
a liturgy for corporate worship
HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Easter Sunday – April 4, 2021

*The strife is o'er, the battle done;
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!*

*The powers of death have done their worst;
But Christ their legions hath dispersed;
Let shouts of holy joy outburst: Alleluia!*

*The three sad days have quickly sped;
He rises glorious from the dead;
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!*

*He closed the yawning gates of hell;
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise his triumphs tell! Alleluia!*

*Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
From death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia!*

17th century Latin Hymn
trans. by Francis Pott, 1861



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*In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and
sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so
loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

~ 1 John 4.10-11 ~

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The Resurrection

Matthew 28.1-9

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went 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 and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you."

So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.

Call to Worship

Beloved, Jesus is risen!

He is risen, indeed.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. And in this we rejoice!

Let us then worship God – glorious Father, risen Son & holy Spirit!

Resurrection Hymn

See what a morning gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light, as the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is he laid?" As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking calling her name; it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till he appears, for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,
Honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and authority!
And we are raised with him, death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with him, for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend, 2003

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

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Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate* of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer hail! For thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Words: Matthew Bridges, 1851

Music: George Elvey, 1868

**Potentate here means 'ruler'*

Confessing The Faith

from 1 Corinthians 15

Now I would remind you of the gospel preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word preached to you.

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time.

If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

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. Amen.

Corporate Prayer

Gracious heavenly Father, glorified Son and eternal Spirit, as your people, we rejoice in you. We rejoice in your nature and glory. We rejoice in your work on our behalf. We rejoice in the life, death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We rejoice to know that in him we are redeemed, sanctified and eternally secure. Praise be to your glorious name, both now and forevermore.

And, as your people, we confess that this salvation is all of grace. We are sinful and sinning, broken and breaking, failures and failing. There is nothing in us that drew you to us. And there is nothing in us to maintain our relationship with you; it is all of grace. Enable us to more fully rejoice in you and your provision for us.

Thank you. Thank you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for lavishing your love upon us. May our lives be more and more to the praise of your glorious grace, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

The Offering

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor,
so that you by his poverty might become rich.
(2 Corinthians 8.9)*

Isaiah 57.14-21

(pew Bible, p617)

- ¹⁴ And it shall be said,
 "Build up, build up, prepare the way,
 remove every obstruction from my people's way."
- ¹⁵ For thus says the One who is high and lifted up,
 who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
 "I dwell in the high and holy place,
 and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,
to revive the spirit of the lowly,
 and to revive the heart of the contrite.
- ¹⁶ For I will not contend forever,
 nor will I always be angry;
for the spirit would grow faint before me,
 and the breath of life that I made.
- ¹⁷ Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry,
 I struck him; I hid my face and was angry,
 but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart.
- ¹⁸ I have seen his ways, but I will heal him;
 I will lead him and restore comfort to him and his mourners,
- ¹⁹ creating the fruit of the lips.
Peace, peace, to the far and to the near," says the LORD,
 "and I will heal him.
- ²⁰ But the wicked are like the tossing sea;
 for it cannot be quiet,
 and its waters toss up mire and dirt.
- ²¹ There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

Song of Reflection

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son, to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turned his face away;
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished!

Behold the Son upon the cross, God's wrath upon his shoulders;
Behold his grace, his covenant, restoring wretched sinners.
It was his love that held him there, his Father's will achieving,
But now, he sits enthroned on high; for me he's interceding.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection!
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom!

*Stuart Townend, 1995
Stanza 3: Ryan Stone, 2006*

The Covenant Meal

There are four tables around the sanctuary that are supplied with individual, pre-packaged communion elements. To reduce the amount of movement and allow plenty of space between people, please send one person to get the elements for those partaking of communion in your household. Please hold the elements until all have received and then we will partake together.

To help with a more sanitary clean-up, please take used communion cups and place them in the trash cans by the exit doors as you leave.

Parting in Faith

The Power of The Cross

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day, Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then nailed to a cross of wood.

*This the pow'r of the cross; Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh to see the pain written on your face; bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed, crowning your bloodstained brow.

*This the pow'r of the cross; Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath quakes as its maker bows his head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, 'Finished!' the vict'ry cry!

*This the pow'r of the cross; Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh to see my name written in the wounds for through your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through your selfless love.

*This the pow'r of the cross; Son of God slain for us.
What a love what a cost; we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend, 2005

Benediction

Numbers 6.24-26

*The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
Through Jesus, our King and our Savior. Amen.*

Announcements

First Sunday Fellowship

THIS evening, we will gather at 5pm for our 1st Sunday of the Month Fellowship. Outside with a fire! Bring your own dinner if you like. These are rich times in our life together and we certainly need one another's fellowship and friendship. Please join us if you are able.

Offerings

In addition to passing the plate during the second service, there is also a box at the back of the sanctuary in which you can place your offering. A third option is giving online through the Resources tab on our website.

Small Groups

Please take advantage of the opportunity to gather together with fellow believers in a smaller setting. A list of groups is available on the table in the foyer (yellow sheet).

Nursery Volunteers

While we continue to not have a nursery, we have instituted a background check policy for all adult nursery workers. In preparation for re-opening the nursery (at some future point), we would like to begin running the background checks now so that when that day comes, we are ready to roll with cleared volunteers. So, if you are interested in volunteering in the nursery once it re-opens, please contact Amelia Hale, nursery coordinator, to get the process started (317.625.3194 or ameliajhale12@gmail.com).

Harvest Online –

- ~ Directory – In order to foster relationships among us as a church family, we encourage you to make use of the app 'Instant Church Directory.'
Jim Turner is point of contact for the app if you have any questions.
- ~ Facebook & Instagram @harvestpresjax
- ~ YouTube – search “Harvest Presbyterian Church Jacksonville NC”

- ~ Email Distro List – if you’re interested in receiving email announcements and reminders, please send Grant an email and ask to be added to the official Harvest distro list (*gmbeachy@gmail.com*).
- ~ Please feel free to make any need or prayer request known to the church leadership through the email address *elders@harvestpres.com*. That is a confidential email that only the elders see. We would welcome you to make use of it.

Deployed Personnel & Their Families

Chris & Aubrey Maldonado

Chip & Laura Raybon (Chloe, Gabriel & Samuel)

Anthony & Anna Johnson (Sasha, Teagan & Remi)

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Please note our current Covid policies (*regularly reviewed by the Session*):

- Wear a mask & be mindful of social-distancing. If you don’t have a mask, there are disposable masks available on the table in the foyer.
- Masks may be removed when you are seated in your pew.
- The Fellowship Hall may be utilized during the service as overflow.
- The nurseries & classrooms may be used as family / cry rooms. Note, they are not staffed and parents must be with their children.
- After the service, please do not congregate in the Foyer, but move beyond the fireplace into the Fellowship Hall or directly outside.
- The door by the piano is reserved for those wishing to avoid the higher traffic areas of the Foyer & Fellowship Hall.

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Purpose Statement

*Harvest Presbyterian Church exists by the providence and grace of God
to develop and equip God's people for their calling
to glorify and enjoy him in all of life through
worship, nurture & service.*

Our Supported Ministries & Missions

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