

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

April 12, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

With thanksgiving, praise, and joy, we worship you, marvelous God. How glorious is this day of new life! Come among us now, we pray, to raise us up from our fears and doubts and perplexity. We want to believe. We want to trust. We want to dare and live. Touch us today with your spirit of hope, that our discipleship may honor the living Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Return of Light: Since all the lights were extinguished and the Christ Candle was removed in the Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service, the return of light symbolizes the triumph of Christ's Resurrection over darkness, sin and death.

OPENING HYMN

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

(Llanfair)

Don Bureson, Euphonium
Suzann Barthold, Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Roll away every stone.

Brush away every tear.

Stand tall, all you bent low.

Run to spread the astonishing news.

Christ is risen!

Shout Alleluia!

Christ is risen?

Christ is risen indeed!

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

EASTER PRAYER

Loving God, as the day begins to brighten, shine your light into our lives. Chase the corners of sadness, expose our fears, and bring us to the light of new hope, the dawn of possibility. Open us to your resurrection power that knows no boundaries. Fill us with incredible joy, everlasting peace, and unquenchable hope this day and always. In the name of Jesus, the resurrected One. Amen.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Beethoven

Nicole Campbell and Carolyn Kuffel, Bells; and Suzann Barthold, Keyboard

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Kings 13:14-21; OT Page 345

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:1-18; NT Page 114

SERMON

"The Power of the Empty Tomb"

Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

GO AND TELL: RESPONDING WITH EASTER PROCLAMATION TO THE WORLD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From *A Declaration of Faith*, 1977; Ch. 4, ¶5)

Jesus is our living Lord. Jesus was dead and buried, but God raised him from the dead. The risen Lord appeared to his followers. They recognized him as their Master who had been crucified. Before Jesus left them, he commissioned them to proclaim to all people the good news of his victory over death, and promised to be with them always.

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.

We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer family of the week: Ying "GG" Tang

Prayer church of the week: Comunidad Presbiteriana la Trinidad (Annapolis, MD)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection!"

(Lancashire)

Carolyn Kuffel, Cello; and Suzann Barthold, Keyboard

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Thine Is the Glory"

Handel

Nicole Campbell and Carolyn Kuffel, Bells; and Suzann Barthold, Keyboard

Welcome to Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church!

If you are looking for a friendly church...

- † where you will be loved and accepted regardless of your age, class, race, ethnicity or orientation...
- † where you will be challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask your questions, and grow in your faith...
- † where God's desire for compassion, healing, reconciliation, justice and joy is preached...
- † where you are given the opportunity to put your faith into action through effective outreach ministries...

Then we hope to get to know you as a new friend at Prince of Peace. No matter who you are, or where you are in your life journey, you are welcome here! Join us and discover how much you are loved, how gifted you are, and how together, we can experience and share the kingdom of God here and now.

On behalf of everyone at Prince of Peace, WELCOME! We're glad you've found your way here today, and we hope you had a meaningful encounter with God while you were with us. Prince of Peace is a living faith community inspired by the Spirit of God, joyfully encouraging all and collectively committed to serving and caring for one another, praising God through worship, music, and mission, imparting to our children a love and understanding of Christ, welcoming all of God's people without prejudice or judgement, and growing together in numbers and in the likeness and grace of Christ.

If there is anything that we can do to make your visit more meaningful, or if there are any questions we can answer, please do not hesitate to let me know. I look forward to the chance to meet you following worship, and hope you will take a moment to introduce yourself.

Once again, welcome – we're glad you're here!

In Christ,
Pastor Elizabeth D. McLean

If you are in need of prayer, you may call Deacon Joyce Beall (410-451-6731) with your prayer request, and the Prayer Support Team will lift these concerns in prayer.

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The church office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

*A joyful community, gathered by God's grace,
sharing Christ's love with all.*

