

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

Christ Church

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Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1-6

Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!
Sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, bless His name;
Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.
Declare His glory among the nations,
His wonders among all peoples.
For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised;
He is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
But the LORD made the heavens.
Honor and majesty are before Him;
Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 14 (page 15)

Q. What does it mean that He "was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary"?

A. That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to Himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that He might become David's true descendant, in all things like us His brothers except for sin.

Q. How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

A. He is our mediator, and with His innocence and perfect holiness He removes from God's sight my sin-mine since I was conceived.

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, who through the resurrection of Your only Son Jesus Christ has overcome death and opened to us the

gate of everlasting life, teach us to hope in You always in all circumstances so that we will not be enticed by idols or discouraged by hardship. Bring us to experience the triumph of Christ over death and all that belongs to the realm of death as You have assured that we will be perfected in our Savior's likeness. We pray in His Name. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 44:21-28 (page 644)

***Gospel Lesson:** John 20:11-18 (pages 961-962)

Musical Selection: "Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed" – Nancy Kletzing

Children's Sermon

Sermon: Isaiah 44:21-28

Reading of The Law: Exodus 20:1-17 (page 68)

Call to Confession: 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

Prayer of Confession: Father in heaven, You have given Your Son who was born of the virgin Mary as a sinless, spotless sacrifice to be our Savior and to turn our hearts toward Yourself. However, we have shown ourselves to be proud and arrogant, have failed to give proper attention to the state of our hearts and have not devoted ourselves to seeking Your grace to change our hearts. Pardon our ingratitude for Your precious gift, and have mercy on us who have such hard hearts. Remove from us our resistance to drawing near to You in faith and fully placing our hope in You. We seek Your forgiveness in the Name of our Savior, Jesus. Amen.

Kyrie: (recited, not sung)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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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.

Holy Communion

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.

Benediction

Postlude