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April 3, 2016 Season of Eastertide



Preparation for Worship

As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

At Second, we believe that the gospel of Jesus Christ makes us a people for others. Therefore, we take seriously our responsibility to make disciples in Memphis and throughout the world. In today's sermon text our risen Lord commissions His followers.

Would you pray that our Lord would use our worship today to transform all of us into world Christians — people who are so gripped by the glory of God and the greatness of His global purpose that we choose to align ourselves with His mission to fill the earth with the knowledge of His glory (Habakkuk 2:14)?

Our Lord does not send us on mission without first equipping us. Why not prepare your heart for worship and ask Him to strengthen you with His resurrection power for His mission?

> O LORD of our Exodus, great was the joy of Israel's sons when Egypt died upon the shore, far greater the joy when our Redeemer's foe lay crushed in the dust. Jesus strides forth as the Victor, Conqueror of death, hell and all opposing might. He burst the bands of death, trampled the powers of darkness down and lives forever. Our gracious Redeemer was apprehended for the payment of our debt. He has come forth from the prison house of the grave, free and triumphant over sin, Satan and death. In Him we died, in Him we rose, in His life we live, in His victory we triumph, in His ascension we shall be glorified for the glory of Your great Name. Amen.

THE JOYFUL WORSHIP OF OUR RISEN LORD

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Today God's Son Has Triumphed" J.S. Bach "Air Trompette" Georg Philipp Telemann Scott Moore, trumpet; Samuel Metzger, organ
CHORAL INTROIT: "O Sing for Joy"
God is Lord of all; O sing for joy.
Sing, O sing for joy. Sing alleluia.
God is Lord of all; be joyful. Alleluia.
Zion, sing, lift up your voice.
God is Lord of all;
Sing forth your songs, be joyful.
O sing for joy. Alleluia.
The Youth Choir
Ginger Statom, Director
CALL TO WORSHIP
†HYMN OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION: No. 286 "Worship Christ, the Risen King!" REGENT SQUARE

♦FIRST GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 28:1-10..... . Ethan Knight (8:15) Shayla Johnson (11:00)

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.

And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead,

and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you."

So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.

Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

♦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE REGENT SQUARE

Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, Worship Christ, the risen King!

†PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE MARVELOUS GRACE OF OUR RISEN LORD

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty Father, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. Yet 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. Forgive us for neglecting our neighbors, and for being absorbed with our names, our kingdoms, and our wills. May the resurrection life so rule us, that we experience anew the joy of abundant, eternal life given in Jesus Christ, our risen and reigning Lord! Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

♦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, 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 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 is seated at 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 Spirit, 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 in 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.
 CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Gloria"
 J.M. Hodges
 See music on inside back cover of Trinity Hymnal PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS...... L. Brett Wynne Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness: God hath brought His Israel into joy from sadness; 'Tis the spring of souls today, Christ hath burst His prison, And three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen. Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor, With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render: Come to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesu's resurrection. Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal, Nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold Thee as a mortal; But today amidst the twelve Thou didst stand, bestowing That Thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing. Alleluia!
DOXOLOGY.....
.....LASST UNS ERFRUEN

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: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

THE BOUNTIFUL GIFTS OF OUR RISEN LORD

†GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Gabriel C. Statom

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-23 (page 906 in pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen. (*Isaiah 40:6b, 8*)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♦HYMN OF RESURRECTION: No. 267 "The Day of Resurrection!"..... LANCASHIRE

Gifts from the Resurrected Jesus

†BENEDICTION

SERMON



ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" Diane Bish

♦ Indicates congregation standing

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