

# EASTER

HEBREWS 7:22-25



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, April 4, 2021

*Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired.*

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### SONG OF GATHERING & PREPARATION

The people of God always sang as they ascended the hill in Jerusalem up to the temple to worship (see Psalms 120-134). We, as well, prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.

Beautiful

### CALL TO WORSHIP | Matthew 11:25, 28-30 (ESV)

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reveals to us who God is and what He expects of us.

Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children ... Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

### PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

We pray together praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON | 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 9:15 (ESV)

We read God's Word together and are reminded that mercy and grace are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus ... [Jesus] is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of His church and the kingdom of God.

Great Are You Lord

### PRAISE & CELEBRATION

Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done for us.

Living Hope

Resurrecting

**KIDS' WORSHIP DISMISSAL (Infants - Kindergarten) | 9a Service**

**KIDS' WORSHIP DISMISSAL (Infants - 4 Years) | 10:45a Service**

*Please see your child's check-in name tag for class assignment.*

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION**

We express in prayer our gratitude to God for what He has done and ask Him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and world.

## **PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD | Tim Rice, Lead Pastor & Director of Church Planting**

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our lives and circumstances.

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.*

*The Apostles' Creed:* I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I 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.

## **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the work Christ did for our salvation (sign) and communicates the grace and mercy we have been given (seal) as a result of His death and resurrection.*

## **SONG OF RESPONSE**

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

Because He Lives (Amen)

## **BENEDICTION**

Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,  
both now and forevermore. Amen.

# SCRIPTURE PASSAGE & SERMON OUTLINE

## Proclamation of God's Word

**Text:** Hebrews 7:22-25 (ESV)

**Title:** Easter

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

<sup>22</sup> This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. <sup>23</sup> The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, <sup>24</sup> but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup> Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

**Intro:** Jesus' resurrection is not just a fact; it's a *revolution* ...

## THE ULTIMATE PRIZE

What is your highest aspiration?

## WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

Your access is as good as your mediator.

## JESUS' UNIQUE CONTRIBUTION

Why do we believe Jesus is better?

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His holiness and grace. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that He is utterly pure and authoritative, *and also* that He is gracious and merciful to provide a way for sinners like us to be redeemed.
2. How have you tried to live a lie, as if you can avoid your guilt and attain lasting joy without Jesus? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to save you to the uttermost (Hebrews 7:25).
3. Give thanks to Jesus for being your Mediator, to represent you before the Father and represent the Father to you. Thank Him for all that He has done to conquer sin (by His death) *and* death (by His resurrection).
4. Who do you know that lives naively chasing joy while being helpless before the power of death? Pray for them, asking the Lord to open their eyes to their true peril and the hope that Jesus offers to us.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and joy. Pray that He would work the hope of Jesus' resurrection power into your heart and that He would flush out of you any instincts of selfishness and fear.



