the cafeteria.
- Small Groups
 - Wednesday Small Group meets weekly at 7:30 pm in the Hudak home.
 - o Friday Small Group meets on 2d and 4th Fridays at 6:00 pm in a rotating home.
 - o Sunday Small Group meets on 2d and 4th Sundays at 4:00 pm in a rotating home.
- Church Fellowship Meals on the first Sunday of the month after worship.
- Men's Breakfast meets on the second Saturday of each month.
- Women's Fellowship. The Women's Ministry meets on the third Saturday of each month.

Missions We Support. Please pray for the missions we support.

- **Church Planting in DC Area**. One Voice Fellowship, pastored by Chris Sicks, is a multilingual church on mission to reach ethnic and religious minorities in Falls Church.
- Church Planting in Dearborn, Michigan. Jerry Riendeau is preparing to plant in Dearborn, Michigan, home to the largest Arabic speaking population outside the Middle East.
- Church Planting in England. Oxford Presbyterian Church is a church being planted by in Oxford, England, by Andy Young.
- Church Planting in Japan. <u>Jason & Ai Kueh</u> are PCA missionaries planting in Shin-Urayasu, a Tokyo suburb. Jason is also ordained in the Presbyterian Church in Japan.
- **Church Planting in East Asia.** We support a PCA missionary who is training pastors in East Asia as part of a church planting movement underway there.
- Reformed University Fellowship-International at GMU. Pastor <u>Matthew DeLong</u> and staff member <u>Janelle Grove</u> are on mission to reach international students at GMU.

Mercy Ministries We Support

- The Lamb Center is a <u>daytime homeless shelter</u> sharing the love of Christ in Fairfax.
- Assist Pregnancy Center. <u>Assist</u> has a mission "to promote life through Christ to those vulnerable to abortion."

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