
COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP



The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — May 4, 2003

Second Sunday After Easter

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 24

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers



The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 24*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #226 "Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore"

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Congregation: **Amen!**

The LORD be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

Thanks be to God!

1 Corinthians 15:57

Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the LORD:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, grant, we pray, that we who celebrate the Feast of our Lord's Resurrection today, may ever thirst for the fountain of life, Jesus Christ our Lord; and give us the grace this day to joyfully proclaim the Gospel of the triumph of life over death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

The Purification Offering

†Pastor: Let us humbly bow our heads before the LORD and confess our sins.

Our help is in the Name of the LORD!

Psalm 124:8

Who made heaven and earth!

I said I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD

Psalm 32:5

And you forgave the guilt of my sin!

O Almighty God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for my redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered me from the power of death. Grant me so to die daily to sin, that I may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Silent Prayer. Amen!

†Pastor: Now lift up your heads and hear the good news . . . !

The Ascension Offering

The Old Testament Reading: *Deuteronomy 22:13-29*

The Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 10:1-12*

The Rite of Holy Baptism

Parental Vows: *Chris & Sonja Smith*

Congregational Vows & Admonition

Holy Baptism: *Andrew Chalmers Smith*

Prayer of Thanksgiving: *Pastor Tommy Lee*

†We Pray: "Dearest Jesus, we are here"

(see insert)

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 1:18-25*

†We Confess Our Faith: *The 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, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living 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.

Sermon: EMMANUEL - GOD WITH US

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

II. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

The Tribute Offering

†Hymn #123 "The people that in darkness sat"

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

†Prayer of Dedication

†Prayer of the Church, & The Lord's Prayer

†The *Gloria Patri*

The Peace Offering

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution & Invitation

Communion Hymn #147 "O come, O come, Emmanuel"

Pastoral Benediction

The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith to life everlasting. In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Congregation: **Amen!**

†The Song of Simeon (*Nunc Dimittis*): *Luke 2:30-32*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregation: **And his mercy endures forever!**

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord and King.

Congregation: **Amen!**

The Benediction & Exit

†Hymn #165 “Saviour of the nations, come”

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

For Easter Season we have **white** on our Table and Pulpit, which symbolizes joy, celebration, gladness, light, and purity. The traditional monograms **IC** and **XC** are ancient Latin abbreviations for Jesus Christ (IHCOYC XRICTOC). **NIKA** means Victor. Jesus Christ was born to conquer sin, death, and the Devil. The cross in the center of the world reminds us that Jesus has conquered by means of his suffering, death, and resurrection.

The Evening Service

Our Evening Sacrifice of Prayer and Praise

May 4, 2003, 6:00 P.M.



Meditate on Isaiah 22

Prelude & Scripture Meditation: *Isaiah 22:1-4*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Hymn #415 “God, be merciful to me”

Hymn Sing & Prayer Requests

†Psalm 119 (sts. 50-53) “For all Thy law I long wholeheartedly”

Scripture Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:20-28*

Sermon: **THE RESURRECTION #4: WHY BOTHER TO FIGHT AND DIE?**

†Hymn #501 “Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

†Benediction & Postlude