

# ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

April 10, 2016 11:00 a.m.



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Have you ever wondered why we devote so much time to the reading and preaching of God's Word? Like doubting Thomas, we all struggle with unbelief. The Apostle Paul reminds us of the antidote: "Faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17).

By devoting ourselves to the hearing and preaching of God's Word, our eyes are opened "so that [we] turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that [we] receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in [Jesus]" (Acts 26:18).

May our Lord use the reading and preaching of His Word today to:

- Enlighten, convince, and humble us.
- Conforms us to His image,
- Build us up in His grace,
- Strengthen us against temptations and corruptions,
- And establish our hearts in holiness and encouragement.

Pray that the Lord would transform our lives due to our hearing God's Word faithfully preached.

## The Resurrected Jesus Receives Our Worship

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Arise, My Soul, Arise"..... LENOX Gabriel C. Statom, organ

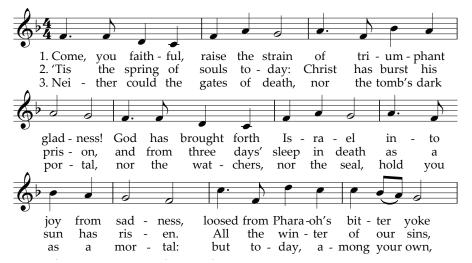
HANDBELL PRELUDE: "A Joyous Fanfare"..... Fred Gramann "How Can I Keep From Singing".....Cathy Moklebust The Second Ringers Terri Theil, Director

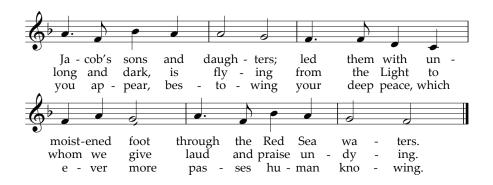
CHORAL INTROIT: "Alleluia!" ...... PALESTRINA

The Chancel Choir Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music

CALL TO WORSHIP..... David A. Bowen

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" .....JOY HAS DAWNED





 PEPISTLE LESSON: I Peter 1:3-12.
 Brandon Morrison

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,

so that the tested genuineness of your faith more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.

It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

♦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ...... JOY HAS DAWNED

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor, With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render; Comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

**†**PRAYER OF ADORATION

# The Resurrected Jesus Forgives Our Sin

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever faithful and most gracious Father, You promise blessing to those who trust You without the aid of sight. Yet we confess losing our battle with unbelief regularly. Forgive us for doubting Your provision, promises, and plan. Pardon us for the times that we have faced our trials with cowardice and not courage, with fickleness and not faith. Grant us to discover anew in Jesus' death and resurrection the reality, immensity, and assurance of Your love. We pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

♥HYMN OF ASSURANCE: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"..... Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure, That He should give 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGSMichael G. Stokke
OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Amen"arr. Brandon Waddles
♦DOXOLOGYOLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**†**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

The Resurrected Jesus Strengthens Our Faith

#### **♦**GREETINGS

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.

GOSPEL LESSON . . . . . John 20:24-29 (page 907 in the 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)
SERMON	Doubters Blessed	Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

+HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 305: "Arise, My Soul, Arise"..... LENOX

#### **♦**BENEDICTION



ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Hornpipe from Water Music" ......G.F. Handel

Indicates congregation standing

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Second Ringers: Lily Humphreys, Annie Petzinger, Mimi Vestal, Mary Lawrence Flinn, Anne Thompson, BJ Webster, Beth Fischer, Rebecca Albert, Mike Albert, Fred Flinn, Jim Cantrell

## **Getting Connected**

To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Pastor Todd Erickson at (901) 531-8895 or todd.erickson@2pc.org.