



Christ Church

March 31, 2024
Easter Day

Let Us Prepare to receive the Lord's Service
with Silence.

I will tell of the decree:

Yahweh said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have begotten You.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations Your heritage,
and the ends of the earth Your possession.

You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve Yahweh with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son,
**lest He be angry, and you perish in the way,
for His wrath is quickly kindled.**

Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.

(Psalm 2:7-12)

Christ is risen from the dead,
**trampling down death by death,
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!**

Corporate Prayer: **Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound #272-273

God Calls Us to Confess Our Sin

Call: From Romans 2:6-11

He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality.

Brothers and sisters, from the least to the greatest of us, we have all sinned,

and missed the mark of the glory of God.

Therefore, come, let us worship and bow down.

And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Prayer of Confession of Sin:

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the evil desires of our own hearts. We have willingly broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive us all of our sins. Turn our wandering hearts back to you, and lead us by your Holy Spirit in the way of righteousness, holiness, and truth. Amen.

Absolution: (*Romans 4:20-5:2*)

Declaration of Absolution

Sung Response: *Gloria Patri*

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be -
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The image shows a musical score for the Gloria Patri. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men." The score ends with a double bar line.

God Consecrates Us Through His Word

Psalm 118

His Steadfast Love Endures Forever

Oh give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

Let the house of Aaron say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

Let those who fear Yahweh say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

Out of my distress I called on Yahweh;

Yahweh answered me and set me free.

Yahweh is on my side; I will not fear.

What can man do to me?

Yahweh is on my side as my helper;

I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

It is better to take refuge in Yahweh

than to trust in man.

It is better to take refuge in Yahweh

than to trust in princes.

All nations surrounded me;

in the name of Yahweh I cut them off!

They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side;

in the name of Yahweh I cut them off!

They surrounded me like bees;

they went out like a fire among thorns;

in the name of Yahweh I cut them off!

I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,

but Yahweh helped me.

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Yahweh is my strength and my song;

he has become my salvation.

Glad songs of salvation

are in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of Yahweh does valiantly,
the right hand of Yahweh exalts,

the right hand of Yahweh does valiantly!”

I shall not die, but I shall live,

and recount the deeds of Yahweh.

Yahweh has disciplined me severely,

but he has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them

and give thanks to Yahweh.

This is the gate of Yahweh;

the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me

and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone.

This is Yahweh's doing;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that Yahweh has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we pray, O Yahweh!

O Yahweh, we pray, give us success!

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Blessed is he who comes in the name of Yahweh!

We bless you from the house of Yahweh.

Yahweh is God,

and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,

up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God; I will extol you.

Oh give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good;

for his steadfast love endures forever!

Old Testament: Isaiah 25

These are the words of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15:1-28

These are the words of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

**Ps. 118:1-18, O Come with Thanks, God's Goodness
Praising #154-155**

(To the tune of Sing to the Lord a New Song Voicing)

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands #269

Gospel: John 20:1-18

This is the Gospel of Christ.
Thanks be to Christ!

Sung Response:

Unison

I bind un - to my - self to - day The strong name
of the Trin - i - ty By in - vo - ca - tion
of the same, The Three in One, and One in Three.

Sermon:

Sung Response:
O Worship the King #321

God Communes With Us

Common Confession:

Nicene Creed (AD 381)

Christians, what do we believe?

We 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 the 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 Ghost 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 we believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets.

And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church; We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayer of the People

Call: Lord, hear our prayer!

Response: For You are gracious!

The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed be Thy Name,

Thy King - dom come Thy will be done on earth as it is in hea - ven.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for - give us our debts,

as we for - give our debt - - ors,

and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For Thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er and the glo - ry

For - ev - er! A - men.

Passing of the Peace
 Greeting: Christ is risen, [Name]!
 Response: He is risen indeed!

Sursum Corda and Sanctus:



The Lord be with you. And with thy spir - it.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un-to the Lord.



Let us give thanks un - to the Lord our God.



It is meet and right so to do.



It is truly meet, right, and sal-u - ta - ry, that we should at all times,



and in all places, give thanks un - to thee. O Lord, Ho - ly Fa - ther,



Al - might - y Ev - er - last - ing God: There - fore with an - gels and arch - an - gels,



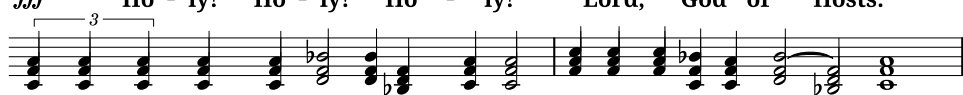
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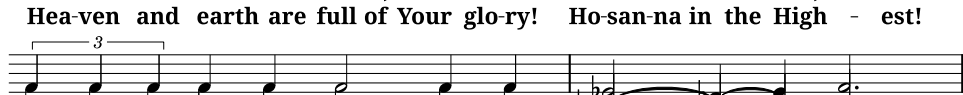
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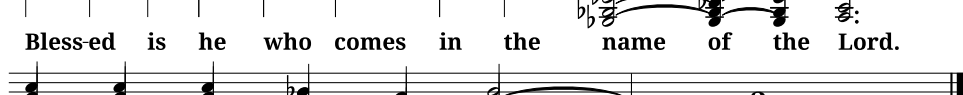
fff Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts.



Hea - ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry! Ho - san - na in the High - est!



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the High - est!

Communion Meal

Note: All baptized Christians are called to receive communion. Unless you are barred by your local congregation's discipline, please eat and drink with us. Pass the trays to your neighbor while speaking a blessing such as "Peace to you" or "Christ be with you".

Thanksgiving Meal (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today #270

God Commissions Us

Our Commission: (Galatians 6:1-10)

Benediction: (*Paraphrase from Numbers 6*)

O Lord, bless us and keep us; make Your face to shine upon us and be gracious to us; lift up Your countenance upon us and give us peace. So put Your name upon us, and bless us. Amen.

Doxology (Sung with hands raised.)

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost A-men

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 41. Why was our mediator called Jesus?

A. Our mediator was called Jesus, because he saveth his people from their sins.

Q. 42. Why was our mediator called Christ?

A. Our mediator was called Christ, because he was anointed with the Holy Ghost above measure; and so set apart, and fully furnished with all authority and ability, to execute the offices of prophet, priest, and king of his church, in the estate both of his humiliation and exaltation.

Q. 43. How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?

A. Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in his revealing to the church, in all ages, by his Spirit and word, in divers ways of administration, the whole will of God, in all things concerning their edification and salvation.

Q. 44. How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?

A. Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering himself a sacrifice without spot to God, to be a reconciliation for the sins of the people; and in making continual intercession for them.