

*Westminster Presbyterian Church
The Lord's Day Morning Worship*

April 4, AD 2021

10:55 AM

The Preparation for Worship

Prelude

Let us prepare ourselves for worship. Use this time for silent prayer and meditation on the Word. "Blessed Lord, whose only Son our Savior Jesus Christ has once suffered for our sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to You our God: We beseech you, that as we are baptized into His death, so by continually mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him; and at last through the grave, and gate of death, pass to our joyful resurrection: For His merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Welcome and Announcements

*The Call to Worship

I Corinthians 15:55,56

Minister: "O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?"

All: **The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory in our Lord Jesus Christ."**

Minister: Let us worship God.

The Lord's Praise

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Reiber

*Hymn #277: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* Easter Hymn

*"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!*

*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!*

*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!*

*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!*

*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!*

Confession of Sin

Reformed Liturgy of the Palatinate

All: **We, poor sinners, acknowledge before You, our God and Creator, that we have terribly and in many ways sinned against You, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despondency, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful affections, as You, our Lord and God, know well, and we cannot deeply enough deplore. But we repent of these things, and are sorry for them, and heartily ask You for mercy, for the sake of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 54:10

Minister: For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has mercy on you.

All: **Amen.**

*Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the 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 quick 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 worshipped 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.

The Lord's Gifts

Offertory Prayer

Pastor Reiber

*The Doxology

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*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him,
all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'ly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Hymn #286: *Worship Christ, the Risen King!* Regent Square

*Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has
conquered death and hell. Sing as all the earth rejoices;
resurrection anthems swell. Come and worship,
come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!*

*See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now,
its mouth declares: "Death and I could not contain him,
for the throne of life he shares." Come and worship,
come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!*

*Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed
with power; all hell's minions may assemble,
but cannot withstand his hour. He has conquered,
he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!*

*Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
but the truth proclaims a wonder thoughtful hearts receive with
cheer. He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!*

*We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;
sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!*

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The Lord's Word

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Reiber

Scripture

Luke 24:1-27; Romans 6:4-14

Sermon *The Day of Christ's Resurrection*

Our Commitment

*Hymn #267: *The Day of Resurrection!* Lancashire

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*Benediction Pastor Reiber

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Morning Worship Sermon Outline

Text: Luke 24:1-27; Romans 6:4-14

Title: The Day of Christ's Resurrection

Introduction

- I. The Day of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ should have been anticipated with joyous expectation!
- II. The Day of the resurrection of Jesus Christ affirms His Person and Work.
 - A. The resurrection confirms the unique Person of Jesus Christ.
 - B. The resurrection confirms the unique purpose for which Christ died the accursed death of the cross.
- III. The resurrection of Jesus Christ and you.
 - A. Forgiveness of sins, righteousness, and eternal life are yours through faith in the crucified, dead, and risen Jesus Christ.
 - B. New life, spiritual life, everlasting life are yours through faith in the crucified, dead, and risen Jesus Christ.
 - C. Sanctification, holiness, and godliness of life, Christ-likeness is yours through faith in the crucified, dead, and risen Jesus Christ.

Announcements

Welcome to Westminster – *The Westminster family extends a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. We pray that God's rich blessings in Christ may be yours. We are delighted to have you with us this Lord's Day.*

Prayer Meeting/Bible Study will meet at 6:30 pm Wednesday in the Sanctuary.

Tithes and Offerings may be given at the collection points on either side of the front and rear of the sanctuary as offering plates will not be passed.

Easy On-line giving to WPC is now available. See the link on our website (www.wpcvicksburg.com). You may also text your gift by texting "Give" + amount (i.e. Give 100 to donate \$100) to 601-207-0484.

Westminster Shorter Catechism #42: *What is the essence of the ten commandments?* The essence of the ten commandments is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind, and to love everyone else as we love ourselves.



Homebound Jackie LaBarre
Communion: May 2
Pray for those with birthdays: Kendall Smith, 5; Amy Warren, 8
Bible Readings: Deut 26:1-Josh 2:24; Lk 10:38-14:6; Ps 76:1-79:13; Prov 12:15-26

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