
A Glance at the Week

Monday

7:00 am Men's Discussion (*Zoom*)

6:30 pm Small Group (*Zoom*)

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Looking Ahead

Galatians— Freedom, Family, Gospel

03/27/22	A Startling Word	4:8-11	
04/03/22	Always Re-forming	4:12-20	
04/10/22	Child of Promise	4:19-31	
04/17/22	Resurrection 1	5:1-8	(Easter)
04/24/22	Resurrection 2	5:5-18	
05/01/22	Resurrection 3	5:16-25	
05/08/22	To Sow & To Reap	6:1-10	
05/15/22	The Main Thing	6:11-14	
05/22/22	Two Challenges	6:4-8;16-18	

Saint Paul, MN

**Randolph Heights
Presbyterian Church**

435 Hamline Ave. South

April 09, 2023

9:30am Discussion

10:30am Worship

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We are glad you're here!

This is a community which strives to worship and serve God together. Within this community, people freely explore their personal questions about God and the Bible. It's together that we can better learn the breadth and depth of the Gospel and how it works out in our lives. Then, through the grace and hope of the gospel, we serve those in need and work together towards a thriving community.

This program is organized under five headings as described below:

Gathering: We remember God of Creation. The creator is amazing, perfect, powerful, good and is worthy of our worship and praise. This helps center and prepare our hearts for a time of worship.

Confession and Renewal reminds us that this world is not as God originally intended it. We express our grief and sorrow over the brokenness of this world and of our own lives. Our need for grace never goes away, and it is only by faith in Jesus that we can be made right with God. Within these words of renewal we recognize the truth that God's redemption of his people has been accomplished in Jesus.

Thanksgiving is our response to the redemptive plan of God. It is also an opportunity to express our thanks tangibly.

Ministry of the Word is expressed through reading our scripture passage for the day, listening to the Word preached, and responding with words of prayer from the congregation.

The **Benediction** is a good word to be sent out on.

We encourage you to spend some time before the service begins and note how it flows. You are also encouraged to take this bulletin with you to use for personal devotional time throughout the week.

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

A Thanks be to God!

BENEDICTION

**Life in the Body*

Send Out

L Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. – *Revelation 1:4-6, NRSV*

A Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus Christ, there is nothing I can do that would make you love me more, and nothing I have done that makes you love me less. Your presence and approval are all I need for everlasting joy. As you have been to me, so I will be to others. As I pray, I'll measure your compassion by the cross and your power by the resurrection. Amen.

Scripture Reading: John 20:10-29

Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell

REFLECTIONS

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf of springtime.

~ *Martin Luther, German Theologian, Reformer*

Let us consider this settled, that no one has made progress in the school of Christ who does not joyfully await the day of death and final resurrection.

– *John Calvin, 1509-1564, French Theologian, Reformer*

Jesus's resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord's Prayer is about.

~ *N.T. Wright, Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church*

For me the most radical demand of Christian faith lies in summoning the courage to say yes to the present risenness of Jesus Christ.

~ *Brennan Manning, Abba's Child: The Cry of the Heart for Intimate Belonging*

I know the resurrection is a fact, and Watergate proved it to me. How? Because 12 men testified they had seen Jesus raised from the dead, then they proclaimed that truth for 40 years, never once denying it. Every one was beaten, tortured, stoned and put in prison. They would not have endured that if it weren't true. Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world-and they couldn't keep a lie for three weeks. You're telling me 12 apostles could keep a lie for 40 years? Absolutely impossible.

~ *Charles Colson, 1931-2012, Political Advisor, 'hatchet-man'*

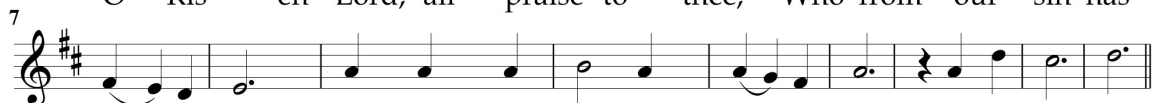
The Strife is O'er

Tr. Francis Pott

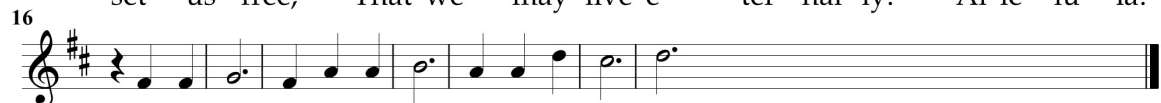
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina



The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - tor - y of
The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their le - gions
O Ris - en Lord, all praise to thee, Who from our sin has



life is won; the song of tri - umph has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia
hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia
set us free, That we may live e - ter - nal - ly! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

L Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

A *His love endures forever.*

L The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

A *The LORD has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.*

L This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

A *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

L Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and may have it to the full."

A *Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!*

Prayers of the People (Cont'd)

L O blessed Jesus, who, when the doors were shut where the disciples were gathered, came and stood in the midst and said, "Peace be unto you," may no fear ever place a barrier between our souls and you or hinder us from the peace which the world cannot give.

