
COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP



The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — April 25, 2004

Second Sunday After Easter

Preparation For Worship: Isaiah 44:6-28

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers



The Entrance

Call to Worship *Isaiah 44:6-8*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn "I know that my redeemer lives"

(see insert)

†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 and most merciful Father, I have erred, and strayed from your ways like a lost sheep. I have followed too much the devices and desires of my own heart. I have offended against your holy laws. I have left undone those things which I ought to have done; and I have done those things which I ought not to have done; and there is no health in me. But have mercy upon me, a poor miserable sinner, O

† Congregation Stands

Lord. Spare me, O Lord, for I openly confess my guilt. Restore me, for I am repentant. Save me, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for Christ's dear sake, that I may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of your holy Name. *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: #219 "Blessing and honor"

Trinity Hymnal

The Old Testament Reading: *Ezekiel 17:22-24*

The Epistle Reading: *Colossians 1:9-20*

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 13:31-35, 44-51*

†We Confess Our Faith: *The Nicene Creed*

(see insert)

Sermon: **A KINGDOM, NOT A CULT**

Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #295 "The ends of all the earth shall hear"

Trinity Hymnal

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "At the Lamb's high feast we sing"

(see Hymn #365)

†Prayer of Dedication & Gloria Patri

The Sacrifice of Peace

Reception of New Members

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

†Hymn: #253 "O Spirit of the living God" (*Trinity Hymnal*, Tune of #54)

†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 25, 2004, 6:00 P.M.



Meditate on *John 20:1-18*

Prelude & Scripture Meditation: *John 20:1-18*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Hymn #27 "If God is on our side"

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

Missionary Report from Gordon Woolard (MTW)

†New Song "Worthy is the Lamb"

(see handout)

Scripture Reading: *Selected*

SERMON: **EVALUATING THE DA VINCI CODE (PART II)**

Pastor Chris Smith & Others

†Psalm 3 "O LORD, how swiftly grows"

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

†Benediction & Postlude