



# CITY REFORMED CHURCH

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## Easter Sunday. Christ is Risen!

*“Then the Lord awoke as from sleep, like a strong man shouting because of wine. And he put his adversaries to rout; he put them to everlasting shame.”*

—Psalm 78:65-66

“What an apt description of the resurrection. From the cross Jesus cried out to God, *“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me.”* Where was God? Was he asleep? The enemies of God had won. Death. Sin. Suffering. Satan. All seemed lost. As the days passed the body of Jesus became more and more stiff, and the absence of God more and more stifling. Where was God? Was he asleep? But then . . . on the morning of the third day it was as if God was aroused from a deep sleep. When he awoke, he awoke not as one who yawns, rubs his eyes and stretches his arms; rather he awoke with a holy and wild fury as one stumbling upon the scene of a terrible crime; he awoke as a *strong man shouting because of wine*. Turning over tables, smashing mugs and with frightening howls of righteous anger the “Lord put his adversaries to rout, he put them to everlasting shame.” In the resurrection of Jesus Christ, once and for all, are subdued and vanquished all the powers—sin, death, the devil— that raise themselves in opposition to God and his people.

*Alleluia! Christ is risen.*

♣Let us worship ♣

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
*Easter Sunday*

### PRELUDE

### GREETING

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### CALL TO WORSHIP—*Isaiah 26:6-9*

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

***He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.***

It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the Lord; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

## Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739  
Music: Lyra Davidica, 1708

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day,  
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,  
3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
4. Soar we now where - Christ - has - led,

Sons of men and an - gels say:  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,  
Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed - Head,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,  
Dy - ing once He all doth save, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
Death in vain for - bids Him rise,  
Made like Him, like - Him - we - rise,

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth re - ply:  
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
Christ has o - pened Par - a - dise,  
Ours the cross, the - grave, - the - skies,

## Sacred Reading

~ 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

*Hearing Scripture read aloud is an act of worship. It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship services. The assumption behind this practice is that we are people who need to be shaped by all of God's word.*

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<sup>50</sup> I tell you this, brothers and sisters: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup> Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <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.

<sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Reader:           The grass withers and the flowers fall.

People:           ***but the Word of our God stands forever***

## Alleluia! Alleluia!

Words: Christopher Wordsworth  
Music: Thomas Williams

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to  
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ri - sen! Death at  
3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry

heaven and voic - es raise. Sing to God a  
last has met de - feat. See the an - cient  
be to God on high; al - le - lu - ia!

hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
powers of e - vil in con - fu - sion and re - treat.  
to the Sav - ior, who has won the vic - to - ry;

He who on the cross a vic - tim for the  
Once he died and once was bur - ied; now he  
al - le - lu - ia! to the spir - it, fount of

world's sal - va - tion bled, Je - sus Christ, the  
lives for - ev - er - more— Je - sus Christ, the  
love and sac - ti - ty: al - le - lu - ia,

King of glo - ry, now is ri - sen from the dead.  
world's Re - dee - mer, whom we wor - ship and a - dore.  
al - le - lu - ia! to the tri - une Maj - es - ty.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**—*Psalm 91:2-6*

I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,  
you shattered the power of sin and death.  
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,  
bound by the ways that lead to death.  
We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn;  
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed  
and indifferent to calls for peace;  
we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made.  
Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power  
to change our lives and make us new,  
that we may know the joy of life abundant  
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.*

**SILENT CONFESSION****WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT** —*Adapted from 1 Peter 1:3, 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

*Anyone in Christ is a new creation.  
The old has gone.  
The new has come. Amen.*

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## *In Christ Alone*

1. 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

2. 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  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

3. 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

4. No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand



## PASSING THE PEACE

### OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

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The offering is a way for Christians to participate in the mission and ministry of the church. Christians offer a sacrificial portion of their resources—time, talents, possessions—as an act of faith and gratitude in response to God’s grace. Offerings are a part of our worship service as an opportunity for the regular, proportionate and generous giving of the resources God has given us.

