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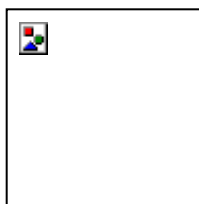
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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 11:00 a.m.

May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Prelude in G

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 104

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Hymn to Joy

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

Lord of life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave. Lifted up on the cross, you draw all people to you. Raised from the dead, you restore to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter help us, by the power of your Spirit, to proclaim the mystery of death and resurrection through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you, and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

An Affirmation of Faith for Easter

Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Unison: **That I belong, body and soul, in life and in death,**

not to myself, but to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,

who at the cost of his own blood, has fully paid for all my sins

and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;

that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven

not a hair can fall from my head.

Indeed, everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life

and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Pastor: The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers safely greet one another with the peace of Christ and then sit for the announcements.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children come to the Baptismal Font for a

Time for Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Acts 9:1-6

Psalm 30:1-5,11,12b

Unison

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have rescued me
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help and you have healed me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol and restored me to life.

Sing praises to the Lord, O faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.

God's anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning.

You have turned my mourning into dancing and clothed me with joy.

My soul will praise you and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Epistle

Revelation 5:11-14

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 105

Because You Live, O Christ

Vruechten

The congregation sits.

Gospel

John 21:1-14

Sermon

Breaking Fasts

Mike Krech

"Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.'"

John 21:12a

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 594

This Is the Feast of Victory

Festival Canticle

Nicene Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical

Gloria for Easter Season

Refrain of Hymn 122

Judas Maccabeus

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son.

Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Jesus, Remember Me

Jacques Berthier, 1981

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology for Easter Season

 (to the tune of Hymn 455) Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The congregation sits.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution and Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

 (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Come to the table nearest you, take a piece of bread, and consume it safely, away from the bread tray
If you also receive the cup, drink away from the cup tray and place the empty cup in the basket.

Please give the person in front of you adequate time for a reverent Communion.

All Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

Anthem

O That I Had a Thousand Voices

Jay Althouse, 1992

O that I had a thousand voices and with a thousand tongues could tell
of Him in whom the earth rejoices, who all things wisely does and well.

O that I had a thousand praises and with a thousand hymns could sing
of Him, whom all mankind upraises, one God of ev'ry living thing.

God of the wind and waters and of the stars and sky,

Creator of the earth and heavens, praise the Lord most high. (-- Johann Mentzer, 1704; Jay Althouse)

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Unison

O God, you have greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.

Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works,
a continual thank-offering to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 108

Christ Is Alive!

Truro

Worshippers are encouraged to be seated for the postlude,

or you may depart the sanctuary quietly and quickly now if necessary.

Postlude

Lift High the Cross

Tune: Crucifer

arr. Donald Busarow

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church as we continue the Easter season, fifty days

of celebration of the resurrection and ascension of Christ, concluding with Pentecost on June 5, 2022.

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding Bring a taste of love unknown.
Christ is risen! Raise your spirits From the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, Not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.
Christ is risen! Earth and heaven Nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation Where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, everyone.

Text: Brian Wren, b.1936;

Tune: HYMN TO JOY; Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, alt.

Because You Live, O Christ

Because You live, O Christ, The garden of the world has come to flower;
The darkness of the tomb Is flooded with Your resurrection power.

Refrain:

The stone was rolled away And death cannot imprison!
O sing this Easter Day, For Jesus Christ has risen, has risen, has risen, has risen.

Because You live, O Christ, The spirit bird of hope is freed for flying;
Our cages of despair No longer keep us closed and life-denying. (Refrain)

Because You live, O Christ, The rainbow of Your peace will span creation,
The colors of Your love Will draw all humankind to adoration. (Refrain)

Text: Shirley Elena Murray, 1987;

Tune: VRUECHTEN; Dutch melody, 17th century; harm. Alice Parker, 1969

This Is the Feast of Victory

Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. (Refrain)

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength
and honor, blessing and glory are His. (Refrain)

Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation. (Refrain)

Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)

For the Lamb who was slain
has begun His reign. Alleluia! (Refrain)

Text: Adapt. by John W. Arthur, 1978;

Tune: FESTIVAL CANTICLE; Richard Hillert, 1978

Christ Is Alive

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound To distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now, And touching every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high, Untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life, Our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war, Where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, And lives, where even hope has died.

Christ is alive and comes to bring Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian Wren 1968, rev.;

Tune: TRURO; Thomas Williams, 1789, Harm. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872