

REDEEMER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Welcome to Redeemer Presbyterian Church! We are glad that you have joined with us to worship God. Please stay after the service and get to know others in our community who are calling Redeemer Presbyterian Church “home.” If you have any questions about our church, feel free to contact us using the information on the back of the bulletin.

When you arrive for worship, please observe silence as you prepare to enter into God’s Divine Service. Silence your cell phone, listen to the prelude, read the Words of Preparation and the Scripture lessons in the back of the bulletin, and join others in prayer and meditation.

Our Worship

Our service is intentionally structured to reflect our belief that worship is God’s service to us, his people. By design, there are three parts to our worship: the Service of Entrance, the Service of the Word, and the Service of the Table.

The **Service of Entrance** begins when the choir sings the Introit, followed by our Hymn of Entrance, Call to Worship, and Prayer of Adoration. We will then join in a Corporate Confession of Sin, hear God’s Declaration of Absolution, and respond with the Gloria and Hymn of Gratitude or Psalm.

The **Service of the Word** will include readings from the Lectionary (a calendar-based system for reading through the Bible) along with corporate responses of song and prayer. The sermon is God’s Word to us and we ask that you listen attentively, asking the Holy Spirit to apply his Word to you in a particular way.

The **Service of the Table** begins with a Corporate Confession of Faith, followed by the Passing of the Peace, and the Collection of Tithes and Offerings. Our service concludes with the Lord’s Supper and Benediction. Our church partakes of the Lord’s Supper every week. We welcome to the table all baptized Christians who are trusting in Christ alone for their salvation, have made public profession of their faith, and are part of a local church. We offer both wine and grape juice (located in the center rings) in the communion tray. If you have any questions, please speak with a pastor.

Your Children

We love kids! And we try to make them feel welcome during our worship service. You can help your children profit from the service by working through the bulletin with them. If your child needs a break from the service, please feel free to sit in the Narthex where you can still hear the service. You can also take young children to the Nursery. A private space is provided in the Nursery for nursing mothers.

Between Services

Please join us in the courtyard for a time of fellowship with coffee and breakfast snacks. At 10:15 a.m., we offer School of Discipleship classes for all ages in Calvin Hall, with nursery through Kindergarten downstairs, and first grade through adults meeting on the second floor.

Liturgical Color: White – symbolizes the brightness of the day and the Resurrection of Christ

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THE DIVINE SERVICE

May 4, 2025

The Third Sunday of Easter

In Preparation



Please observe silence as you read, pray, and meditate.

PRELUDE

Pat Dolan

When Morning Gilds the Skies — Joseph Barnby (1838-1896), arr. Lloyd Larson (1954-)

Beautiful Savior — German Hymn, 1677 arr. Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Before the Throne of God Above — Bancroft, Cook arr. Larry Shackley (1956-)

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart.
I know that while in Heaven he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Revelation 5:9-10

And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, through the humiliation of your Son you raised up the fallen world. Grant to your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Service of Entrance

CHORAL INTROIT

Now the Green Blade Rises – Bruce Vantine

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
So our Lord will call us back to life again,
Love lives again, to free us from our sin;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

(adapted from Oxford Book of Carols)

❖ HYMN OF ENTRANCE

Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530-609

NOEL NOUVELET

Traditional French



1. "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say;
2. Mak - er and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,
3. Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go,
4. Loose the souls long pris - oned, bound with Sa - tan's chain;

hell to - day is van - quished, heav'n is won to - day.
thou, from heav'n be - hold - ing man's a - bas - ing fall,
tread the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;
thine that now are fall - en raise to life a - gain;

Lo! the Dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!
of the Fa - ther's God - head true and on - ly Son,
come then, true and faith - ful, now ful - fill thy word,
show thy face in bright - ness, bid the na - tions see;

Him, their true cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore.
man - hood to de - liv - er, man - hood didst put on.
'tis thine own third morn - ing; rise, O bur - ied Lord.
bring a - gain our day - light: day re - turns with thee.

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Now is Christ risen from the dead,

People: And become the firstfruits of them that slept.

Minister: For since by man came death,

People: By man came also the resurrection of the dead.

Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Minister: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

... world without end. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trisagion HOLY GOD, HOLY AND MIGHTY Alexander Archangelsky, 1846-1924

Ho - - - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,
ho - ly im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

Minister: Hear what the LORD our God says, “You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain. Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet.”

Minister: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

Minister: Hear the Word of the Gospel: “Christ has died for our sins and been raised for our justification.” All you who repent of your sin and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation, rejoice and be glad and give glory to the Lord who has taken away all of your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

❖ Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

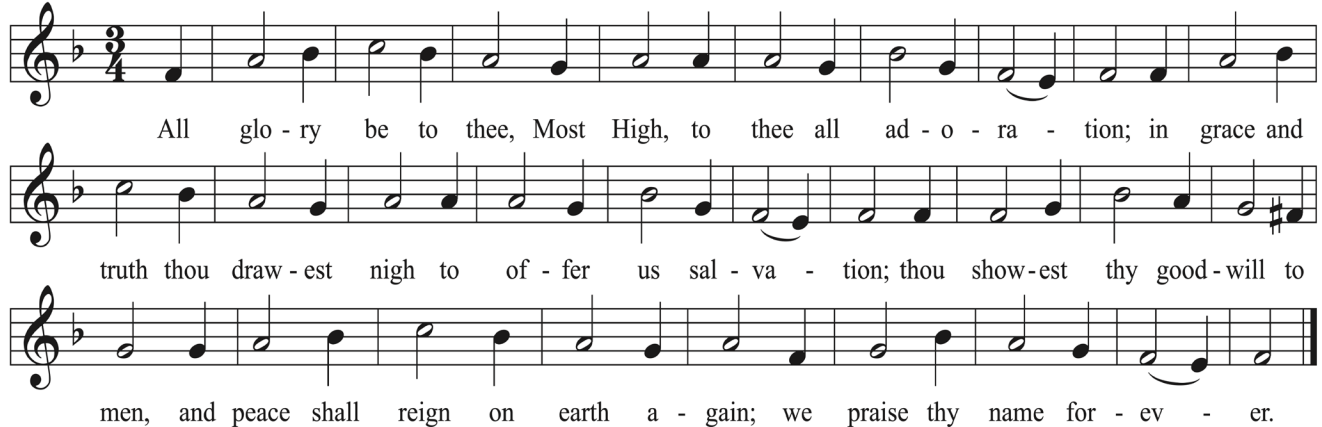
People: **and our mouth will declare your praise.**

❖ THE GLORIA AND HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Gloria in Excelsis

