

Welcome to Church of the Resurrection

Welcome to the Sunday service at Church of the Resurrection. Whether you are here to investigate the Christian faith for the first time, or have been following Christ for years, we hope that this service will encourage you. To maximize protection against COVID-19, all unvaccinated persons over two years old are asked to wear masks while in the building. If you prefer to sit in a mask only section, seating is available in the right transept or the balcony. All are welcome to gather after the service for fellowship in the Commons, outside on the porch, or by the playground. If we can serve you in anyway, please speak with an usher, worship leader, visit our website at resbalt.org, or call the office at 410-560-0456.

Prelude

Welcome and Preparation for Worship

Music: Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



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Opening Sentence

I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Psalm 122:1

Confession of Sin

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth His praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship Him, let us sit or kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy, beginning with a time of silent, personal confession.

(please sit or kneel)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us. Grant us, O merciful Father, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

(please stand)

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Psalm Reading – Psalm 10:1-5; 12-14 (read responsively)

Why, O Lord, do you stand far away?

Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor;

let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised.

For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul,

and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the Lord.

In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him;

all his thoughts are, "There is no God."

His ways prosper at all times;

your judgments are on high, out of his sight; as for all his foes, he puffs at them.

Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted.

Why does the wicked renounce God and say in his heart, "You will not call to account"?

But you do see, for you note mischief and vexation, that you may take it into your hands;

To you the helpless commits himself; you have been the helper of the fatherless.



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Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

O God, you sent your Son into the world that he might save us from sin and make us heirs of eternal life: Grant that we, having this hope, may walk before You in holiness and righteousness all our days; And, at the final day, we may be made like him in Your eternal kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(please be seated)

First Reading - Exodus 5:1-14;19-23

¹ Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the desert."' 2 Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord and I will not let Israel go." ³ Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Now let us take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the Lord our God, or he may strike us with plaques or with the sword." ⁴ But the king of Egypt said, "Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their labor? Get back to your work!" ⁵ Then Pharaoh said, "Look, the people of the land are now numerous, and you are stopping them from working." 6 That same day Pharaoh gave this order to the slave drivers and foremen in charge of the people: 7 "You are no longer to supply the people with straw for making bricks; let them go and gather their own straw. 8 But require them to make the same number of bricks as before; don't reduce the quota. They are lazy; that is why they are crying out, 'Let us go and sacrifice to our God.'9 Make the work harder for the men so that they keep working and pay no attention to lies." 10 Then the slave drivers and the foremen went out and said to the people, "This is what Pharaoh says: I will not give you any more straw. 11 Go and get your own straw wherever you can find it, but your work will not be reduced at all." 12 So the people scattered all over Egypt to gather stubble to use for straw. 13 The slave drivers kept pressing them, saying, "Complete the work required of you for each day, just as when you had straw." 14 The Israelite foremen appointed by Pharaoh's slave drivers were beaten and were asked, "Why didn't you meet your quota of bricks yesterday or today, as before?" [...] 19 The Israelite foremen realized they were in trouble when they were told, "You are not to reduce the number of bricks required of you for each day." ²⁰ When they left Pharaoh, they found Moses and Aaron waiting to meet them, 21 and they said, "May the Lord look upon you and judge you! You have made us a stench to Pharaoh and his officials and have put a sword in their hand to kill us." ²² Moses returned to the Lord and said, "O Lord, why have you brought trouble upon this people? Is this why you sent me? ²³ Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble upon this people, and you have not rescued your people at all."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Second Reading - 1 Peter 5:8-11

⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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Sermon Notes:

The Apostles' Creed

(please stand)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

The Prayers (please sit or kneel)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Show us your mercy, O Lord; And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness; **Let your people sing with joy.**

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care; And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth; Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God; And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Father, today on this 'Prayers for the Persecuted Church' Sunday, we ask that the persecuted church around the world would be strengthened with power through your Holy Spirit. We ask that you comfort and encourage all those who suffer harassment, violence, imprisonment, and even death following Jesus. May the hearts of the persecutors be turned towards you through the faithful witness of those who suffer because of their love for Christ. Protect the family members and church communities of those who are persecuted. And bless the work of all those who minister to relieve the suffering and who seek to be a voice for persecuted Christians.

The people may add their own thanksqivings and requests silently.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of Your people, and strengthen us to do Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Offertory

"O Church Arise"

O church arise and put your armour on, hear the call of Christ our Captain For now the weak can say that they are strong, in the strength that God has given With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies An army bold whose battle cry is Love, reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valour When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet for the Conqueror has risen And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave This victory march continues till the day, every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace We hear their calls and hunger for the day, when with Christ we stand in glory

Doxology (please stand)

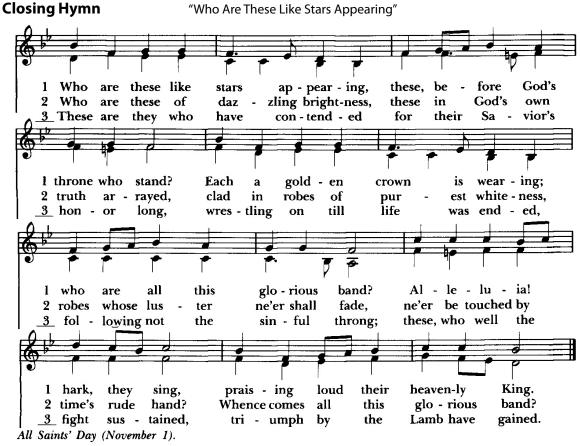
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.

O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Your unworthy servants, give You humble thanks for all Your goodness and lovingkindness, to us and to all whom You have made. We bless You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for Your immeasurable love, in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of Your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts, we may show forth Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to Your service, and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.



Words: Theobald Heinrich Schenck (1656-1727); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt.

Music: Zeuch mich, zeuch mich, melody from Geistreiches Gesang-buch, 1698; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

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Dismissal

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

All are welcome to gather in the Commons, outside on the porch, or by the playground for fellowship after the service.

