

# CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

The Second Sunday of Easter April 11, 2021

### Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

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Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen! People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Summary of the Law

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

# FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN (PSALM 113)

Verse 1 Hallelujah give praise you servants Praise the name of the Lord Let the name of the Lord be blessed For now and forevermore

Chorus

From the rising of the sun to its going down Let the name of the Lord be praised From the rising of the sun

Verse 2 The Lord is high above all nations And His glory above the heavens Who is like the Lord our God Who sits enthroned on high Who is like the Lord our God Stoops to behold the heavens and the earth

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# Our Great God

Verse 1

Eternal God unchanging Mysterious and unknown Your boundless love unfailing In grace and mercy shown Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight Around Your glorious throne They raise their voices day and night In praise to You alone

#### Chorus

Hallelujah glory be to our great God Hallelujah glory be to our great God

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Lord we are weak and frail Helpless in the storm Surround us with Your angels Hold us in Your arms Our cold and ruthless enemy His pleasure is our harm Rise up O Lord and he will flee Before our sov'reign God

Verse 3

Let ev'ry creature in the sea And ev'ry flying bird Let ev'ry mountain Ev'ry field and valley of the earth Let all the moons and all the stars In all the universe Sing praises to the living God Who rules them by His Word Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And with your spirit.** Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

# Isaiah 26:1-9, 19

<sup>1</sup> In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: "We have a strong city; he sets up salvation as walls and bulwarks. <sup>2</sup> Open the gates, that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in. <sup>3</sup> You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. <sup>4</sup> Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock. <sup>5</sup> For he has humbled the inhabitants of the height, the lofty city. He lays it low, lays it low to the ground, casts it to the dust. <sup>6</sup> The foot tramples it, the feet of the poor, the steps of the needy." <sup>7</sup> The path of the righteous is level; you make level the way of the righteous. <sup>8</sup> In the path of your judgments, O Lord, we wait for you; your name and remembrance are the desire of our soul. <sup>9</sup> My soul yearns for you in the night; my spirit within me earnestly seeks you. For when your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness. <sup>19</sup> Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise. You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy! For your dew is a dew of light, and the earth will give birth to the dead.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**.

# PSALM 111

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord!
- I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- <sup>2</sup> Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.
- <sup>3</sup> Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.
- <sup>4</sup> He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.
- <sup>5</sup> He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.
- <sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.
- <sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;
- <sup>8</sup> they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
- <sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!
- <sup>10</sup> The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

The Holy Bible, ESV

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

# 1 John 5:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we

keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup> For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God.** 

# Alleluia

At the Gospel reading, we stand and the Scripture is read in the midst of the congregation as a way to honor the truth that in Christ God became flesh and dwelt among us.

#### Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed art Thou O Lord God of our fathers Alleluia! Alleluia! You are worthy of praise forever

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John. People: Glory to you Lord Christ

# Јони 20:19-23

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

The Holy Bible, ESV

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord *People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ** 

# Sermon

Rev. Paul Calvin

# The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead. and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer.** 

# CONFESSION OF SIN

You may kneel or sit during the prayer of confession

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. 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.

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Comfortable Words

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him...

# The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And with your spirit.** 

As we remember the peace that we have been given with God through his forgiveness, we also remember that He has made us at peace with one another. That is why we "exchange the peace." You may say "The peace of the Lord" to those around you, or just say "Hello."

# Announcements

# The Offertory

In order to support the mission of the church financially, you may send checks to Church of the Redeemer, P.O. Box 130965, St. Paul, MN 55113, or if you wish to give online or set up direct deposit from your bank account, please visit <a href="https://oftheredeemer.org/give/">https://oftheredeemer.org/give/</a>

Officiant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People: And of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29:11, 14

# The Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them up to the Lord. Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give him thanks and praise. Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: Sanctus Elizabeth Stewart Used with permission Celebrant and People:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

#### Celebrant and People: AMEN.

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray together,

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, forever and ever. Amen. Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, once for all upon the cross.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### Directions for Communion

All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Communion. However, if you are not able to receive you may remain seated or come forward for a prayer of blessing from one of our ministers. Please indicate your desire for a prayer of blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

You will be dismissed to receive by one of our greeters. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please extend your hand to receive the bread and the cup and move toward the basket to consume the elements before returning to your seat. Please place the empty cup in the basket to the right or left of the server before you return to your seat.

#### A Prayer When Unable to Receive Communion

Heavenly Father, I now join my heart and mind with all my brothers and sisters in Holy Mother Church throughout the world who gather at your holy table this day to remember your death and proclaim your resurrection. Accept my soul and body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, through the merits of your dear son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hasten the day when I may once more draw near with them to receive the most precious sacrament of your body and blood. Amen.

