

**2nd Sunday of Easter**  
**April 11, 2021**

**Gathering**  
***God invites us to enter His presence***

**Prelude**

*Thine Is the Glory*  
*Low in the Grave He Lay*

*Scott  
Ritter*

**Welcome & Announcements**

*Hob Pusey*

**Preparation for Worship** (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

**‡ Call to Worship**

*Hob Pusey*

This is the good news—the grave is empty;  
Christ is risen.

**Hallelujah!**

This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never put it out.

**Hallelujah!**

This is the good news—once we were no people;  
now we are God's people.

**Hallelujah!**

Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace  
we now share with each other.

**Hallelujah!**

**‡ Invocation**

*Hob Pusey*

O Father God of the risen Christ,  
in whose resurrection we find new life,  
send your Spirit to dwell among us in this day of worship.  
O risen Christ, Son of the Father,  
may we hear your word of peace today.  
O Spirit of the living God,

teach us once more to live in the power of Christ's resurrection,  
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

‡ **Hymn 234**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne:  
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King thru all eternity.*

*Crown Him the Lord of love: Behold his hands and side—  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.*

*Crown Him the Lord of life: Who triumphed o'er the grave,  
Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.*

*Crown Him the Lord of heav'n: One with the Father known,  
One with the Spirit thru Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.  
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;  
Be Thou, O Lord, thru endless days adored and magnified.  
A-men.*

**Confessing**

**God invites us to be honest with Him**

**Prayer of Confession**  
(Responsively)

*Hob Pusey*

If, at times, we deny you, God forgive. When the risks of discipleship  
are high, and we are nowhere to be found:

**God forgive.**

When we wash our hands of responsibility:

**God forgive.**

When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors and seek to buy freedom with silver:

**God forgive.**

When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or prejudice keeps us from believing it:

**God forgive.**

In the bright light of Easter morning, O God, our sin is exposed, and your grace is revealed.

**Tender God, raise us in your love so that, with joy, we may witness to your awesome deeds, in the name of Jesus, the risen one. Amen.**

## **Time for Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

*Hob Pusey*

You are not in the flesh;  
you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you.  
Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.  
But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin,  
the Spirit is life because of righteousness.  
If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,  
he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies  
also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **‡ There is a Redeemer**

*Jesus, my Redeemer,  
Name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain.  
Thank You, oh, my Father,*

*For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit  
'Til the work on earth is done.*

### **Offering**

***Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him***

#### **Invitation**

*Dennis Lesher*

With thankfulness we give in gratitude and joy.  
With prayerfulness we give in sacrifice and love.  
With hopefulness we give in commitment to God.

#### **Offering**

*\*Please place your offerings in the plate in the  
back of the church on your way out*

#### **Offertory**

*The Power of the Cross  
with Lift High the Cross*

*arr. Tornquist*

#### **‡ Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

#### **‡ Prayer of Dedication**

*Dennis Lesher*

All good things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you.

And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves,  
and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us.  
By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each  
other, and one in ministry to all the world, through Jesus  
Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

‡ **Hymn**    *Worthy is the Lamb*

Thank You for the cross, Lord,  
Thank You for the price You paid;  
Bearing all my sin and shame in love You came  
and gave amazing grace.

Thank You for this love, Lord,,  
Thank You for the nail pierced hands.  
Washed me in Your cleansing flow, now all I know  
Your forgiveness and embrace.

Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne  
Crown You now with many crowns, You reign victorious.  
High and lifted up, Jesus, Son of God  
The darling of heaven crucified.  
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.

*Repeat all above*

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.  
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Crown You now with many crowns, You reign victorious.  
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**Proclaiming**  
***God speaks to us through His Word***

**Scripture Reading**    *1 Corinthians 15:12-34*

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup> When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

<sup>29</sup> Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? <sup>30</sup> Why are we in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup> I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! <sup>32</sup> What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." <sup>33</sup> Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." <sup>34</sup> Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

Sermon

*“Resurrected Lives”  
Casey Huckel*

**Responding  
We respond to God’s Word**

‡ Hymn 203

*And Can It Be?*

*And can it be that I should gain an int’reast in the Savior’s blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love!  
How can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for me?*

*Refrain*

*Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God,  
shouldst die for me!*

*He left His Father’s throne above, so free,  
So infinite His grace!  
Emptied himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam’s helpless race!  
‘Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For, O my God, it found out me.  
Refrain.*

*Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature’s night.  
Thine eye diffused a quick’ning ray:  
I woke—the dungeon flamed with light!  
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth,  
And followed thee.  
Refrain.*

*No condemnation now I dread: Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th’eternal throne, and claim the crown,  
Thru Christ my own.  
Refrain.*

## ‡ Profession of Faith

Leader: Let us now profess our faith along with the saints through the ages.

**People: 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 buried;  
The third day he rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth at the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

### Commissioning

*God sends us out into the world as His witnesses*

## ‡ Hymn 213

*Because He Lives*

*God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus,  
He came to love, heal, and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,*



*An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.*

*Refrain*

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow,*

*Because He lives all fear is gone;*

*Because I know He holds the future.*

*And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

*How sweet to hold a newborn baby,*

*And feel the pride, and joy he gives;*

*But greater still the calm assurance,*

*This child can face uncertain days because He lives.*

*Refrain.*

*And then one day I'll cross the river,*

*I'll fight life's final war with paid;*

*And then as death gives way to victory,*

*I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.*

**‡Benediction    & Blessing**

**‡Postlude**

*Jesus Has Risen As He Said*

*Peterson*

