

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the King Presbyterian Church

April 24, 2011

*Christian Year: The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

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### Preparation for Worship

I have seen the Lord!

*Mary Magdalene  
John 20:18*

...if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

*1 Corinthians 15:14*

I find that Holy Week is draining; no matter how many times I have lived through his crucifixion, my anxiety about his resurrection is undiminished - I am terrified that, this year, it won't happen; that, that year, it didn't. Anyone can be sentimental about the Nativity; any fool can feel like a Christian at Christmas. But Easter is the main event; if you don't believe in the resurrection, you're not a believer.

*John Irving*

Easter is about the beginning of God's new world. John's Gospel stresses that Easter Day is the first day of the new week: not so much the end of the old story as the launch of the new one. The gospel resurrection stories end...with "God's new world has begun, therefore we've got a job to do, and God's Spirit to help us do it." That job is to plant flags of resurrection...in amongst the tired slogans of idolatrous modernity and destructive postmodernity. It can happen. By God's grace it will happen. The fact that today we don't see it is neither here nor there. Sometimes it only takes three days.

*Tom Wright*

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**\*Call to Worship** *from 1 Corinthians 15:54-55* The Rev. P. Clay Holland

Minister: Where, O death, is your victory?  
Where, O death, is your sting?

**People: Death has been swallowed up in victory!**

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Children, please come forward and participate in the  
flowering of the cross during the following songs.*

**\*Christ the Lord is Risen Today**  
*Hymn No. 277 (Stanzas 1-4)*

*EASTER HYMN*

**\*Thine Be the Glory**  
*Hymn No. 274*

*MACCABAEUS*

### \*Prayer of Adoration

Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him. Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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*\*Congregation stands*

*‡Congregation kneels*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**      *The Apostles' Creed, Heidelberg Catechism Q. 45*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Minister: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

**People:** **First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life. And third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.**

**\*I Know that My Redeemer Lives/Doxology**

*LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

I know that my Redeemer lives!  
What joy this blest assurance gives!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
He lives, he lives who once was dead;  
He lives my ever-living Head,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost:  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer for Christ's Church and the World**

Julie Wells (8:00)  
Becca Schwinger (9:30)  
John Durie (11:00)

**Scripture Reading**

James Reavis (8:00)  
Marion and Neal Wade (9:30)  
Lisa and Brad Thielemann(11:00)

John 20:1-18  
*Page 906 in the black Bibles*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That he should send his only Son, to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns his face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

‡ **Prayer of Confession**

The Rev. Jared Huffman

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 waste your gifts, wander from your ways, and forget your love. We overlook our neighbor, and are constantly fixated on ourselves. Forgive us. Change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

\***Words of Assurance**

*Ephesians 2:4-7*

Minister: God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

\**In Christ Alone*

*Townend & Getty*

In Christ alone - my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone – who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones he came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on him was laid: here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am his and he is mine –  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

**\*The Peace of God**

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

*In the 9:30 and 11:00 services, children (four years old – 2nd grade) are dismissed for Children's Worship. Parents and guardians, please escort departing children into the Gathering Hall.*

**Announcements**

**The Offering**

*Thine Be the Glory*

*arr. Walters*

**The Sermon** "Resurrection Hope" Clay Holland  
*That You May Believe: Tragedy and Victory in John*

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Communion is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. It is an occasion for baptized Christians to be strengthened by our Savior. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, belong to (and are in good standing with) a church that embraces the Gospel, live at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully are welcome to come forward. If you are not a Christian, we invite you to spend this time in prayer using the prayers printed below.*

*Children who have not received their first communion should come forward with their hands folded and the wine server will pray for them.*

Minister: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Minister: Lift up your hearts.  
People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution**

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.  
All: **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**  
Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.  
People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**  
Minister: The gifts of God are for the people of God.

*Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward.  
We would be happy to serve you at your seat.*

*If you would like gluten-free communion bread, please request it from your server.  
We serve wine during communion. If you prefer grape juice, please request it when served.*

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## Communion Prayers

### Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

*Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

### Prayer of Belief

*Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.*

### Prayer of Humble Access

*I do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in my own goodness, but only in your righteousness credited to me. I am not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose manner is always to show mercy. Grant me, therefore, O Lord, the grace to commune now with Christ by faith, that I may evermore live in him and he in me. Amen.*

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### ***I Am the Bread of Life***

Toolan

I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger,  
And who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father draws him.

*Refrain:*

And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up on the last day.

I am the resurrection. I am the life.  
If you believe in me,  
Even though you die, you shall live forever. *(Refrain)*

### ***I Will Glory in My Redeemer***

Cook

I will glory in my Redeemer  
whose priceless blood has ransomed me.  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails  
and hung him on that judgment tree.  
I will glory in my Redeemer who crushed the pow'r of sin and death;  
My only Savior before the Holy Judge,  
the Lamb who is my righteousness,  
The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer, my life he bought, my love he owns.  
I have no longings for another, I'm satisfied in him alone.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, his faithfulness, my standing place;  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,  
my feet are firm, held by his grace,  
My feet are firm, held by his grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer who carries me on eagles' wings.  
He crowns my life with loving-kindness,  
his triumph song I'll ever sing.  
I will glory in my Redeemer who waits for me at gates of gold;  
And when he calls me, it will be paradise, his face forever to behold,  
His face forever to behold.

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;  
His glories now we sing who died, and rose on high,  
Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years; whose pow'r a scepter sways  
From pole to pole that wars may cease,  
    absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me:  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

**\*Concluding Prayer**

God of our salvation, you have restored us to life, you have brought us back again into your love by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ: continue to heal us as we go to live and work in the power of your Spirit, to your praise and glory. Amen.

**\*The Benediction**

Minister: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life."  
May his resurrection bring you all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope.  
And may the blessing of Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – rest upon you now and forever.

People: **Alleluia! Amen.**

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*Serving in Worship today: Mark Austin, trumpet; Steve Begnoche, percussion;  
Dan Black, trombone; Chris Canales, trumpet; Cindy Cook, organ; Michelle Hays, violin;  
Mark Miller, piano; Eric Priest, guitar; Amy Wiggs, flute;  
Steven Wiggs, cello; Joel Wren, trombone.  
Emily Kuo and Eric Priest, vocalists.*

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