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH SEI EHR

Deutsche Evangelisch Messze, 1539

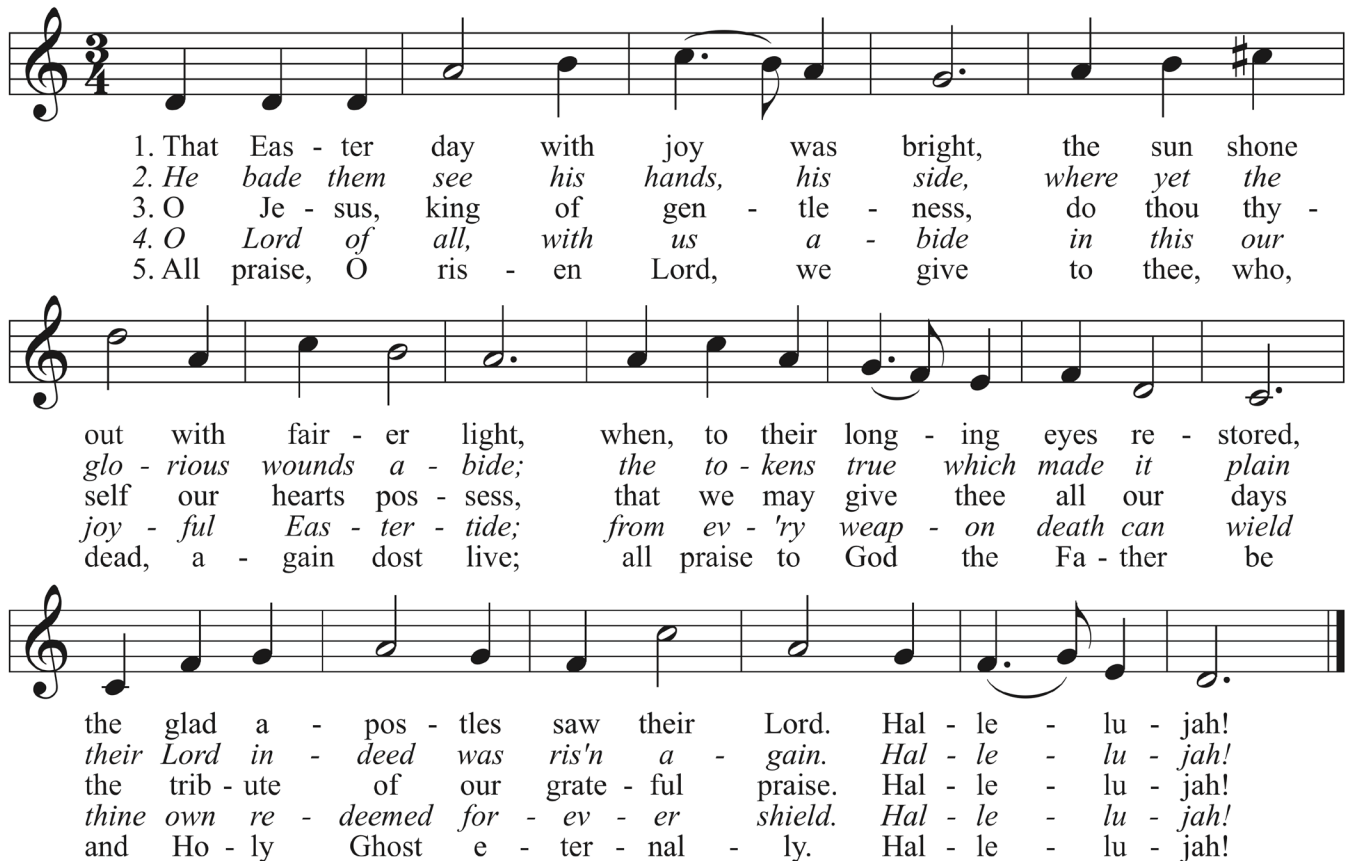


All glo - ry be to thee, Most High, to thee all ad - o - ra - tion; in grace and
truth thou draw - est nigh to of - fer us sal - va - tion; thou show - est thy good - will to
men, and peace shall reign on earth a - gain; we praise thy name for - ev - er.

Latin hymn, 4th or 5th cent.

ERSCHIENEN IST

Nikolaus Herman, 1560



1. That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the sun shone
2. He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the
3. O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, do thou thy -
4. O Lord of all, with us a - bide in this our
5. All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to thee, who,
out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing eyes re - stored,
glo - rious wounds a - bide; the to - kens true which made it plain
self our hearts pos - sess, that we may give thee all our days
joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield
dead, a - gain dost live; all praise to God the Fa - ther be
the glad a - pos - tles saw their Lord. Hal - le - lu - jah!
their Lord in - deed was ris'n a - gain. Hal - le - lu - jah!
the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise. Hal - le - lu - jah!
thine own re - deemed for - ev - er shield. Hal - le - lu - jah!
and Ho - ly Ghost e - ter - nal - ly. Hal - le - lu - jah!

The Service of the Word



THE PSALTER

Psalm 30

Minister: I will extol thee, O LORD, for thou hast drawn me up,
People: **and hast not let my foes rejoice over me.**
O LORD my God, I cried to thee for help,
and thou hast healed me.
O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
As for me, I said in my prosperity,
“I shall never be moved.”
By thy favor, O LORD, thou hadst established me as a
strong mountain;
thou didst hide thy face, I was dismayed.
To thee, O LORD, I cried;
and to the LORD I made supplication:
What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise thee? Will it tell of thy faithfulness?
Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!
O LORD, be thou my helper!”
Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing;
thou hast loosed my sackcloth and girded me with gladness,
that my soul may praise thee and not be silent
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to thee forever.

