
COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — April 18, 2004

First Sunday After Easter

Preparation For Worship: *Psalm 113*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers



The Entrance

Call to Worship *Psalm 113:1-3*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #49 "Hallelujah! Raise, O raise" *Trinity Hymnal* (Tune of #30)

†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!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 resurrection of Jesus, 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, our heavenly Father, you are rich in mercy to all those who call upon you; hear me as I come to you humbly confessing my sins, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. I have broken your holy laws by my deeds and by my words, and by the sinful affections of my heart. I confess before you my disobedience and ingratitude, my pride and willfulness, and all my failures and shortcomings toward you

† Congregation Stands

and toward others. Have mercy upon me, most merciful Father; and of your great goodness grant that I may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life; grant me this, I pray, through the mediation of Jesus Christ our 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.

†Truly it is proper, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give praise to you O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting King. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing . . .

†Hymn of Praise: #87 "Holy, Holy, Holy" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *1 Samuel 23:15-29*

The Epistle Reading: *James 4:13-5:12*

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 12:13-34*

†We Confess Our Faith: *The Nicene Creed*

(see insert)

Sermon Text: *Psalm 54:1-7*

Sermon: **BEHOLD, GOD IS MY HELPER**

Mr. Nate Smith

†Hymn #567 "If thou but suffer God to guide thee" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†Prayer of Dedication

†Gloria Patri

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Memorial, & The Words of Institution

Communion Hymn: "Jesus Christ, my sure Defense" (see insert)

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: #602 "Who are these like stars appearing" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Postlude

†Greet One Another!

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

April 18, 2004, 6:00 P.M.



Meditate on Acts 1:1-11

Prelude & Scripture Meditation: *Acts 1:1-11*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Hymn #27 "If God is on our side"

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

Report from Gene Bowman of BEAMM

Deacons' Fund Offering

†Psalm 47 "Praise the LORD, ye lands!"

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

Scripture Reading: *Selected*

Sermon: **EVALUATING THE DA VINCI CODE**

Pastor Chris Smith & Others

†Hymn #346 "Sun of my soul"

Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction & Postlude