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The Covenant Renewal Service

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Easter Sunday

March 27, 2005

Welcome

If you are **visiting** our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please find the black registration folder at the end of the pew and help us serve you better by leaving your name and contact information. We promise to keep this information confidential and only use it for personal contact with you and your family. Please join us downstairs for coffee after the service.

We have **Christian education** classes for all ages which meet after the service at 11:00 AM. The “visitor’s card” on the table in the foyer will help you find the meeting place for your child’s class. Join us this evening at 6:00 PM for our evening service of fellowship, prayer, and Bible teaching.

If you are unfamiliar with **our form of worship**, please feel free to speak with one of the Pastors or Elders. We have resources that will help you understand the biblical rationale for why we worship the way we do. Pastor Meyers’s book *The Lord’s Service: The Grace of Covenant Renewal Worship* (Canon Press, 2003) is also available on our book table. Visit our website for articles, essays, and other helpful information on our worship and life at Providence: www.prpc-stl.org

The **Lord’s Supper** is observed every Sunday 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 as 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. (The grape juice has a darker color than the wine.)

Jesus Christ - Conqueror (Front Cover)



The traditional monograms **IC** and **XC** are ancient Latin abbreviations for **Jesus** (*IHCŌYC*, a Latinized form of his Greek name) and **Christ** (*XRICTOC*). **NIKA** means Victor or Conqueror. 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. Jesus now reigns *because* he died for us.

Today our Pulpit and Table paraments are **white**. White symbolizes the promise of the glorious transfiguration of our flesh because of the glorification of Jesus in his resurrection from the dead.

The Lord’s Service at Home

Easter Season

In the early, post-apostolic Church it was the feast of Easter that established the starting point of the development of the liturgical church year. The year as a whole receives its “Sunday” at Easter. Just as the first day of the week gives meaning and purpose to the weekly pattern of human life, so also the celebration of Easter in the Spring orients the entire year around the victorious resurrection of Christ for the life of the world. The early Church did not intend for this yearly pattern to replace or weaken the weekly Sunday worship of the church. Rather, the annual pattern was intended to enable the church to understand even better the mystery of Christ’s sanctification of all of life, time included.

Early on in the Church’s development of the Easter feast, following the weekly pattern, the annual celebration was set within a framework of six weeks of preparation and repentance (called Lent), ending with the rest of Easter. Then, following Easter Sunday, seven weeks of exultation and feasting were decreed, ending in Pentecost and the beginning of an “eighth week.” The church, therefore, celebrates a “week of weeks” during the Easter season as a reminder of Christ’s comprehensive redemption of all of life, a time of feasting, giving thanks, and praise to the Risen Christ. Easter season ends with the festival of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost, May 15, 2005) which ends the seven weeks and ushers in the world to come (symbolically, the eighth day or week). Use these seven weeks of Easter season not just to meditate and reflect upon the resurrection of our Lord, but also to rejoice, give thanks, and sing about the comprehensive victory that he has accomplished for you.

The color for Easter is white. White symbolises purity, light, and life. It is the bright “color” of Jesus’ glorified humanity after his resurrection and therefore will also be the “color” of our new “clothing” when we are resurrected. Easter hymns can be found in the *Trinity Hymnal* #197-209, and also #596-609.

An Easter Prayer: O almighty and eternal God, now that you have assured us of the completion of our redemption through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, give us the will to show forth in our lives what we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, you Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen.

Scripture Readings for Easter – This Week

Monday, Mar. 28	–	1 Sam. 29:1-5	Ps. 85	Luke 13:22-30	Acts 6:1-7
Tuesday, Mar. 29	–	1 Sam. 29:6-11	Ps. 86	Luke 13:31-35	Acts 6:8-15
Wed., Mar. 30	–	1 Sam. 30:1-15	Ps. 87	Luke 14:1-6	Acts 7:1-8
Thursday, Mar. 31	–	1 Sam. 30:16-20	Ps. 88	Luke 14:7-11	Acts 7:9-22
Friday, April 1	–	1 Sam. 30:21-31	Ps. 89:1-18	Luke 14:12-24	Acts 7:23-34
Sat., April 2	–	1 Sam. 31:1-13	Ps. 89:19-37	Luke 14:25-35	Acts 7:35-53

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — March 27, 2005

Easter Sunday

Preparation For Worship: Luke 23:50 - 24:35

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

†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 the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Congregation: **Amen!**

Matthew 28:19

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 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!

