



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP – EASTER 2024

■ **CALL**

Pastor: Let us worship God in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen!**

Pastor: O death, where is your victory?

People: **O death, where is your sting?**

1 CORINTHIANS 15:55

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!** LUKE 24:6

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!** 2 TIMOTHY 4:22

PRAYER & HYMN OF PRAISE

■ **CONFESSION**

Pastor: And God spoke all these words, saying...

*Recitation of the Ten Commandments,
after each of which the people respond:*

People: **Lord, have mercy.** EXODUS 20

Pastor: Come, let us worship and bow down.

People: **And kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

Please kneel as you are able.

Pastor: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,

People: **And to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** 1 JOHN 1:9

Pastor: Let us confess our sins together.

All: **Most merciful Father, we confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires that we are not able to understand, but which are all known to you. For this reason, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who was raised for us**

to have everlasting life. Revive us by your life-giving Spirit, and quicken us to do your will, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent prayer of personal confession.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Now lift up your heads, arise, and hear the good news: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 TIMOTHY 1:15

Let everyone truly acknowledge this in his heart and believe in Christ. Thus, in His name, I proclaim unto you the forgiveness of all your sins, and declare you to be loosed of them on earth, that you be loosed of them also in heaven, in eternity.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

■ **CONSECRATION**

PSALM OF WORSHIP

Pastor: For you have not come to what may be touched,

People: **But we have come to Mount Zion, and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.** HEBREWS 12:18, 22

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

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

Pastor: Truly it is good and right that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting King. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven and all the Church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing...

PRAYER OF ASCENT & SANCTUS

O God, We Praise Thee #210

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Leader: Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

People: **Your faithfulness endures to all generations.**

Leader: I will never forget your precepts,

People: **For by them you have given me life.**

PSALM 119:89-90, 93

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Gloria Patri #572

SERMON TEXT, PRAYER & SERMON

Pastor: What gifts have you brought to the Lord?

All: **We give only what the Lord has first given to us. We offer ourselves in Christ through confession, praise, and thanksgiving; we give our prayers and alms for the sake of the world.**

Pastor: Let us stand and give thanks to the Lord.

HYMN OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION FOR THE CHURCH & THE WORLD

Pastor: Let our prayer come before you;

People: **Incline your ear to our cry.** PSALM 88:2

THE LORD'S PRAYER MATTHEW 6:9-13

■ COMMUNION

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

Leader: Christian, in whom do you believe?

All: **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 Spirit, born of the virgin, Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into Hades; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended**

into Heaven; and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall 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.

**The word catholic here means universal and refers to the whole body of Christ spread throughout the world. It does not refer to the Roman Catholic church.*

THE LORD'S TABLE

This table belongs to the Lord, not to Grace Covenant Church. All baptized, evangelical Christians in good standing with the body of Christ are welcome to partake; all others please refrain until speaking with the elders. 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-29

The communion bread is gluten free and dairy free.

Doxology #567

■ COMMISSION

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

People: **Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

Pastor: The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

People: **I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.** PSALM 118

Pastor: Jesus has said, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth.

All: **Go therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.** MATTHEW 28:18-20

HYMN OF COMMISSION

BENEDICTION

THREEFOLD AMEN

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