

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

APRIL 20, 2025

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

adapted from 1 Corinthians 15.55-56

Minister: Christ has risen from the dead and become the first fruits of those who slept. Where, O death, is your sting? Where, O grave, is your victory?

All: The Lord is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Christ the Lord is Risen Today | No. 277

EASTER HYMN

Stanzas 1, 3, and 4

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today,” Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing ye heav’ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Foll’wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from 1 Peter 1

Minister: Christians, what has God given us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

All: In His great mercy, God the Father has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade, kept in heaven for us. In this, we greatly rejoice, though for a little while we may face trials. These come to prove the genuineness of our faith, of greater worth than gold, resulting in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though we have not seen Him, we love Him, and though we do not see Him now, we believe in Him and are filled with inexpressible joy, for we are receiving the salvation of our souls.

SONG OF PRAISE

It Was Finished Upon That Cross

CityAlight

How I love the voice of Jesus on the cross of Calvary.
He declares His work is finished, He has spoken this hope to me.
Though the sun had ceased its shining, though the war appeared as lost.
Christ had triumphed over evil, it was finished upon that cross.

Now the curse, it has been broken, Jesus paid the price for me.
Full, the pardon He has offered. Great, the welcome that I receive.
Boldly I approach my Father; clothed in Jesus' righteousness.
There is no more guilt to carry, it was finished upon that cross.

Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me.
But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed!
Free from every plan of darkness, free to live and free to love.
Death is dead and Christ is risen, it was finished upon that cross.

Onward to eternal glory, to my Savior and my God.
I rejoice in Jesus' victory, it was finished upon that cross.

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister: Let us confess our sins before our righteous and holy God.

All: Heavenly Father, we thank You and praise You for Jesus Christ and the truth and power of His resurrection. He is risen from the dead and now reigns at Your right hand—our Savior, our Lord, and our King. Yet we confess that we often live as though the resurrection never happened. We carry our fears and burdens as if Christ were still in the tomb. We respond to hardship and conflict as if death still had the final word. Though we speak of His reign, we trust more in ourselves, our plans, and our strength. Forgive us for our unbelief. Help us to live in light of the risen Christ. Teach us to walk in resurrection hope, joyful obedience, and confidence that Jesus is alive and His kingdom will not fail. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Children's Time

After the intercessory prayer, children in kindergarten through 3rd grade and their teachers may exit the sanctuary through the north doors of the sanctuary.

Teachers will return with the children after the sermon. Parents may meet them by the north entrance, or children may join their parents at their seats.

OFFERINGS

Online giving is available at any time at providencedallas.givingfire.com or using the QR code on the back of the bulletin. You may also place offerings in the white boxes on the lobby tables before or after the service.

SCRIPTURE READING*

Matthew 28.1-15

¹ Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.”

⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

¹¹ While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. ¹² And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers ¹³ and said, “Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’” ¹⁴ And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” ¹⁵ So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

SERMON

As He Said: The Word of God Fulfilled

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

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How can it be, the One who died
Has borne our sin through sacrifice,
To conquer every sting of death?
Sing, sing “Hallelujah!”

For joy awakes as dawning light
When Christ’s disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their friend and king:
Christ, Christ, He is risen!

HYMN OF RESPONSE* (CONT.)

Refrain: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

Oh, sing "Hallelujah!"

Join the chorus and all the redeemed:

"Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!"

Where doubt and darkness once had been,
They saw Him and their hearts believed.
But blessed are those who have not seen,
Yet, sing "Hallelujah!"

Once bound by fear now bold in faith,
They preached the truth and pow'r of grace.
And pouring out their lives they gained
Life, life everlasting!

Refrain: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

Oh, sing "Hallelujah!"

Join the chorus and all the redeemed:

"Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!"

The pow'r that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to pow'r'f'ly save;
He frees our hearts to live His grace -
Go, tell of His goodness.

Refrain

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S TABLE

All those who trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and belong to a Bible believing church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper together, feeding on the grace of God by faith. If you have not put your trust in Christ, please allow the elements to pass you by and take this opportunity to meditate on the meaning of the Gospel.

A word to parents: Baptized children are invited to the table after they have made a profession of faith and been received as communing members by the Session of the church to which their parents belong.

Please hold the bread, and we will partake together. Please drink the cup as you receive it.

The outer ring is grape juice, and the inner rings are wine.

During the bread

The King in All His Beauty

Papa, Boswell

O lift your eyes to heaven, see the Holy One eternal.
Behold the Lord of majesty, exalted in His temple.
As symphonies of angels' praise now strain to sound His glory.
Come worship, fall before His grace, the King in all His beauty.

*Refrain: How worthy, how worthy,
How worthy, the King in all His beauty.*

Now see the King who wears a crown, one made of shame and splinters.
The sacrifice for ruined man, the substitute for sinners.
As earth is stained with royal blood, and quakes with love and fury.
He breathes His last and bows His head, the King in all His beauty.

*Refrain: How worthy, how worthy,
How worthy, the King in all His beauty.*

Now see the Savior lifted up, the Lamb who reigns in splendor.
The hope of every tribe and tongue, His kingdom is forever.
Bring praise and honor to His courts. Bring wisdom, power, blessing.
For endless ages we'll adore the King in all His beauty.

Refrain

Repeat Refrain

*During the cup
Instrumental*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Thine Be the Glory | No. 274

MACCABAEUS

Stanzas 1-3

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,
Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes, where thy body lay.

*Refrain: Thine be the glory, risen conqu'ring Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb,
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

Refrain

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life,
Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conqu'rors, thro' thy deathless love:
Bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above.

Refrain

BENEDICTION*

Minister: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you from this time forth and forevermore.