
COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — May 23, 2004

Sixth Sunday After Easter – Ascension

Preparation For Worship: *Psalm 47*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Entrance

Call to Worship *Psalm 47:1-4*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #204 "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n"

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!

God has gone up with a shout,

Psalm 47:5

The Lord with the sound of a trumpet!

The Lord has ascended on high,

Psalm 68:18

Leading a host of captives in his train!

†Pastor: Let us pray:

Grant, we ask you, Almighty God, that just as we believe that your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has ascended into the heavens to sit at your right hand, so may we also in heart and mind even today ascend with him, and so continually dwell in your presence, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

The Purification

†Call to Confession: *Colossians 3:1-11*

O Almighty God, heavenly Father, I have sinned against you and against my neighbor, in thought word and deed, in the evil I have done and in the good I have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, and through my own deliberate fault. I am truly sorry and repent of all my sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for me, forgive me all that is past; and grant that I may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. *Silent Prayer.* Amen!

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

†Congregation Stands

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 our bounden duty to give thanks to you at all times and in every place, 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: #216 "Crown him with many crowns"

Trinity Hymnal

The Law of God, Our Standard for Life

(see insert)

The Old Testament Reading: *Colossians 1:9-20*

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 13:53-58*

†We Confess Our Faith: *The Nicene Creed*

(see insert)

Sermon: **ARE YOU SCANDALIZED BY JESUS?**

Jeffrey J. Meyers

XLIII. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

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

(see insert)

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†Prayer of Dedication & the Lord's Prayer

†Gloria Patri

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Memorial, & The Words of Institution

Communion Hymn: #212 "A hymn of glory let us sing"

Trinity Hymnal

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!**

Pastoral Prayer: O King of Glory, Lord of hosts, who on this day did ascend in triumph far above the heavens: We ask you not to leave us comfortless, but send to us the Spirit of Truth, promised of the Father, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

The Benediction

†Hymn #218 "All hail the power of Jesus' Name!"

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 Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is observed every Lord's Day as the climax of covenant renewal worship. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the elders of this local church that you are in covenant with God and an active member of a congregation in which the gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor before or after the service.

Note: The middle circle of cups in each tray contains grape juice, the larger outer ring contains wine.

Our Evening Sacrifice of Praise

May 23, 2004 — 6:00 PM

Tonight Pastor Meyers continues his exposition and application of the Gospel According to Samuel (Ruth). We will continue to reflect on the redemption God provides through Boaz in the second chapter of Ruth.