

**Order of Worship**  
**Morning Worship**  
**April 4, 2021**

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 46:8-11

**Hymn #266 – Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain**

<sup>1</sup>Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
Of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought his Israel  
Into joy from sadness;  
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters;  
Led them with unmoistened foot  
Through the Red Sea waters.

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>'Tis the spring of souls today;  
Christ hath burst his prison,  
And from three days' sleep in death  
As a sun hath risen;  
All the winter of our sins,  
Long and dark, is flying  
From his light, to whom we give  
Laud and praise undying.

<sup>4</sup>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.

**Invocation**

**Confession of Sin:** (from Daniel 9)

O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:

Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to us. O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee. To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from us. Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary, for the Lord's sake. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy people that are called by thy name.

Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon:** I John 1:5-7

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 17:1-13

**Doxology:**

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.

**Pastoral Prayer**

Our Father which 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, for ever. Amen.

**Hymn #277 – Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

<sup>1</sup>"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia!  
sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!  
raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!  
Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

<sup>4</sup>Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!  
made like him, like him we rise: Alleluia!  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

<sup>2</sup>Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!  
death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

<sup>5</sup>Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!  
thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!  
hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

<sup>3</sup>Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!  
where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!  
where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

**Scripture Reading:** Deuteronomy 16:1-17

**Title:** Why Celebrate Easter?

**Sermon Outline**

I. What We Were

A. Slavery

B. Death

II. What We Are

A. Freedom

B. Life

III. What We Will Be

A. The death of sin

B. The death of death

## Hymn #422 – Twas on That Night When Doomed to Know

<sup>1</sup>Twas on that night when doomed to know  
the eager rage of every foe,  
that night in which he was betrayed,  
the Savior of the world took bread;

<sup>2</sup>And after thanks and glory giv'n  
to him that rules in earth and heav'n,  
that symbol of his flesh he broke,  
and thus to all his foll'wers spoke:

<sup>3</sup>"My broken body thus I give  
for you, for all. Take, eat, and live.  
And oft the sacred rite renew  
that brings my saving love to view."

<sup>4</sup>Then in his hands the cup he raised,  
and God anew he thanked and praised,  
while kindness in his bosom glowed,  
and from his lips salvation flowed.

<sup>5</sup>"My blood I thus pour forth," he cries,  
"to cleanse the soul in sin that lies;  
in this the covenant is sealed,  
and heav'n's eternal grace revealed.

<sup>6</sup>"With love to man this cup is fraught;  
let all partake the sacred draught;  
through latest ages let it pour,  
in mem'ry of my dying hour."

## Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried:  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
The holy catholic church;  
The communion of Saints;  
The forgiveness of sins;  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

## Hymn #267 – The Day of Resurrection!

<sup>1</sup>The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness,  
the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
from this world to the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over  
with hymns of victory.

<sup>2</sup>Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light;  
and listening to his accents,  
may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own "All hail!" and hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.

### Benediction

#### The Response of God's People Sung:

*May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,  
by his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.*

<sup>3</sup>Now let the heav'ns be joyful,  
let earth her song begin;  
let the round world keep triumph,  
and all that is therein;  
invisible and visible,  
their notes let all things blend,  
for Christ the Lord hath risen,  
our joy that hath no end.

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