



RESURRECTION  
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APRIL 21, 2024 · THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## **WE EXIST TO SEE JESUS ENCOUNTERED AND EMBRACED IN AUSTIN TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.**

### **WELCOME**

Thank you for joining us this afternoon for worship! If you are a new guest with us today, please say hello after the service. We'd love to meet you!



### **CONNECT**

Resurrection is a church plant of the Presbyterian Church in America launching in the fall of 2024 in northwest Austin. Our passion is the praise of God's glory among all peoples. Therefore, our mission is to make disciples and multiply churches in neighborhoods near and in nations far for the glory of God and the eternal enjoyment of his people in him. If you would like to be a part of this work, please visit [resurrectionaustin.org/get-involved](https://resurrectionaustin.org/get-involved) or scan the QR code to get started.

### **REFLECTION**

The best news of the Christian gospel is that the supremely glorious Creator of the universe has acted in Jesus Christ's death and resurrection to remove every obstacle between us and himself so that we may find everlasting joy in seeing and savoring his infinite beauty. - John Piper

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & PREPARATION

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**All: Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!**

Pastor: Know that the LORD, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his;

**All: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!

**All: Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

- Psalm 100:1-4

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### BLESS THE LORD (10,000 REASONS)



Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Wor-ship His ho - ly name.



Sing like ne-ver be-fore, O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name.



1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing, it's time to sing Your song-
2. You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger, Your name is great and Your
3. And on that day, when my strength is fail - ing, the end draws near, and my



— a-gain What - ev - er may - pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,  
heart is kind. For all — Your — good - ness I will keep — on — sing - ing  
time has come; Still — my — soul will sing Your praise un - end - ing



let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.  
Ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to find. (TO REFRAIN)  
Ten thou - sand years and then for - ev - er - more!

(Words: Based on Psalm 103; Music: Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman; CCLI license #2476739)

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your mind.  
This is the greatest and first commandment. And a 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

## **CORPORATE CONFESSION**

**All:** O most great, most just and gracious God;  
you are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity;  
but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ  
to all that repent and believe in him.

We confess that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God.  
We have neglected and abused your holy worship.  
We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors.  
We have not sought first your kingdom.  
You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ  
and offered us pardon and salvation in him; but we have turned away.  
We have run into temptation; and the sin that we should have hated,  
we have committed.

Have mercy on us, most merciful Father! In your Son is our salvation,  
in your promises our hope. Take us for your children and give us the  
Spirit of your Son, and in the end receive us into your glory, through  
Jesus Christ our only Savior. Amen.

*(from a 1661 prayer of Richard Baxter, The Savoy Liturgy)*

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

(PAUSE FOR A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION.)

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Pastor:** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.  
For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law  
of sin and death. - Romans 8:1-2

**All:** Amen.

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**Pastor:** May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such  
harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you  
may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory  
of God. - Romans 15:5-7

**Pastor:** The peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

(GREET ONE ANOTHER IN THE LORD.)

## HYMN OF THE GOSPEL

### BY FAITH



1. By faith we see the hand of God in the light of cre-
2. By *faith* our *fa - thers* — roamed the earth with the pow'r of His
3. By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the
4. By *faith* this *moun - tain* shall be moved and the pow'r of the



a - tion's grand de - sign in the lives of those who prove His  
*prom - ise* in their hearts, of a ho - ly cit - y built by  
Spir - it to the lost to de - liv - er cap - tives and to  
gos - pel shall pre - vail for we know in Christ all thing are



faith - ful - ness, who walk by faith and not by sight. (to V.2)  
God's own hand, a place where peace and jus - tice reign.  
preach good news in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the earth.  
pos - si - ble for all who call up - on His name.



We will stand as chil-dren of the prom-ise We will fix our eyes on Him,our



soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin-ished and the work is done,



we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

## CONGREGATIONAL UPDATES & CALL TO GIVING

(WE TAKE A MOMENT TO NOTE NEWS, UPCOMING EVENTS, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE.)

