

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

**Christ Church**

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**Prelude**

**Moments of Concern**

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 65:1-2

Praise is awaiting You, O God, in Zion;

And to You the vow shall be performed.

O You who hear prayer,

To You all flesh will come.

**Heidelberg Catechism:** Lord's Day 17 (page 17)

*Q. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?*

A. First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, so that He might make us share in the righteousness He won for us by His death. Second, by His power we too are already now resurrected to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

**\*Hymn of Adoration:** 323 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

**Call to Confession:** Ezekiel 18:30-32 "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways," says the Lord God.

"Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord God. "Therefore turn and live!"

**Prayer of Confession:** Father in heaven, the high ransom price of the blood of Your Son, Jesus, was paid for us, and yet we have not drawn near to You as You have called us to do and have fostered doubt regarding Your treatment of us. We have neglected our new standing of being made righteous and accepted in Your presence. We have failed to live the new life of righteousness and self-sacrifice and joy and love and mercy even though Your Word tells us that we have

been made alive in Christ. Nor have we properly set our desires on heaven. Forgive our faithlessness and cleanse us of it. We offer our plea in the Name of Jesus who gave Himself that we might live. Amen.

**Kyrie: (recited, not sung)**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Christ, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Assurance of Pardon:** Isaiah 53:4-5 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Gloria Patri: (recited, not sung)**

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.

**Collect of the Day:** Almighty God, who has given Your only Son to be both the sacrifice for our sins and an example of godly life, grant us grace so that we may thankfully receive by humble faith the benefits He has purchased for us. Enable us to walk in His steps through our course of life in this world. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 45:14-25 (pages 645-646)

**\*New Testament Lesson:** Philippians 2:5-11 (page 1043)

**Children's Sermon**

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** 32 "How Firm a Foundation"

**Sermon:** Isaiah 45:14-25

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord's Prayer (unison):** Our Father, which 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver

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

**\*Hymn of Response: 98 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**