

# A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

## Gathering Music

<b>Choir</b>	Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!	Joan J. Pinkton
	(Text: John S. B. Monsell, alt.)	
	Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our exalted King; Christ is risen! Alleluia! Joyful praises let us sing! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Joyful praises let us sing!	
	How our grateful hearts adore Him who has bourn our grief and tears. We bow down with joy before Him, as our Lord once more appears. Angel hosts on Him attending, Alleluia! Death and hell before Him bending, Alleluia! Christ, our King, is Victor over all! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen! All the sadness of His earthly life is o'er; Through the open gates of gladness He has come to life once more! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Let us sing! Let us sing! Joyful praises, joyful praises let us sing!	

**Song of Ascent**      Psalm 34 (Taste and See) / Because He Lives

I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from ev'ry fear. Those who look on Him are radiant. They'll never be ashamed. They'll never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard me and saved me from my enemies. The Son of God surrounds His saints; He will deliver them. He will deliver them.

*Refrain:* Magnify the Lord with me. Come exalt His name together. Glorify the Lord with me. Come exalt His name forever.

O taste and see that the Lord is good. O blessed is he who hides in Him. O fear the Lord, O all you saints. He'll give you everything. He'll give you everything.

*Bridge:* Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living just because He lives!

*Ending:* O taste and see that the Lord is good. He'll give you everything. He'll give you everything.

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**Call to Worship**      From Exodus 15, Colossians 1, and 1 Corinthians 15

**Leader:** Let us sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously.

**All:** He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Leader:** Sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously.

**All:** Death is swallowed up in victory. The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

**Leader:** But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All:** Let us sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously!

<b>Song of Praise</b>	Jesus Is Alive
There is now a hope that lasts beyond our days, For the One who once was buried lives again. Now the tomb is bare and empty, and the stone is rolled away. Praise the risen One who overcame the grave.	

All you brokenhearted, all you worn and weak,

Come find living water, everlasting streams.

To the wand'ring spirit, lost and searching, wanting something more,

Find the risen King who overcomes the world.

*Refrain:* Let there be dancing in the darkness, And let our song break through the night. Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King, For Jesus is alive.

No more condemnation, no more doubt and fear, For our sin and shame, they have no power here. In His resurrection perfect love has set the captives free. Praise the risen King, who stands in victory! *Refrain*

*Bridge:* Hallelujah! Death is undone! Hallelujah! Jesus has won!

Hallelujah! We overcome! Oh, in Jesus, oh, in Jesus.

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## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

<b>Call to Confession</b>	Ephesians 4:20-24
But that is not the way you learned Christ! — assuming that you have heard about Him and were taught in Him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.	

<b>Choir</b>	O Great God	arr. Joey Hoelscher
	(Words adapted from <i>The Valley of Vision</i> , “Regeneration”)	

O great God of highest heav’n, occupy my lowly heart. Own it all, and reign supreme; conquer ev’ry rebel pow’r. Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war. You have loved and purchased me; make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice; Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven’s joys. Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me, Through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that’s dependent on Your grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face. You are worthy to be praised with my ev’ry thought and deed. O great God of highest heav’n, glorify Your name through me. Glorify Your name through me. *Bob Kaufflin. © 2006 Sovereign Grace Praise.*

### Prayer of Confession

<b>Offer of Forgiveness</b>	1 Peter 2:24
<b>Leader:</b> 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.	
<b>All:</b> We receive Your great mercy, O God!	

<b>Hymn of Rejoicing</b>	Man of Sorrows
Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, by His own betrayed; The sin of man and wrath of God have been on Jesus laid.	

Silent as He stood accused, beaten, mocked, and scorned, Bowing to the Father's will, He took a crown of thorns.

*Refrain:* O that rugged cross, my salvation, where Your love poured out over me, Now my soul cries out hallelujah, praise, and honor unto Thee.

Sent of heaven, God's own Son, to purchase and redeem And reconcile the very ones who nailed Him to that tree.

*Bridge:* Now my debt is paid; it is paid in full By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled. Now the curse of sin has no hold on me. Whom the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.

See the stone is rolled away: behold the empty tomb! Hallelujah! God be praised! He's risen from the grave! *Brooke Ligertwood | Matt Crocker. © 2012 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia.*

<b>Reading of the Scripture</b>	1 Corinthians 15:20-28; 54-57
<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a Man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> For “God has put all things in subjection under His feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that He is excepted who put all things in subjection under Him. <sup>28</sup> When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subjected to Him who put all things in subjection under Him, that God may be all in all. [ . . . ]	

<sup>54</sup> When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” <sup>55</sup> “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Preaching of God's Word**      Why Easter Matters      Jason Sterling, Senior Pastor

<b>Choral Offertory</b>	Amazing Grace	Craig Courtney
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost but now am found; was blind, but now I see. <i>Refrain:</i> Amazing grace! Amazing grace! So vast and yet so free! The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me.		

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. *Refrain*

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; ’Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, We’ve no less days to sing God's praise than when we’d first begun. *Refrain*

<b>Confession of Faith</b>	Heidelberg Catechism
Question 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?	

Answer. That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

## Invitation: Words, Welcome, Warning

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that 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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Distribution of the Elements

### Closing Hymn

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease;  
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavn'ly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Benediction

## Partaking of the Lord's Supper at Faith

If you know and love the Lord Jesus Christ, are earnestly repentant of your sins, are willing to renew your commitment to Christ, and are a member in good standing with a branch of Christ's church that preaches Jesus Christ as the only way to God the Father, we welcome you to partake of this sacrament with us. An usher will dismiss rows starting at the front of each section.

Please come forward using the center aisle, and wait until an usher directs you to one of the stations. We encourage families to come together. Please take a piece of bread and a cup as the trays of elements are passed. Cups with wine and cups with juice are marked on the trays. You will consume the elements while you are at the front. Return to your seat by way of the outside aisles. If you cannot come forward, please ask someone near you to alert a server, and an elder will bring the elements to you.

Children and adults who have not yet professed their faith in Christ or been admitted to the Table are encouraged to come forward with their families for prayer. Children and adults should partake only after professing their faith publicly.

## Upcoming at Faith

For more information, visit us online at [faith-pca.org](http://faith-pca.org) or on the Faith PCA app.

**If you are helping put chairs away after the service, please check with one of our staff members to ensure they're in the correct stack.**

**Church Workday:** Help with our spring church cleaning on April 13, 8 to noon.

**The church office will be closed on Monday, April 1.**

### To All

*who desire to worship and pray;  
To all who are seeking and desire to find;  
To all who are searching and want to know;  
To all who sin and need a Savior;  
To all who are wayward and need a Lord;  
To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
To all who mourn and long for comfort;  
To all who struggle and desire freedom;  
To all who are lonely or strangers and want fellowship;  
To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
And to whosoever will come,  
Faith Presbyterian Church offers welcome  
In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024