Our giving is an act of worship; it is a response of gratitude for God's generosity toward us and a sign of faith in God's future provision. You may give in person, online, or by mail (address on back cover).



## PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All:**            **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. Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one, for Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

EXODUS 34:29-35

<sup>29</sup> When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.

<sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

<sup>34</sup> Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, <sup>35</sup> the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

**Reader:**        **This is the Word of the Lord.**

**All:**            **Thanks be to God!**

## CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

(AT THIS TIME, CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN-2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE MAY GO TO ROOM 102 FOR A LESSON AND ACTIVITY.)

### SCRIPTURE READING

2 CORINTHIANS 3:4-18

<sup>4</sup> Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. <sup>5</sup> Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, <sup>6</sup> who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

<sup>7</sup> Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, <sup>8</sup> will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? <sup>9</sup> For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory.

<sup>10</sup> Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. <sup>11</sup> For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

<sup>12</sup> Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, <sup>13</sup> not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. <sup>15</sup> Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. <sup>16</sup> But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SERMON

"BEHOLDING GOD'S GLORY"

REV. ADAM RADCLIFF



## RETURN OF CHILDREN

(AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SERMON, FEEL FREE TO PICK UP YOUNGER CHILDREN. YOU MAY ALSO WAIT TO RETRIEVE THEM, AS CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED FOR THE DURATION OF THE SERVICE.)

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Celebrant: Christian, what 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 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 on 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.**

(The Apostles' Creed)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

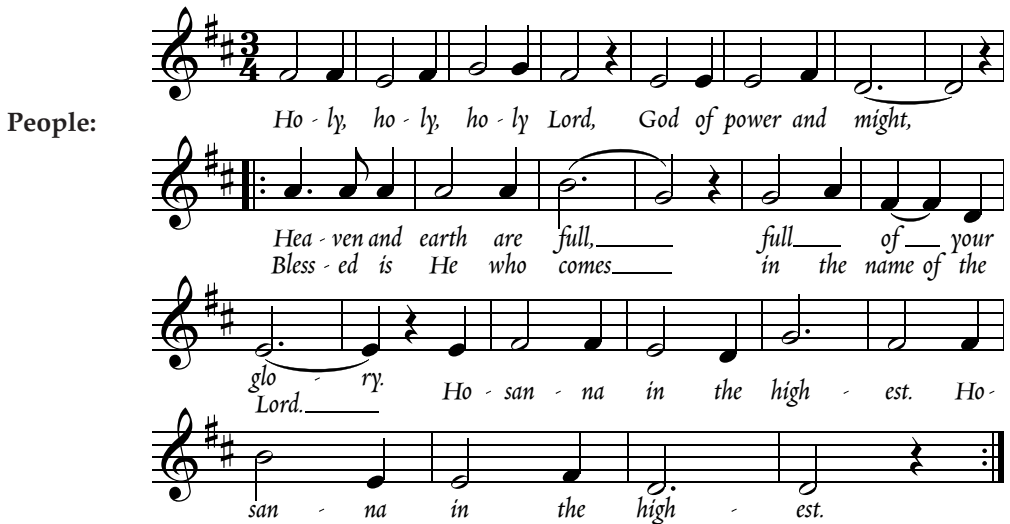
**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious Name; evermore praising you, and singing,

## SANCTUS



People: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
Hea - ven and earth are full, full of your  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est.

(Music: Franz Schubert; adapt. David Lutes)

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Celebrant: 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." 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." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Celebrant: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

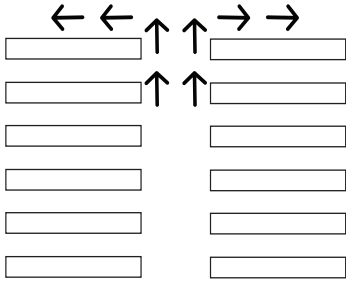
**All: Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant: These are 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, and drink, remembering that Christ's blood has been shed for you.

## GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Resurrection Presbyterian welcomes all baptized Christians who are members in good standing of a gospel-believing church to participate in the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper, also called communion or the Eucharist, is not just a ritual or memorial, but a fellowship with the risen Christ. Children who have been baptized and admitted to the table by the elders of this church or the leadership of another church are also welcome to the table.

If you're still investigating Christianity, not sure what you believe, or simply choose not to participate, you may either (1) remain in your seat or (2) come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing. Non-communing children are encouraged to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing.



### Partaking of the Elements

The usher will guide you to the serving lines. The outer circles of each tray contain wine. Grape juice is provided in the inner circle of each tray.

Gluten-free bread is available upon request. If you are highly gluten intolerant, please let your server know.

### Prayers for Those Not Communing

We welcome you and invite you to use the prayers below during communion as guides to reflect upon and respond to what God is doing in your life.

*Prayer for Those Searching:* Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

*Prayer of Belief:* Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, and yet, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sin and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

## COMMUNION HYMN

### CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

||: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spi - rit with - in me. :|| (REPEAT)

Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence, O Lord.  
Take not Thy Ho - ly Spi - rit from me.  
Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion,  
and re - new a right spi - rit with - in me.

||: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spi - rit with - in me. :|| (REPEAT)

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score consists of eight lines of music. The first line begins with a repeat sign (||:). The second line ends with a repeat sign (:||) and the word '(REPEAT)'. The third line ends with a repeat sign (||:). The fourth line ends with a repeat sign (:||) and the word '(REPEAT)'. The fifth line begins with a repeat sign (||:). The sixth line ends with a repeat sign (:||) and the word '(REPEAT)'. The seventh line begins with a repeat sign (||:). The eighth line ends with a repeat sign (:||) and the word '(REPEAT)'. The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests and ties.

(From Psalm 51; Words and music: Keith Green)

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

### O SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD



1. O Spir-it of the liv - ing God, Thou light and fire di-vine.
2. *Blow, Wind of God! With wis - dom, blow, un - til our minds are free*
3. So shall we know the pow'r of Christ, Who came this world to save;



De-scent up-on Thy church once more, and make it tru - ly Thine.  
*from mists of er - ror, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to Thee.*  
so shall we rise with Him to life, which soars be- yond the grave.



Fill it with love and joy and pow'r, with right-eous-ness and peace;  
*Burn, Wing - ed Fire! In - spire our lips with flam - ing love and zeal*  
And earth shall win true ho - li - ness, which makes Thy chil-dren whole;



Till Christ shall dwell in hu - man hearts, and sin and sor - row cease.  
*to preach to all Thy great good news: God's glo - rious com - mon - weal.*  
Till, per - fect - ed by Thee, we reach Cre - a-tion's glo - rious goal.

(Words: Based on Psalm 103; Music: Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman; CCLI license #2476739)

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. - Numbers 6:24-26

## **DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Let us go out to serve our neighbors and the nations as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

## **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.

(Words: Thomas Ken, Music: Louis Bourgeois)

## **POSTLUDE**

#### THE SEASON OF EASTERTIDE

As with Christmas, Easter is both a day and a season. 40 days of Lenten fasting and repentance are followed by 50 days of Easter celebration and thanksgiving concluding on the day of Pentecost (the fiftieth day). Easter cannot be done in a day. In the same way that Christ's incarnation at Christmas requires more than a day of reflection and celebration, Easter calls for an extended period to explore the depth and power of his resurrection.

#### THE COLOR OF EASTERTIDE

White and gold, the colors of Eastertide, symbolize the light of the world brought by the risen Christ that expands to fill the whole of God's creation. They also represent the exaltation of Christ, our King, who once was dead but now lives and reigns over us, his people - who with him are now the light of the world seeking his kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.

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