

May 12, 2024 \cdot The Seventh 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 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:	Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.	
All:	Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.	
Pastor:	Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,	
All:	and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!	
- Psalm 32:1-2, 11		

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING



(Words: Saint Francis of Assisi; Music: German tune; arr. David Lutes, 2006; CCLI license #2476739)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor:

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. - Colossians 3:5-6

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

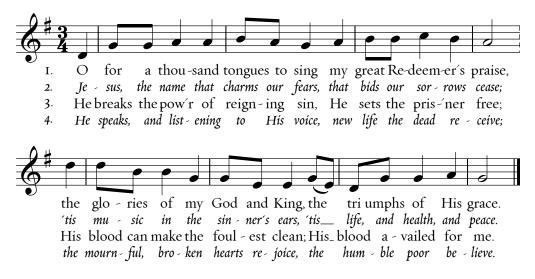
- Pastor: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. -1 Peter 2:24
- All: Amen.

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 O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING



(Words: Charles Wesley; Music: Carl G. Glaser; CCLI license #2476739)

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 evil, for Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 53:1-12

¹ Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

(At this time, children in Kindergarten-2nd grade may go to Room 102 for a lesson and activity.)

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2

¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹² We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

^{6:1} Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"The God Who Reconciles" 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? I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. A11: 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.

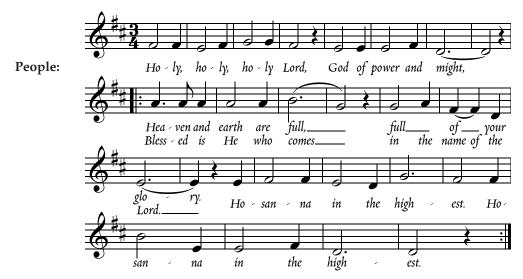
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord. All:

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



(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.

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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

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING



⁽Words: Robert Robinson; Music: American folk tune, NETTLETON; arr. David Lutes, 2006; CCLI license #2476739)

HYMN OF RESPONSE

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL



⁽Words: Horatio Spafford, Music: Philip Bliss, CCLI license #2476739)

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. -2 Corinthians 13:14

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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