



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 12, 2020 ✧ 11:00 am

✧ *The Season of the Church Year: Easter Sunday*

✧ **Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!** ✧

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS		Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam
CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
PASTORAL SENTENCES		Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam
Christ is risen!		
Christ is risen indeed!		
GOSPEL LESSON	John 20:1-18	Ms. Jennifer Joyner
PROCESSION OF THE CHRIST CANDLE		
Organ Prelude	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today</i>	arr. Lowe
CALL TO WORSHIP		Mrs. Lou Ann Gilliam
Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope.		
Christ is risen!		
Christ is risen indeed!		
We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true.		
Christ is risen!		
Christ is risen indeed!		
We hear a voice call <i>our</i> name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always. Christ is risen!		
Christ is risen indeed! Thanks be to God!		
PRAYER OF INVOCATION		Mrs. Gilliam

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened Paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Anita Thompson

People of God, what is your prayer for these children?

Our prayer is that they grow up to be like Jesus—

strong and brave, full of grace and truth, and that we will help them.

✧ **Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!** ✧

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

Ms. Joyner

In Pew Bible, page 157 of New Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God; **thanks be to God.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Thompson

ANTHEM

At Calvary

Mary McDonald

Vicky Overman, Anita Thompson & Jim Wiggins

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us.

If anyone is in Christ, that person becomes new altogether.

The past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!

+HYMN 620

Because He Lives

RESURRECTION

1. God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Refrain: 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!

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!

3. And then one day I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Jim Wiggins

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Meditation of the Cross

arr. McDonald

+DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

✧ **Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!** ✧

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:28-39

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 192 of New Testament

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SERMON

Nothing!

Dr. Gilliam

INVITATION

+HYMN OF RESPONSE 569

In Christ Alone

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 love of God was magnified,
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 human plan can ever pluck me from His hand,
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I stand.

✧ **Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!** ✧

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

As the chimes strike three times—in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—our corporate worship ends and our opportunity begins to be the presence of Christ in the world, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

arr. Jordan

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Due to the worldwide coronavirus pandemic, this worship service is led by a small group, and broadcast over the radio (FM 99.3), through our church website, and on Facebook live.

We are thankful for Vicky Overman and Jim Wiggins for their assistance with worship leadership today.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III (Trey)
Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

Mr. W. Bland Baker
Music Associate/Pianist

Ms. Belinda Butler
Music Associate/Organist

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