
COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP



The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — April 11, 2004

Easter Sunday

Preparation For Worship: 1 Corinthians 15:1-18

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers



The Entrance

†Call to Worship

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

†Hymn #198 "Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of 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:

Almighty God, our Father, grant, we ask, that we who celebrate the glorious feast of Easter, may honor and praise you, who through your only-begotten Son has overcome death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life; in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

The Purification

†Call to Confession

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the

† Congregation Stands

oppressed, and indifferent to your call to peace. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. *Silent Prayer.*
Amen.

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

The Ascension

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so.

†It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. At your word the earth was made a glorious home for mankind. Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us over all your creatures to love and serve you. When we were unfaithful to you, you kept faith with us, your love remained steadfast. When we were slaves in Egypt, you broke the bonds of our oppression, brought us through the sea to freedom, and graciously covenanted to be our God. By a pillar of fire you led us through the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. You gave your Word to take on our flesh and in him you lived among us, manifesting your glory. He died that we might live, and has risen to raise us to new life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your Name. . .

†Hymn of Praise: #197 "The day of resurrection!"

Trinity Hymnal

The Old Testament Reading: *Psalms 16*

Pastor Chris Smith

The Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 27:62-28:20*

†We Confess Our Faith: *The Nicene Creed*

(see insert)

Sermon Text: *Matthew 13:31-33*

Sermon: **PARABLES THAT PRESUPPOSE THE RESURRECTION** Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

XXXX. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

†Hymn #204 "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise"

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "The Strife is o'er" (see Hymn #201; music by Gregory Wilbur)

†Prayer of Dedication & Resurrection Litany

(see insert)

†Gloria Patri

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Memorial, & The Words of Institution

Communion Hymn: #207 "Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands"

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!**

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we 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.

Congregation: **Amen!**

The Benediction

†Closing Hymn: #200 "Come, ye faithful, raise the strain" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction: *Hebrews 13:20-21*

†Postlude

†Greet One Another!

The Evening Service

Our Evening Sacrifice of Prayer and Praise

April 11, 2004, 6:00 P.M.



Meditate on 1 Corinthians 15:12-28

Prelude & Scripture Meditation: 1 Corinthians 15:12-28 Pastor Chris Smith

†Hymn #205 "Christ the Lord is risen today" *Trinity Hymnal*

Hymn Sing & Prayer Requests

†Hymn #202 "Life up, lift up your voices now" (Tune of #262)

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Sermon: ENCOURAGEMENT IN THE LIGHT OF EASTER Pastor Chris Smith

†Hymn #596 "Jesus lives, and so shall I" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction & Postlude