#### Receive the Body of Christ Taste the Fountain of Immortality

#### Repeat

#### Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Text: Orthodox communion liturgy Tune: K. Wehr, 2011

# You Alone Can Rescue

#### Verse 1

Who O Lord could save themselves Their own soul could heal Our shame was deeper than the sea Your grace is deeper still

*Chorus* And You alone can rescue You alone can save You alone can lift us from the grave You came down to find us Led us out of death To You alone belongs the highest praise

#### Verse 2

You O Lord have made a way The great divide You healed For when our hearts were far away Your love went further still Yes Your love goes further still

Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman

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# Like Those Who Dream

#### Verse 1

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, City of God We were like those who dream (2x)

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, our tongue with shouts of joy We were like those who dream (2x)

#### Chorus

The Lord has done great things for us! (2x) The Lord has done great things for us! Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him! Sing your praises to our God (2x)

Verse 2

Come, restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the streams in the Negev We'll be like those who dream (2x)

He who goes out with weep-ing, yet bears the seed for sowing He'll come with shouts of joy! (2x)

#### Bridge

Those who sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy!! (3x)

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#### Celebrant and People:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Please keep social distance of at least six feet as you exit the sanctuary and depart the church. Out of respect for the space and our host congregation, please take a moment to check for papers, bulletins and other items as you leave the sanctuary today.

# Welcome!

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your presence with us! If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or added to our weekly email communication, please use this QR code. Thank you!



# Resurrection Witnesses

In the midst of grief and fear at the death of their friend, Mary and the other women found an empty tomb, a resurrected Jesus, and his joyful command to "go and tell the others!" Join us, as we come to Jesus with our own griefs and fears to become witnesses of the Resurrection to all peoples.

Through our Sunday sermons and Morning Prayer reflections



in Eastertide, we will walk with Jesus as he uses simple, everyday practices to invite all people into his new life: he begins in prayer, listens, eats with others, serves others, and tells the story of God's love for all people and all people groups and his plan to bring Resurrection life where there is death.

- Sundays, 4:30 p.m. (Gathered & via Zoom)
- Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m. (via Zoom)

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#### Nursery & Preschool

#### Sundays, 4:30 p.m.

Nursery and Preschool children are invited to gather in Calvary's nursery during the worship service for stories, songs, and lots of movement. Parents can pick children up from the nursery at the passing of the Peace. Contact Julie with any questions.

#### Kindergarten - 5th Grade

#### Sundays, 4:30 p.m.

Children in K-3rd and 4th-5th gather weekly for their own time of Bible engagement and connection with peers during the worship service. Children rejoin their parents at the passing of the Peace. Be in touch with Sara & Deacon Liz (4/5) or Sonia & Steffie (K-3) if you have questions. Join us in prayer via Zoom at noon on Friday, to pray for the next generation of leaders and Christ-followers – the precious ones in our church family, and beyond.

Visit <u>https://oftheredeemer.org/events/friday-prayer/</u> to participate.

# Youth of the Redeemer

Youth in 6th-12th Grade meet on Sunday afternoons from 3:00–4:15 at Calvary in a large group/small group format. There is also a Zoom-in option hosted by youth leaders for those not able to meet in person. Be in touch with Caleb or Breana Dahl, Katie Pitchford (6th Graders) or Pete or Caitlyn Talbert (Zoom Group) with questions or encouragements as they lead and develop ministry to and with our youth.

# BAPTISMS - SUNDAY, MAY 16

We look forward with joy to the baptisms of Chloe and Lyla Callan on May 16th. Your prayers are invited as these young disciples prepare to receive the sacrament and are welcomed into the Family of God. If there are others who would like to be baptized on that Sunday, please contact one of our clergy.

# Men's Listening Prayer

Men's Listening Prayer will meet outdoors at Gathering Place on Wednesday, April 14, 7 p.m. Jim Fulton will share his testimony and we will break into triplets for journaling, sharing, and prayer.

# Women's Inductive Bible Study

Women's Inductive Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke meets **Monday nights**, **7-8:15** p,m. via Zoom. It is never too late to join us! Come to spend time with the Lord Jesus in the winter and spring of 2021 and to discover how Jesus responded to people like us! The Luke LifeChange study is our guide. We will adjust our meeting venue as the pandemic and the weather allow. Contact Barbie Anderson at bwanderson70@ comcast.net with questions and to RSVP.

# Women's Bible Study - Thursday Mornings

Women's Thursday morning Bible study meets **9:30 a.m.** via Zoom, making changes to our meeting venue as the pandemic and weather allow. We will be studying Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians, using the

NavPress LifeChange Bible Study Guide in Ephesians as our guide. God's message of New Life in Christ is as pertinent and timely for us today as it was for the nascent church -- together we will discover the strength of God's Spirit to help us believe and live in loving harmony with Him and one another. Please contact <u>Cindy Calvin</u> with questions and to RSVP.

# Refugee Life Ministry

For the next year, Church of the Redeemer has committed to support the Htoo family through a Refugee Life team. This is a great opportunity for service, partnership, and fellowship with our brothers and sisters at St. John's Karen Anglican church, where the Htoos are members. Please contact Kyong Song (kyongmin.song@gmail.com) with questions or if you'd like to participate.

# Our Gospel Story

#### Monday Evenings, 8:30 p.m., Beginning April 12

Our Gospel Story is a resource designed to help you grow in confidence to show and share the love of Jesus. Join us as we encourage one another to show and share His love with those around us in winsome and creative ways. Theology comes to life when we put it into action! Contact Fr. Paul at paul@oftheredeemer.org with questions and to RSVP.

# 40 Days of Generosity

Thank you for your support, during Lent, for the St. Paul's Dormitory for Orphans in Mae Ra Moe Refugee camp in Thailand. Please continue to be in prayer for the people of Myanmar.

#### \$9,621 was raised in support for St. Paul's!

General Fund Giving Summary		
As of	Actual Giving	Budgeted Giving
April 4, 2021	\$273,924	\$274,666

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