CHORAL ANTHEM

My Heart Is Longing to Praise My Savior — Leland B. Sateren (1913-2007)

My heart is longing to praise my Savior, and glorify his name in song and prayer;
For he has shown me his wondrous favor and offered me all heaven with him to share.
To thee adoration.

O blessed Jesus, what thou hast given, through dying on the cross in bitter pain,
Has filled my heart with the peace of heaven; my winter's gone and spring is mine again.
What joy o'erflows my spirit.

What blessed joy overflows my spirit, because thy wondrous grace was granted me.
Thy work complete, that I may inherit at last eternal life in heaven with thee!
Eternal life with thee!

(Norwegian hymn, Princess Eugenie of Sweden)

Please wait until the choir has finished before turning the page

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 9:1-22

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Revelation 5:1-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

❖ OUR RESPONSE

Horatius Bonar, 1866

O QUANTA QUALIA

La Feillée's *Méthode du plain-chant*, 1808



1. Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r,
2. Sound - eth the heav'n of the heav'ns with his name;
3. Ev - er as - cend - eth the song and the joy;
4. Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb;



wis - dom and rich - es and strength ev - er - more
ring - eth the earth with his glo - ry and fame;
ev - er de - scend - eth the love from on high;
take we the robe and the harp and the palm;



give ye to him who our bat - tle hath won,
o - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est, and flow'r
bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and praise—
sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,



whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne.
ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
dy - ing in weak - ness, but ris - ing to reign.

WELCOME

At this time, please sign and pass the attendance pads down the row.

INTERLUDE

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Rick Mealer

Unison: 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.

❖ THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

❖ PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING SERMON

Rev. Danny Morgan

Joy Comes in the Mourning

Matthew 5:1-12

The Service of the Table



❖ CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Unison: 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 sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

❖ PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Minister: Filled with the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;

People: the world, and they that dwell therein.

HYMN OF GRATITUDE TO GOD

Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

IT IS WELL

Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; when
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3. My sin - oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound, and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,

- ❖ Minister: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN *Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Cologne, 1623*

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Minister: Almighty, eternal, merciful God, you have abundantly provided for all our needs. In return we joyfully give to you these tithes and offerings, along with our very lives, for service in the kingdom of your risen and returning Son, in whose name we pray.

People: **Amen.**

❖ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God!

People: **It is good and right to do so!**

Minister: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God; but chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD William Mathias, 1934-1992

organ: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. organ: Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:23-24)

Augustus M. Toplady, 1776

TOPLADY

Thomas Hastings, 1830

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fil thy law's de - mands;
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,
let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,
be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:25)

Christian F. Gellert, 1757

JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT

Johann Crüger, 1653



1. Je-sus lives, and so shall I. Death! thy sting is gone for - ev - er!
 2. *Je-sus lives and reigns su - preme; and, his king-dom still re - main - ing.*
 3. Je-sus lives, and by his grace, vic - t'ry o'er my pas - sions giv - ing,
 4. *Je-sus lives! I know full well naught from him my heart can sev - er;*
 5. Je-sus lives and now is death but the gate of life im - mor - tal;



He who deigned for me to die, lives, the bands of death to sev - er.
I shall al - so be with him, ev - er liv - ing, ev - er reign - ing.
 I will cleanse my heart and ways, ev - er to his glo - ry liv - ing.
life nor death nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, hence-forth for - ev - er.
 this shall calm my tremb - ling breath when I pass its gloom - y por - tal.



He shall raise me from the dust:	Je - sus is my hope and trust.
<i>God has pro - mised; be it must:</i>	<i>Je - sus is my hope and trust.</i>
Me he rais - es from the dust:	Je - sus is my hope and trust.
<i>None of all his saints is lost:</i>	<i>Je - sus is my hope and trust.</i>
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:	Je - sus is my con - fi - dence.

