3rd Sunday of Easter April 18, 2021

Gathering God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus Meditation on "Galilee" Sawyer Mansfield

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (Time for Silent Preparation)

Call to Worship

Dennis Lesher

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

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Invocation

Dennis Lesher

Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him.

Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, To His feet thy tribute bring; Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting klng.

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress; Praise Him, still the same as ever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless; Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness. Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish; Blows the wind and it is gone; But, while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the high Eternal One.

Angels in the height, adore Him; Ye behold Him face to face; Saints triumphant, bow before Him; Gathered in from every race; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Confessing God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession

(Responsively)

Dennis Lesher

Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves. To all and to each, on his community and on his friends, where regret is real, Jesus pronounces his pardon and grants us the right to begin again. Thanks be to God!

Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Dennis Lesher

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

† There is a Redeemer

When I stand in Glory,
I will see His face,
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place.
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 Let us be faithful stewards of our time, our talents,

and our money. so that our treasure is in heaven

and our giving pleases God.

Offering

*Please place your offerings in the plate in the

back of the church on your way out

Offertory

Lay Me Down Guitar—Bill Mecaughey

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

God of wonder, we offer you these humble gifts, signs of your goodness and mercy. Receive them with our gratitude, that through us all people may know the riches of your love in the Word-made-flesh. **Amen.**

Hymn 196 There is a Fountain

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins, And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains; Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains; And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day, And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away: Wash all my sins away, Wash all my sins away: Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its pow'r, Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more: Be saved to sin no more, Be saved to sin no more; Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply, Redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die: And shall be till I die, And shall be till I die; Redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die.

When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave, Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing thy pow'r to save: I'll sing thy pow'r to save; Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing thy pow'r to save.

Proclaiming God speaks to us through His Word

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15:35-49

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹ For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰ There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴² So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

Sermon

"Resurrected Bodies" Rev. Tim Latham

Responding We respond to God's Word

₹ Hymn 210

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small! Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."

Refrain

Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain—He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine alone, Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone. Refrain. For nothing good have I whereby thy grace to claim—
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.
Refrain.

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete, "Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat. 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

<u>Commissioning</u> God sends us out into the world as His witnesses



Mighty To Save (Guitar—Bill Mecaughey)

Ev'ryone needs compassion, love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me. Ev'ryone needs forgiveness, The kindness of a Savior. The hope of nations.

Chorus

Saviour, He can move the mountains. My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation. He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave. So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures. Fill my life again. I give my life to follow, Ev'rything I believe in. Now I surrender.

Benediction & Blessing

Postlude Mighty Maker of All

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