Purification

†Pastor: 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

†Congregation Stands

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 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.*

†Declaration of Forgiveness

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 "Hail Thee, Festival Day" Vematois Fortunatus, c. 530-909
Hal H. Hopson, Based on *Salve Festa Dies*
by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

Refrain



Hail thee, fes-ti-val day! The day that is hal-lowed for ev-er;



Day when the Lord a-rose, break-ing the bonds of death.

Welcome to Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, especially those who are visiting with us for the first time today. Please fill out the visitor's registration before the service begins. Join us this evening at 6 PM for fellowship, singing, prayer, and a Scripture lesson.

The Evening Service

Easter Sunday — March 27, 2005

Preparation For Worship: *Colossians 1:1-23*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Call to Worship: *Colossians 1:1-23*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #197 "The day of resurrection!"

Trinity Hymnal

†Prayer of Adoration & Confession

Hymn Sing and Prayer Requests

Deacons Offering

†Hymn #201 "The strife is o'er, the battle done"

Trinity Hymnal

The Scripture Reading

Pastor Chris Smith

Sermon: **THE FIRST DEADLY SIN—PRIDE**

†Closing Hymn: #341 "All praise to thee"

Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction

†Postlude

Westminster Larger Catechism

Question 87

Q. What are we to believe concerning the resurrection?

Answer: We are to believe, that at the last day there shall be a general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust: when they that are then found alive shall in a moment be changed; and the selfsame bodies of the dead which were laid in the grave, being then again united to their souls forever, shall be raised up by the power of Christ. The bodies of the just, by the Spirit of Christ, and by virtue of his resurrection as their head, shall be raised in power, Spiritual, incorruptible, and made like to his glorious body; and the bodies of the wicked shall be raised up in dishonor by him, as an offended judge.

Son, and that he has conquered death, risen to rule over the powers of this earth. We praise you that he summons us into new life, to follow him with joy and gladness. By your Spirit, lift us from doubt and despair, and set our feet in Christ's holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life, and that all we are and do may show forth his love. Praise, glory, and thanksgiving to you, our God, now and forever more.

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen!

†The *Gloria Patri*

**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!**

The Sacrifice of Peace

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution

Communion Hymn: #204 "Alleluia! Alleluia!" *Trinity Hymnal*

†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: 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!**

Benediction

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

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

Choir 1. See how the beauty of earth,
Reborn, blossoms forth from the winter.
See how it speaks of life,
God's new life to the world.

Congregation **Refrain**

Choir 2. He who was nailed to the cross
Is Lord of all creation.
All things created on earth
Sing to the glory of God.

Congregation **Refrain**

Choir 3. God is the Lord of all life,
God's Word is assured to the nations.
Death has no more its sting,
Life is forever won.

Congregation **Refrain**

Choir 4. Let all the earth sing for joy;
Today the Lord has triumphed.
Nations give ear and be glad;
Christ is alive; Sing for joy!

Congregation **Refrain**

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The Old Testament Reading: *Psalm 16*

Pastor Chris Smith

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn #581 (*Psalm 16*) "To thee, O Lord, I fly" *Trinity Hymnal*

Trinity Hymnal

The Epistle Reading: *Philippians 3:1-4:1*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 24:1-35*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†We Confess our Faith: *The Nicene Creed*

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds:
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made:
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of the Father.**

**And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen!**

SERMON: WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT THE RESSURECTION?

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings
Choir Anthem "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting.
Alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way

To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see,
Who sat and spoke unto the three,
"Your Lord is gone to Galilee."
Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days,
To God your hearts and voices raise
In laud and jubilee and praise.
Alleluia!

†Presentation of the Offering

†An Easter Litany

O Christ, after your resurrection you appeared to your disciples;
you breathed on them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit.
You gave joy and exultation to the whole creation. Through your
victory, we pray to you:

Hear us, Lord of glory!

O Christ, after your resurrection you sent out your disciples to
baptize and teach the nations in the Name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit; you promised to be with them and us
until the end of the world. Through your victory, we pray to you:

Hear us, Lord of glory!

O Christ, through your resurrection you lifted us up, and filled us
with rejoicing. Through your salvation you enrich us with your
gifts. Renew our lives and fill our hearts with joy. Through your
victory, we pray to you:

Hear us, Lord of glory!

O Christ, you are glorified by angels and redeemed saints in
heaven, and you are worshiped by your church on earth. On the
glorious feast of your resurrection, we pray to you:

Hear us, Lord of glory!

Save us, O Christ our Lord, in your goodness, extend your mercy
to your people who await the resurrection at the end of history,
and have mercy on us.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

Heavenly Father, we rejoice that the grave could not hold your