A *May the peace that you gave your apostles, sending them forth in your Father's name as you yourself were sent, be also upon us and remain with us always. Amen!*

Open Petition

After each petition the Leader will say:

L Lord in your mercy

A *Hear our prayer. (Response from Congregation)*

~or~

L *Let us Give God Thanks*

A *We give You thanks O Lord.*

L May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.

— from Psalm 19:14, NIV

Prayers of the People

- L By the love with which you drew near to your disciples as they went to Emmaus and talked together of your passion, draw near to us and join yourself to us and give us the knowledge of yourself.
A *Hear us, blessed Jesus.*
- L By the mercy with which at first their eyes were closed, that they should not know you, be merciful to those that are slow of heart to believe.
A *Hear us, blessed Jesus.*
- L By the compassion with which, amid the joy of your resurrection, you sought out those who were sad, console the fainthearted who have not yet learned to rejoice in you.
A *Hear us, blessed Jesus.*
- L By the patience with which you opened to them the Scriptures, open our understanding and insight.
A *Hear us, blessed Jesus.*
- L By the fire with which you made their hearts burn within them as you talked with them by the way, inflame with devotion every heart that is not already burning with love for you, consume with zeal those that you have kindled.
A *Hear us, blessed Jesus.*
- L By the loyalty with which you spent with the disciples when the day was far spent, fulfill in our souls your promise that says, "I will come to him and sup with him and he with me."
A *Hear us, blessed Jesus.*
- L By the power by which you vanished out of their sight, that their faith in the mystery of your resurrection might be increased, strengthen and confirm this faith in us.
A *Hear us, blessed Jesus.*

Prayer of Adoration *(followed by Lord's Prayer)*

- L The tomb is empty!
A *Christ Is Risen!*
- L The soldiers have returned home.
A *Christ Is Risen!*
- L The anger of the crowds is gone.
A *Christ Is Risen!*
- L The time of grieving has ended.
A *Christ Is Risen!*
- L Violence, fear, and death have disappeared!
A *Christ Is Risen!*
- L Come, let us go to the house of the Lord!
A *Christ Is Risen!*
- L *Christ Is Risen!*
A *He is Risen Indeed!*
- L We give you thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen and rules over all. We praise you for his presence with us. Because he lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from your great love made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- A *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*

All Sing: Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, oh grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to You by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now, Alleluia!

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Rusty Edwards



Praise the one who breaks the dark-ness With a lib - er - a - ting
Praise the one who blessed the child-ren With a strong yet gen-tle
Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ who suff - ered in our



light. Praise the one who frees the pris - oners, Turn - ing
word. Praise the one who drove out de - mons With a
place. Je - sus died and rose for man - y That we



blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the one who preached the
pierc - ing two - edged sword. Praise the one who brings cool
may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



King - dom, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand. From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done. Praise the



storms and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y bread of peace.
well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quen - ching thirst in ev - 'ry land.
one re - deem - ing glo - ry, Praise the One who makes us one.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture John 20:10-29 (found on Page 14-15)

Series Gospel of John

Sermon Gifts of Easter

Profession of Faith

- A *On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.
Then the LORD GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God;
we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.
— Isaiah 25:6-9, NRSV*

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

- L. The psalmist testifies: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you. —from Psalm 32:1-6, NRSV

- A *If, at times, we deny you, God forgive us. When the risks of discipleship are high, and we are nowhere to be found. God forgive us. When we wash our hands of responsibility. God forgive us. When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors and seek to buy freedom with silver. God forgive us. When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or prejudice keeps us from believing it. God forgive us.*

In the bright light of Easter morning, O God, our sin is exposed, and your grace is revealed. Tender God, raise us in your love so that, with joy, we may witness to your awesome deeds, in the name of Jesus, the risen one. Amen.

Silent and Personal Confession

Renewal

WORDS OF RENEWAL

- L The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Brothers and sisters: In Christ, all God's promises are "Yes." Hear the good news: Through Christ, our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed! – based on Ezekiel 36:26; 2 Corinthians 1:20
- A *Thanks be to God!*

On This Day

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Musical score for "On This Day" in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "On this day earth shall ring with the song let us sing; On this day we shall sing; with our song earth shall ring, To the Lord, Christ our King, come to earth to save us; prai-sing Christ, hea-ven's King, come to earth to save us; Him the Fa-ther gave us. Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, glo-ry to the peace and love he gave us. Son, Glo-ry to the Ho-ly Ghost, to the three in one."

Doxology

- L Mighty God and Father, you overwhelm us with your great mercy. At the time of our greatest need you surprised us with your wondrous love. As you draw us into this renewing relationship of love, may we respond with gratitude.

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

- A *God of the greatest gift:
This morning we give you praise,
we give you glory, we give you thanks!*

*With resurrection humming in our hearts,
our thoughts tuned to your story,
we present these gifts to you,
in gratitude, and hope,
And for your kingdom to come!
Amen.*

- L Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. From everlasting to everlasting you are God. Speak to us now as you have spoken throughout the ages. On this glorious Easter, reveal yourself and your will for our lives, that we might live as your Easter people.
– based on Psalm 90