



# SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL



THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD 20 APRIL 2025

#### **PRAYER**

#### "Resurrection"

(from The Valley of Vision)

O GOD OF MY EXODUS,

Great was the joy of Israel's sons when Egypt died upon the shore,

Far greater the joy

when the Redeemer's foe lay crushed in the dust.

Jesus strides forth as the victor,

conqueror of death, hell, and all opposing might;

He bursts the bands of death,

tramples the powers of darkness down,

and lives for ever.

He, my gracious surety,

apprehended for payment of my debt,

comes forth from the prison house of the grave

free, and triumphant over sin, Satan, and death.

Show me herein the proof that his vicarious offering is accepted,

that the claims of justice are satisfied,

that the devil's sceptre is shivered,

that his wrongful throne is levelled.

Give me the assurance that in Christ I died, in Him I rose,

in His life I live, in His victory I triumph,

in His ascension I shall be glorified.

Adorable Redeemer,

Thou who wast lifted up upon a cross

art ascended to highest heaven.

Thou, who as man of sorrows wast crowned with thorns,

art now as Lord of life wreathed with glory.

Once, no shame more deep than Thine,

no agony more bitter, no death more cruel.

Now, no exaltation more high,

no life more glorious, no advocate more effective.

Thou art in the triumph car leading captive Thine enemies behind Thee.

What more could be done than Thou hast done!

Thy death is my life, Thy resurrection my peace,

Thy death is my me, thy resurrection my peace

Thy ascension my hope, Thy prayers my comfort.

# PRELUDE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PREPARATION

# For Preparation

"For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:21)

## The Gloria Patri -with uplifted hands-

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

## THE LORD CALLS US

# The Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

#### From Psalm 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up

and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,

and you have healed me.

O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints

and give thanks to his holy name.

Weeping may tarry for the night,

but joy comes with the morning.

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

## Hymn - "Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound" (975)

## **Corporate Prayer of Confession**

Risen Christ, we often like Peter Do not rightly judge our spiritual maturity We think ourselves unflinching and faithful A disciple Jesus can trust if ever there was one

Yet, our ongoing struggle with sin reveals how poor and needy we still are Risen Christ, rise anew in us, with forgiveness and spiritual resolve

We have envied and lusted We have been proud and judgemental We see many specks in our family and church While strangely blind to the beams in our own eyes

We hide nothing now.

Rather, we sprint to the cross and plead your precious blood And we run to the empty tomb, to behold your victory Risen Christ, rise anew in us, with forgiveness and resurrection power



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**Text: Traditional** 

#### **Silent Prayers of Confession** – kneeling, if able–

#### Assurance of Pardon - 1 Timothy 1:15

"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost."

#### **Sursum Corda**

So, lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give him thanks and praise!

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

# THE LORD CONSECRATES US



Music: Gregory D. Wilbur, 2009 © wilburmusic.com Text: Isaiah 6:3, Revalation 4:8, Matthew 21:9

#### Profession of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hades. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Westminster Shorter Catechism: #31-32

Q. 31. What is effectual calling?

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

Q. 32. What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?

A. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.

## Hymn - "This Joyful Eastertide" (986)

# **Scripture Readings:**

Old Testament Reading: Job 19:23–27

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!** 

New Testament Reading: John 20:1–18

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!** 

# Psalm - "Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem" (825)

#### **Prayer of Adoration and Intercession**

When you hear, "Lord, in your mercy," please respond with: "Hear our prayer."

## Sermon – "The Two Most Important Facts in History"

<sup>\*</sup>catholic refers to the universal collection of God's people throughout all time and from all places.

## The Lord's Prayer (see #1108 for music)

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, forever. Amen.

## TITHES AND TRIBUTE OFFERINGS

Generous and loving God, We bring you our tithes and offerings With glad and grateful hearts. Guide us as stewards of your abundance,

For the glory of Christ and the good of our neighbor. Amen.

Hymn – He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus the Lord (989)

Hymn - See, What a Morning (978)

## THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

#### The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

The Lord's Supper is a sacramental family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians, who are in good standing at a church that proclaims the gospel, to the table. By coming, you acknowledge that you have trusted in Christ alone for your justification before God, that you are currently at peace with God and neighbor, and that you are seeking to grow daily in holiness. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Brooks.

#### THE BREAD – "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (see next page)

To display our unity, please wait to eat the bread until instructed.



#### THE WINE

We pass the wine with "the peace of Christ." You are welcome to drink the wine immediately and to fellowship freely during this time. If juice is desired, it will be the lighter liquid in the tray.

