

Order for the Public Worship of God

The Eighth Day of May, Two Thousand and Eleven

Season of Eastertide

11:00 a.m. • The Sanctuary

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.
Please silence your mobile devices.*

BRASS PRELUDE: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. Frank Garlock

CHORAL INTROIT: "O Sing Unto the Lord" Noel Rawsthorne

O sing unto the Lord a new song.
Let the congregation of saints praise Him.
Let them praise His name in the dance.
Let them sing praises unto Him with the timbrel and harp.
Let the saints be joyful in glory.

*Combined Choirs
Gabriel C. Statom, Director*

CALL TO WORSHIP Timothy L. Russell

♠HYMN OF RESURRECTION: No. 286 "Worship Christ, the Risen King!" . . .REGENT SQUARE

♠READING FROM THE PSALMS: Psalm 116:1-9, 15-19. Candace C. Willis

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

**Then I called on the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

**The Lord preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.**

Return, O my soul, to your rest;

for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

**O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.**

You have loosed my bonds.

**I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord!

**All creation join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising
To th’eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the risen King.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

READING FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 5:27-32
(page 810 in pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Father,
Who by Your Son has called us to live holy lives,
we confess anew our many sins.
We have thought evil thoughts;
we have said unwholesome words;
we have committed wicked deeds.
Please forgive us.
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.
Renew our minds and hearts and wills
that we may hereafter please You
and glorify Your Holy Name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦ HYMN OF EXALTATION: No. 296 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” CORONATION
stanzas 1, 5 & 6

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TO GOD Michael R. Gatliff

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Thine Be the Glory” MACCABAEUS

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son;
Endless is the vict’ry Thou o’er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded graveclothes, where the body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son;
Endless is the vict’ry Thou o’er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MACCABAEUS

**No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is naught without Thee, aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu’rors, thro’ Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe thro’ Jordan to Thy home above.
Thine be the glory, risen conqu’ring Son;
Endless is the vict’ry Thou o’er death hast won.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

PRAYER FOR OUR MOTHERS

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.**

READING FROM THE EPISTLES I Thessalonians 4:1-8
(page 987 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)

HANDBELL PRAISE: “For the Beauty of the Earth” J.D. Frizzell

SERMON *Living in the World:
Sexual Ethics* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF SALVATION: No. 283 “Alleluia! Alleluia!” EBENEZER

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Assurance” J. Bert Carlson

✦ *Indicates congregation standing* CCLI License #252778

*Today’s combined choir includes several of our Music Ministry ensembles:
Music Makers and Spirit and Song Choirs and Handbell Choir, Terri Theil, Director
Youth Choir, Ginger Statom, Director
Chancel Choir, Gabriel Statom, Director*

Handbell Choir: Annie Petzinger, Barbara Faulk, Philip Sandager, Mary Lawrence Flinn, Fred Flinn, Anne Thompson, Carolyn Wells, Estelle Curtis, Debbie Thomas, Jim Cantrell, Mimi Vestal

*Instrumentalists: Lenora Morrow, organ; John Scheusselin and Charles Gates, trumpets;
Greg Luscombe and Mark Vail, trombones*

We consider it a privilege to have our children in worship with us. If your small children become restless and vocal, we invite you to the children’s room especially designed for them at the rear of the Sanctuary. They are also welcome in the nursery. Older children should also be encouraged to come to church prepared to stay in their pew throughout the service.

One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you or to offer helpful direction regarding your spiritual life. He will be in the Gathering Room, which is the first room on your left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary (closest to the pulpit). You may also send your confidential email to pastor@2pc.org with questions about your spiritual life.