

Christ Church

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: *Matthew 28:1-10* – Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.” So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, “Rejoice!” So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.”

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord’s Day 13 (pages 14-15)

Q. Why is He called God’s “only begotten Son” when we also are God’s children?

A. Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God. We, however, are adopted children of God – adopted by grace through Christ.

Q. Why do you call Him “our Lord”?

A. Because not with gold or silver, but with His precious blood – He has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be His very own.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 289 “*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*”

***Collect of the Day (unison):** O God, You have adopted us to be Your children because of the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus. Open our eyes to see the beauty of our Savior and the wonder of the adoption He has extended to us. Fix our hope on the coming resurrection. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***First Epistle Lesson:** *1 Corinthians 15:3-8* (pages 1022-1023)

***Second Epistle Lesson:** *Galatians 4:4-7* (page 1035)

***Third Epistle Lesson:** *Romans 8:22-23* (page 1005)

Children’s Sermon

Sermon: “*The Resurrection and God as Father*”

***Hymn of Preparation:** *Psalms 40:1-9* (back of bulletin)

Reading of the Law: *Exodus 20:1-17* (page 68)

Call to Confession: *1 Corinthians 11:27-29* – Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body.

Prayer of Confession: Father in heaven, we confess that we have not cherished the Messiah by whom we are saved. We may call Him Lord because He has conquered death, but we fail to make our lives a quest to yield to His loving leadership. We who claim to be adopted children through the sacrifice of the only begotten Son, have attempted to live under our own supervision and in our own strength. We have often returned to the bondage and slavery of sin and idolatry which cost our beloved Savior His life. We confess to you that we lack faith sufficient to surrender our lives completely to Him. Have mercy on us for His sake. Cleanse us and turn our hearts fully toward You in love and faith. We pray through our Lord Jesus. Amen.

Have Mercy:

Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us.

Oh Lord, have mercy. Oh Lord, have mercy.

Oh, help my unbelief. Oh, help my unbelief.

Oh Lord, have mercy. Oh Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon: *Proverbs 28:13* – He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Holy Communion

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (unison): Our Father, which 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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Offertory Response:** Doxology

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**

***Hymn of Response:** 298 "*Christ Arose*"

***Benediction**