



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Fourth Sunday of Easter

05.12.2019

Welcome to Worship at Midtown!

We are really glad to have you with us for worship today. Whether you have been a Christian for many years, or are trying to sort out what the Christian faith is all about, or are just here as a favor to your friend, we're happy to have you. We have a nursery provided for little ones. You are welcome to keep them in the service with you if you prefer.

Reflection

This applies in particular to the idea of Jesus being in charge not only in heaven but also on earth, not only in some ultimate future but also in the present. Many will snort the obvious objection: it certainly doesn't look as though he's in charge, or if he is, he's making a proper mess of it. But that misses the point. The early Christians knew the world was still a mess. But they announced, like messengers going off on behalf of a global company, that a new CEO had taken charge.

—Tom Wright

The Word

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Doxology

Music: The Old One Hundredth



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him all crea-tures



here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise



Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - - men.

All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

Lyrics: Edward Perronet; Music: Oliver Holden



All hail the pow'r of Jes-us' name! Let an-gels pros-trate fall; Bring



forth the roy-al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of _ all! Bring



forth the roy-al di - a - dem and crown Him, Lord _ of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of 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 ev'ry kindred, ev'ry 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.

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

1 John 3:3

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we will be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Confession of Sin

Holy Father, forgive us.

Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable.

Heal our confused mind with your word, heal our divided will with your law, heal our troubled conscience with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

[You are invited to confess your sins silently at this time.]

Kyrie Eleison

Music: Greg Wilbur



Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.



Lord, have mer-cy. Have mer-cy Lord.

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 4:10

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

The Lord is King

Music & Lyrics: Nathan Partain

The Lord is King! Lift up your voice, O earth and all ye heav'ns re -
joice. From world to world, the joy shall ring, - "The Lord om -

Chorus

ni - po-tent is King! Sing his praise! Sing his Praise! - Lord of
Lords, An-cient of days; Sing his praise! Sing his
Praise! - All your - days, all your - days.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains the first two lines of the main text. The second system contains the 'Chorus' section, which is marked with a double bar line and the word 'Chorus' above it. The third system contains the final line of the chorus. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

The Lord is King! Who then shall dare
Resist his will, distrust his care,
Or murmur at his wise decrees,
Or doubt his royal promises?

The Lord is King! Bow down you must;
The judge of all the earth is just;
Holy and true are all his ways,
Let every creature sing his praise.

The Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All the ends of the earth
Have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia!

Shout to the Lord, all the earth. Alleluia!

O Christ, begotten of the Father before all time,
Born in a stable at Bethlehem:
May Your church be a sign of hope and glory.

Lord, have mercy

(Please pray silently for the church).

Amen.

O Christ, truly risen from the dead,
Our Alpha and Omega:
May the whole world live in peace and justice, according to Your will.

Lord, have mercy

(Please pray silently for our world and those who lead).

Amen.

O Christ, truly God and truly human,
Born to a people in fulfillment of their expectations:
Fulfill the needs and desires of those who are sick or sorrow.

Lord, have mercy

(Please pray silently for those who suffer).
Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the coming of Your light into our world has
brightened weary hearts with peace.

Hear us now as we pray in the words you taught us:

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.**

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 2:1-12

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

Revelation 21:1-8

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Music & Lyrics: Robert Robinson

5 Come, thou fount of ev'-ry bles-sing, tune my heart to sing thy
9 grace; streams of mer-cy, ne-ver ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est
12 praise. Teach me _ some me - lo-dious - son - net sung by _
15 fla - ming tongues a - bove. Praise the mount, I'm fixed up -
pon it, mount of Thy re - deem-ing love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

New Testament Reading

Acts 1:6-11

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Dan Smith

The Table

Confession of Faith

--The Heidelberg Catechism, Question #1

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: **That I am not my own,
but belong with body and soul,
both in life and in death,
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins
with His precious blood,
and has set me free from all the power of the devil.
He also preserves me in such a way
that without the will of my heavenly Father
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.
Therefore, by His Holy Spirit
He also assures me of eternal life
and makes me heartily willing and ready
from now on to live for Him.**

Invitation and Prayer

[Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer.]

Sursum Corda

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

All: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

Mystery of Faith

Minister: Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen.**

Christ will come again!

Minister: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

[As you are ready please come forward to receive the bread and the cup. We provide individual cups of grape juice and gluten-free wafers in the tray at the front. We partake in the Supper by intinction, that is, we dip the bread into the cup. Children who have not yet professed their faith in Christ nor been admitted to the Table are encouraged to come forward for a prayer of blessing.]

Build Your Kingdom Here

—Lyrics & Music: Rend Collective



Come set your rule and reign in our _ hearts a - gain. In -



crease in us, we pray. Un - veil _ why we're made. Come



set our hearts a - blaze with hope, like wild - fire in our wear - y souls.



Ho - ly Spir - it, come, in - vade us now. _ We are your church;

Chorus



We need your pow'r in us. Build your king - dom here. Let the



dark - ness fear. Show your might - y hand. Heal your streets and



land. _ Set your church on fire. Win this na - tion back. Change the



at - mos - phere. Build your king - dom here, _ we pray!

We seek your kingdom first, we hunger and we thirst;

Refuse to waste our lives, for you're our joy and prize.

To see the captives' hearts released, the hurt the sick the poor at peace.

We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.

We are your church: We pray, revive this earth! [Chorus]

Unleash your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop your beauty changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this; awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are your church: We are the hope on earth. [Chorus]

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

Music: Leigh Nash; Lyrics: Charles Wesley



Praise the Lord who reigns a - bove _ and keeps his courts be - low!



Praise the ho - ly God of love _ and all his great - ness show!



Praise him for his no - ble deeds! _ Praise him for his match - less pow'r!



Him from whom all good pro - ceeds, let earth and hea - ven a - dore, let

Chorus



earth and hea - ven a - dore! Praise the name _ of Christ, cel - e -



brate _ and lift him up high! Praise the Lord _ of life!



We'll sing the sto - ry of hon - or and glo - ry and praise the name of Christ.

God in whom they move and live, let every creature sing;
Glory to their maker give, and homage to their king!
Hallowed be Thy name beneath, as in heaven on earth adored;
Praise the Lord in every breath, let all things praise the Lord,
Let all things praise the Lord! [Chorus]

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah
We'll sing the story of honor and glory, and praise the name! [Chorus]

Benediction

Notes

Offering: We have placed an offering box at the front of the nave that you can use as you enter or leave, or as you come to communion. You can also give online at our website www.mpctucson.org.

Email List: Please sign up for our email list on the table in the back. We send out the bulletin and announcements every week before worship and would love to include you.

Women's Bible Study: Wednesday at 7:00pm at the Garland's house (1324 N Norton Ave). Seven week study on Jesus in the Gospels, but feel free to drop in as you are able. Julie's contact: julie.garland@gmail.com, 678.849.8401.

Men's Book Group: We are reading Ron Nash's Social Justice and the Christian Church. The discussion will be this Wednesday, 5/15, at Nick Dunlap's home (4117 E Pima St.)

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