

Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church

Easter Morning Worship, March 23, 2008

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain, #266

Time for preparation of the heart for worship

The Inspired Psalmist Calls Us, God's People, to Worship

Call to Worship

Psalm 24:1-2, 7-10

“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters. . . Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of Glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty—he is the King of glory.”

Let us emulate David’s example and praise the King of glory who conquered sin and death for us!

*Prayer of Invocation

Pastor

We, God’s People, Respond in Worship

*Hymn of Worship

Christ the Lord is Risen Today, #277

*Prayer of Adoration

Pastor

God Declares His Law

The First Commandment:

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.”

–Exodus 20:2-3

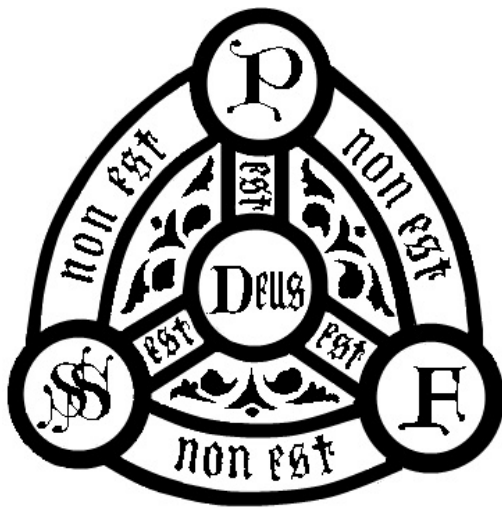
“O house of Israel, trust in the Lord—he is your help and shield.”

–Psalm 115:9

Our Redeeming God Calls Us, His People, to Repentance

“The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. Who can understand it? I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve.”

–Jeremiah 17:9-10



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A Congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.

Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.”

Matthew 11:28-29

God's People Respond by Confessing Their Sins

Corporate Confession

Our merciful and forgiving triune God,

No, not despairingly we come to thee;
no, not distrustingly we bend the knee;
sin hath gone over us, yet this is still our plea:
Jesus hath died.

Ah, our iniquities crimson have been,
infinite, infinite, sin upon sin;
sin of not loving thee, sin of not trusting thee,
infinite sin.

Lord, we confess to thee sadly our sin;
all we are tell we thee, all we have been:
purge thou our sin away, wash thou our souls this day;
Lord, make us clean.

Faithful and just art thou, forgiving all;
loving and kind art thou when poor ones call:
Lord, let the cleansing blood, blood of the Lamb of God,
pass o'er our souls.

Then all is peace and light within our souls;
thus we shall walk with thee, the loved Unseen,
leaning on thee, our God, guided along the road,
nothing between.

In Christ's holy and gracious name we pray, Amen.

Private Confession

The Apostle John Assures Us, God's People, of Our Pardon

"My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins." —1 John 2:1-2a

Believe these great truths, child of God, and rejoice that he has forgiven you!

We, God's People, Respond by Praising Him in Song

Hymn of Praise Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee, #80

God Declares His Word

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 16:1-11

New Testament Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-58

We, God's People, Respond by Confessing Our Faith

Christian: "What is the work of creation?"

Answer: "The work of creation is, God making all things of nothing by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good."

Christian: "How did God create man?"

Answer: "God created man, male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures."

God Calls Us, His People, to Intercessory Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Pastor

Hymn of Preparation Man of Sorrows! What a Name, #246

God Instructs Us, His People, Through His Word

*Reading of the Holy Scripture Matthew 28:1-18

Pastor: "This is the Word of the Lord."

Congregation: "Thanks be to God!"

Sermon Pastor Bob Reymond

"Why We Believe in the Bodily Resurrection of Jesus Christ"

*Hymn of Response Up from the Grave He Arose, #276

Offertory

*Doxology #731

God Exhorts Us, His People, to a Faithful Walk

"[Jesus said], Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life." —Revelation 2:10

*Benediction