

## Order of Public Worship of God

The Fourteenth Day of April, Two Thousand Twenty-Four

*Second Sunday in Eastertide*

### PRELUDE

“Where in *hell* is the evidence of Easter? This is exactly the right question, and it answers itself. Any old god could put up a throne in a temple. The true God must reign also *in the midst* of hell, *among* the ruins, or he doesn’t reign at all. He is no living God if he isn’t the living One among the dead...Peer into the darkness where there are dead men’s bones. Like Mary, you’ll see the ghostly outlines of a throne.”

- Peter J. Leithart, *First Things*, 4.10.15

“What disturbed me about the Gospels was it sounded awfully like they had a postcode to them...It’s very site-specific. You know, you can walk around with a map. And I thought, Oh, that’s a little bit too much real life for me, I better stay away from it.”

- Martin Shaw, *Seen & Unseen*, 1.31.24



### 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 | “Arise, My Soul, Arise”

**Arise my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears,**  
**The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears.**  
**Before the throne my surety stands**  
**Before the throne my surety stands**  
**My name is written on his hands.**

*Chorus:*

**Arise (arise), Arise (arise), Arise - Arise my soul arise.**  
**Arise (arise), Arise (arise), Arise - Arise my soul arise.**  
**Shake off your guilty fears and rise.**

**He ever lives above, for me to intercede.**  
**His all redeeming love, his precious blood to plead.**  
**His blood atoned for every race**  
**His blood atoned for every race**  
**And sprinkles now the throne of grace. (chorus)**

**Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary.**  
**They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.**  
**Forgive him, O forgive, they cry**  
**Forgive him, O forgive, they cry**  
**Nor let that ransomed sinner die. (chorus)**

**My God is reconciled, his pard’ning voice I hear.**  
**He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear.**  
**With confidence I now draw nigh**  
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**And Father, Abba Father, cry! (chorus)**

### † 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!**

### † HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING | “Tis So Sweet”

**’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,**  
**Just to take him at his word;**  
**Just to rest upon his promise;**  
**Just to know, thus saith the Lord.**

*Refrain:*

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him,**  
**How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er,**  
**Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus!**  
**O for grace to trust him more.**

**O how sweet to trust in Jesus,**  
**Just to trust his cleansing blood;**  
**Just in simple faith to plunge me,**  
**’Neath the healing, cleansing flood. (refrain)**

**Yes, ’tis sweet to trust in Jesus,**  
**Just from sin and self to cease;**  
**Just from Jesus simply taking**  
**Life, and rest, and joy, and peace. (refrain)**

**I’m so glad I learned to trust thee,**  
**Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;**  
**And I know that thou art with me,**  
**Wilt be with me to the end. (refrain)**

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”

**Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;**  
**I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.**  
**Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;**  
**He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.**

**Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;**  
**He is blest whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed.**  
**Heaven and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;**  
**He delivers from oppression, righteousness He will maintain.**

**Food He daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning prisoner free;**  
**Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eyes to see.**  
**Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger He befriends;**  
**Helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.**

**Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;**  
**I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.**  
**Over all God reigns forever, through all ages He is King;**  
**Unto Him, thy God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.**

### 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: 3-11

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

### SERMON | Series: The Resurrection of the Dead

Sermon: “Resurrection According to the Scriptures”  
- Rev. Will Weir

### 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.**

*Scripture tells us to make our needs known to God, and to call others to pray with and for us.  
 If you would like prayer, elders will be standing in the front of the sanctuary (pulpit side)  
 immediately following the service to pray with you.*



# ST. PATRICK

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EPC

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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

**How do we take communion here at St. Patrick?**

*As the ushers come past your row, please come to the front, take one piece of bread and one cup of wine or juice.  
 Consume these immediately and dispose of your cups in the receptacle on the side as you return to your seat. Each  
 table serves both wine and grape juice, and all of our bread is gluten-free.*

**Who comes to the Table?**

*Communion is open to all baptized believers who have made a profession of faith in Jesus. If you have children who have  
 not made a profession of faith, they are not ready to partake of the elements, but please bring them forward to be blessed  
 by one of our elders. If you are not a believer but want to know more about Jesus, you are invited to come forward and  
 simply bypass the table, letting one of the leaders know that you would like to learn more about what it means to know  
 and belong to Jesus.*

Helpful Links:



*If you are new to St. Patrick or have a prayer request, please fill out the portion below.  
 You may place your liturgy in the offering plate or in the designated basket in the Narthex as you leave.*

† HYMN OF ASSURANCE | “How Firm a Foundation”

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
 Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
 What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
 You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?**

**“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
 For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
 I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”**

**“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
 The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow  
 For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
 And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”**

**“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
 That soul, though all hell should endeavor to break,  
 I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”**

† 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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