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ DEPARTING HYMN

Johann Lindemann, 1549-1631

IN DIR IST FREUDE

Giovanni Gastoldi, c. 1556-c. 1622

1. In thee is glad - ness a - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
 2. Since he is ours, _____ we fear no pow'rs, _____ not of

sun - shine of my heart. By thee are giv - en the gifts of
 earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es in worst dis -

heav - en, thou the true Re-deem - er art. Our souls thou
 tress - es; he can change them with a breath. Where - fore the

wak - est, our bonds thou break - est; who trusts thee sure - ly has built se -
 sto - ry tell of his glo - ry with hearts and voic - es; all heav'n re -

cure - ly; he stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
 joic - es in him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for

pin - ing to see thy shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing to thee are
 glad - ness, tri - umph o'er sad - ness, love him and praise him and still shall

cleav - ing; naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
 raise him glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

LESSONS

Psalms 30

¹I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

²O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

³O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

⁴Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.

⁵For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

⁶As for me, I said in my prosperity,
“I shall never be moved.”

⁷By your favor, O LORD,
you made my mountain stand strong;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

⁸To you, O LORD, I cry,
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:

⁹“What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!
O LORD, be my helper!”

¹¹You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with gladness,

¹²that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Acts 9:1-22

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the

Holy Spirit.”¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

Revelation 5:1-14

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Sermon Text — Matthew 5:1-12

¹Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Redeemer Calendar

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sun, May 4	8:45 & 11:15 a.m. 10:15 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.	The Divine Service , Rev. Eric Landry preaching Missions Fair , Courtyard No School of Discipleship Children's Choirs Hymn Sing , Covenant Hall, all are welcome
Tue, May 6	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting Redeemer Theological Academy: New Testament , Contact Marcus Serven
Thu, May 8	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Redeemer Theological Academy , Contact Marcus Serven Journey of Motherhood , Library, child care provided
Sat, May 10	8:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	South Men's Breakfast , Contact Steven Loomis Youth Group Capture the Flag , Pease Park, Contact Nate Esbenshade

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sun, May 11	8:45 & 11:15 a.m. —	The Divine Service , Rev. Eric Landry preaching Graduate Recognition , Both services Redeemer Theological Academy: New Testament , Contact Marcus Serven
Tue, May 13	6:30 p.m.	Redeemer Theological Academy , Contact Marcus Serven
Thu, May 15	9:30 a.m.	Redeemer Theological Academy , Contact Marcus Serven
Sat, May 17	9:00 a.m.	Foundation Communities (M Station) Beautification , Contact Danny Morgan
Sat, May 24	8:00 a.m.	More Than Welcome: Clean Up , Contact Danny Morgan
Thu, May 29	7:00 p.m.	Ascension Day Service , Covenant Hall

May Missions Month Volunteers

On May 17, we will be taking a team of volunteers to Foundation Communities at M Station for beautification work. M Station (in our backyard!) is a non-profit providing affordable housing for underemployed, refugee, or displaced people. Then, on Saturday, May 24, we will take a team of volunteers to More Than Welcome and help organize and clean their supply warehouse. More than Welcome serves refugees and asylum seekers coming to the US for safety and opportunity not otherwise possible in their country of origin. These are opportunities designed for you and your family to get out and serve the Austin community. You can sign up by scanning the link below.

More details about Missions Month can be seen at redeemerpres.org



Ascension Day Service

Mark your calendars for our annual Ascension Day service, happening Thursday, May 29 at 7 p.m. More details coming soon!

Children's Choirs Hymn Sing

The Children's Choirs invite you to their annual hymn sing tonight, Sunday, May 4. This year they will be singing a collection of favorite hymns chosen by the members of the choirs, paired with scripture lessons. The hymn sing starts at 6:00 p.m. with cookies to follow.

Deacon Work Day

The Redeemer Deacons will be holding a "workday" this May and June! The Deacons will be hosting two workdays this spring on May 31 and June 7 to help with household projects you may need aid with (tree trimming, furniture moving, attic cleaning, etc.) To request help, send an email with details of your project including your name, project description, address, preferred date (5/31 or 6/7), and any relevant notes or details. Emails can be sent to Tisha Welch at twelch@redeemerpres.org.

We are asking that all project requests be submitted by Sunday, May 18. We are blessed to be able to offer our hands to serve the church in this way and look forward to hearing from you.

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