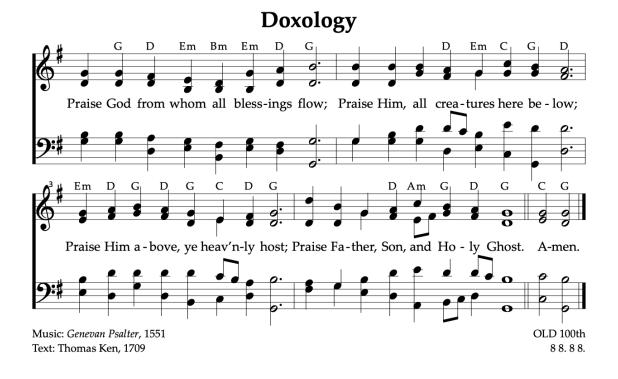
# Commissioning Hymn – "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (725)

## **Exhortation**

## Benediction (Hebrews 13:20-21)

"Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

# Closing Doxology –with uplifted hands–



Pastor: Peace be with you. **People: And also with you.** 

# For Family Worship

#### **Daily Catechesis**

- Weekly Westminster Shorter Catechism: #31-32 (see liturgy, pg. 5)
- Hymn of the Week: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (see liturgy, pg. 7)
- **Proverb of the Week:** "The hope of the righteous brings joy, but the expectation of the wicked will perish." (Proverbs 10:28)

## **Prayer Requests**

#### Current

- Health for all the pregnant mothers
- For physical recovery for the Hays after sickness
- For marriages that are having challenges. Humility, perseverance, and faithfulness
- For the folks who are newer to our community. That they would get established quickly
- For healing for Brooke Stanifer amidst a prolonged physical affliction, and a clear diagnosis
- For Sondra Rowlett, that her cancer stays in remission and no new concerns arise
- Prayer for the Haymes family as they look towards Caleb's kidney transplant in May. Peace, provision, and logistical grace
- For our own place in God's timing.
- Provision, peace, wisdom, and diligence for those feeling the financial pinch
- For Sydney Boyd and the physical challenges she had this week

## **Ongoing**

- For a teaching elder for the new CREC plant in Columbia, King's Cross Reformed Church
- Favor and wisdom for those who have businesses, or are dreaming of starting one.
- For those who are waiting to hear back about job promotions, and the opening of other vocational doors. May the Lord bless us with productive plows and fruitful fields.
- Great wisdom for Pete in his role as SecDef and continued protection both spiritual and physical - for the Hegseths
- For salvation for extended family members who have not turned to Christ.
- For healing for all who are suffering from physical ailments.
- For the ministries we financially support:
  - o Cumberland Crisis Pregnancy: Provision, protection, and wisdom
  - The Joint Eastern European Project (J.E.E.P.): See their website for current prayer requests
  - Recovery Refuge House in Ridgetop

#### PARISH GROUPS

- The 1st and 3rd weeks of the month. Contact group for specifics.
- Purpose: to facilitate greater fellowship amongst geographically-connected saints
- Accomplished primarily through bi-weekly meetings for table fellowship, prayer, singing, and typically sermon-based questions or a series-guided study
- Groups
  - o Goodlettsville the Potteigers
  - Ridgetop the Lums
  - o Whites Creek/S. Goodlettsville the Tawlks/Coppers
  - o North hosted by the Pitts
- \*days subject to change for some groups

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL - A Study Through Ecclesiastes**

- Sundays, at 9am (except the 1st Sunday of the Month)
- Hot coffee, warm fellowship, rich teaching and discussion!

#### **APRIL**

## 25th - Outdoor Eastertide FESTAL SHOUT!

- 6-8pm, on the patio at Yazoo Brewery! They serve food as well
- Hymnals will be provided
- All our welcome, but parents responsible for their own kiddos

## 27th - MEMBER'S MEETING - immediately following the service

- To vote on officer nominations and amendments to our constitution
- Specifics sent out last week

## **OTHER**

## **Monthly Fellowship Meals**

- First Sunday of every month
- Immediately following the service at the church
- No Sunday School on these days
- If you would like to serve on the fellowship team, email Sharon Haney at daylily1980@comcast.net

#### **Officers:**

#### The Session:

- Pastor Brooks Potteiger <u>brooks@pilgrimhill.church</u>
- The Session of St. Mark Reformed (pro tempore) <u>stmarkreformed.com/contact</u>

#### The Diaconate:

- Chris Boyd
- Nathan Haney
- Shelvy Huffman

Submit a question for Pastor Brooks for an upcoming O&A:



Volunteer to help with Fellowship Meals:



Meal sign-up for Recovery Refuge:



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