

## Order of Public Worship of God

The Twenty-Eighth Day of April, Two Thousand Twenty-Four

*Fourth Sunday in Eastertide*

### PRELUDE

“The cosmos is out of joint. Instead of humans being God’s wise vice-regents over creation, they ignore the creator and try to worship something less demanding, something that will give them a short-term fix of power or pleasure...Redemption doesn’t mean scrapping what’s there and starting again from a clean slate but rather liberating what has come to be enslaved.”

- N. T. Wright, *Surprised by Hope*

“The final defeat of Death at the general resurrection will constitute the collapse of all resistance to Christ power and bring us to the end [to telos], when he hands over the kingdom of God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power.”

- Richard Hays, *First Corinthians*

“He will make the feeblest and filthiest of us into a god or goddess, dazzling, radiant, immortal creature, pulsating all through with such energy and joy and wisdom and love as we cannot now imagine, a bright stainless mirror that reflects back to God...his own boundless power and delight and goodness.”

- C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*



### OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God,  
Who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord’s resurrection,  
may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

### † HYMN OF WORSHIP | “Jesus Shall Reign”

**Jesus shall reign where’er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,  
’Til moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**People and realms of ev’ry tongue  
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where’er he reigns;  
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want are blessed.**

**Where he displays his healing power,  
Death and the curse are known no more:  
In him the tribes of Adam boast  
More blessings than their father lost.**

**Let ev’ry creature rise and bring  
His grateful honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud amen!**

### † CALL TO WORSHIP | I Corinthians 15:55-57

O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?

**The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.**

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

He is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

### MEMBERSHIP VOWS | *Curtis and Courtney Wright*

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered through the Gospel?

Do you now promise and resolve in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to serve Christ in His Church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service to God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this Church Session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the Church?

### WELCOME INTO THE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST

**Christ be with you, Christ within you,  
Christ behind you, Christ before you,  
Christ beside you, Christ to win you,  
Christ to comfort and restore you,  
Christ beneath you, Christ above you,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in the hearts of those that love you,  
Christ in the mouth of friend and stranger.**

*~ Adapted from the Prayer of St. Patrick*

### CELEBRATION OF INFANT BAPTISM | *Blair Courtney Wright and Georgia Jean Antonio*

*Parents:*

Do you acknowledge your children’s need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God’s covenant promises and benefits for them and by faith do you look to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation as you do your own?

Do you now unreservedly dedicate them to God, and do you promise by relying on God’s power and grace through the Holy Spirit, to live an exemplary life before them?

Do you commit yourself to pray with and for them, to teach them the Scriptures and the great articles of our faith in Jesus Christ?

Do you promise to use every means provided by God, including faithful participation in the life of the Church, to bring them up in the loving discipline of the Lord?

*Congregation:*

Do you, a member of this congregation, acting for yourself and on behalf of the whole Body of Christ, assume responsibility with these parents for the spiritual nurture of these children?

Do you commit yourselves to set a Godly example before them, to provide, as far as you are able, all that is necessary to the end that they may one day confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### WELCOME TO THE COVENANT COMMUNITY

**Jesus Loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes Jesus loves me,  
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

### † HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING | “Eternal Weight Of Glory”

**Now the days and hours and moments  
Of our suff’ring seem so long;  
And the toilsome wait and wond’ring  
Threaten silence to our song.  
Now our pain is real and pressing  
Where our faith is thin and weak,  
But our hope is set on Jesus;  
And we cling to him, our strength.**

**Oh eternal weight of glory!  
Oh inheritance divine!  
We will see our Lord redeeming  
Every past and future time.  
All our pains will be transfigured,  
Like the scars of Christ our Lord.  
We will see the weight of glory,  
And our broken years restored.**

*Refrain:*

**For behold! I tell a myst’ry:  
At the trumpet sound we’ll wake  
“Death is swallowed up in vict’ry!”  
When we meet our King of Grace  
Every year we thought was wasted  
Every night we cried “How long?”  
All will be a passing moment  
In our Savior’s vict’ry song**

**We will see our wounded Savior.  
We’ll behold him face to face;  
And we’ll hear our anguished stories  
Sung as vict’ry songs of grace. (refrain)**

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

**Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord:  
Thou my great Father; I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.**

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

*To know more about how you can pray for these graduates and their future plans, go to [www.stpatrickpres.com/classof2024](http://www.stpatrickpres.com/classof2024).*

PRAYER FOR THE GRADUATES | *Luke Bolton*

INVOCATION 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.**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

† CORPORATE PROFESSION OF FAITH | The 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 is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there He will 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

† DOXOLOGY

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

† GREETING

*Junior Worship begins for children age four through first grade. Please escort children to the following classrooms.  
Preschool - Room 10; Kindergarten and First Grade - Room 9. Children will return to sit with their families  
before communion.*

READING OF GOD'S WORD | I Corinthians 15: 20-28

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

SERMON | Series: The Resurrection of the Dead

Sermon: "New Creation"  
- Rev. James M. Holland

PRAYER FOR GRACE AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
We are thankful that your mercy is  
higher than the heavens,  
wider than our wanderings,  
deeper than all our sin.  
Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes,  
our refusal to relieve the suffering of others,  
our envy of those who have more than we have,  
our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure,  
our indifference to the treasures of heaven,  
our neglect of your wise and gracious law.  
Help us to change our way of life  
so that we may desire what is good,  
love what you love,  
and do what you command,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | Psalm 103: 8, 13

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love...  
As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

† HYMN OF ASSURANCE | "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

**All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!**

**Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all;  
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all!**

**Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all;  
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all!**

**O that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all;  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all!**

† BENEDICTION | Revelation 5:12-13

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth  
and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!  
**To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor  
and glory and might forever and ever!**  
Alleluia! He is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



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