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### OFFERTORY PRAYER

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*In the waters of baptism, the church is called to be God’s family, to minister to one another and to serve the world. Therefore we pray for ourselves, for one another, and for all those in need of our prayers.*

Leader: O Christ, after your resurrection you appeared to your disciples; you breathed on them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit. You gave joy and exultation to the whole creation. Through your victory, we pray to you:

**All:** *Hear us, Lord of glory.*

Leader: O Christ, after your resurrection you sent out your disciples to teach all nations and to baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; you promised to be with them and us until the end of the world. Through your victory, we pray to you:

**All:** *Hear us, Lord of glory.*

Leader: O Christ, through your resurrection you lifted us up and filled us with rejoicing. Through your salvation you enrich us with your gifts. Renew our lives and fill our hearts with joy. Through your victory, we pray to you:

**All:** *Hear us, Lord of glory.*

Leader: O Christ, you are glorified by angels in heaven and worshiped on earth.  
On the glorious feast of your resurrection, we pray to you:

**All:** *Hear us, Lord of glory.*

Leader: O merciful God, you raised your beloved Son, and in your love you established him as head of your church and ruler of the universe. By your goodness we pray

**All:** *Hear us, Lord of glory.*

### **GOD SPEAKS TO US—** John 11:1-45, *ESV*

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

<sup>5</sup> Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” <sup>11</sup> After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” <sup>13</sup> Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, <sup>15</sup> and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” <sup>16</sup> So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

<sup>17</sup> Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup> So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus said

to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. <sup>34</sup> And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." <sup>44</sup> The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him

Reader:           The Word of the Lord.

People:           *Thanks be to God!*

**GOD'S WORD AMONG HIS PEOPLE**

Pastor Chris Ganski

*The Resurrection and the Life*

## SONG OF MOSES

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my refuge; the Lord has become my Savior.

### ***Alleluia! Christ has risen!***

This is my God and I will praise him, the God of my people and I will exalt him. The Lord is a mighty warrior; Yahweh is his Name.

### ***Alleluia! Christ conquered death!***

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army he has hurled into the sea; the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea. The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; they sank into the depths like a stone.

### ***Alleluia! Christ has overcome hell!***

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy. Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

### ***Alleluia! Christ has defeated Satan and all the powers and principalities!***

You stretched forth your right hand; the earth swallowed them up. With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

### ***Alleluia! Christ has swallowed up sin and death!***

You will bring your people in and plant them on the mount of your possession, The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established. The Lord shall reign forever and forever.

### ***Alleluia! Christ is risen!***

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen***

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## APOSTLE'S CREED

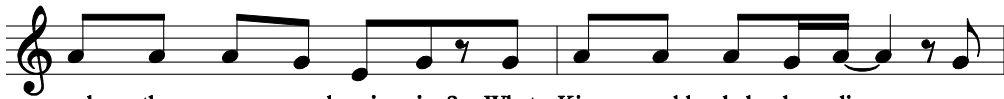
**All:** *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## Bountiful Messiah

Words and Music:  
Parker Heck



1. Has ev - er one loved like thee? That bound - less mer - cy,  
2. Has ev - er one died like thee? Heav'n-ward fixed, thy  
3. Has ev - er one conq - uered so? That death it - self is  
4. Has ev - er one loved like thee? Has \_\_\_\_\_ ev - er



wed thy sor - rowed griev - ing? What King would glad - ly die, or  
gaze longed for The Fath - er Who turned his face a - way and  
humbl - ed by thy glo - ry? Can sin then speak for me, or  
one loved like thee? As end - less ebb and flow, e -



ser - vant just - ly rule me? Or  
left there none be - side thee Save  
guilt as - sert its sha - dows? Thy  
ter - nal sky and riv - er, O,



run to me, a wretch en - trenched in dark - ness, debt, and thiev - ing.  
mur - der - ers that by thy blood be - came thy sons and daugh - ters.  
par - don is thy time - less love un - just - ly giv - en for me.  
ev - er does thy love my God, my Great High Priest and Giv - er.



Hal - le - lu - jah let me not for - get the



won - der of thy buy - ing blood, Oh bount-i - ful Mes - si - ah!  
*Last time, repeat refrain*

## BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

Minister: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

People: *Amen.*

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: *The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!*

## POSTLUDE

### Musicians

Jon Reimer, cello  
Sarah Reimer, piano



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