

LORD's Day Service -- April 19, 2020
Preparation for Worship: *Lamentations 3:25-32*

God Calls us into His presence; we respond with praise.

*Call to Worship: John 10:2-4, 9-11, 14-18, 27-30

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

Minister: Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen!**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Hymn: Psalm 91A (pause & see below)

God Cleanses us; we gladly confess of our sins to Him.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Lamentations 3:40-42

Let us kneel before the Lord our God. (*prayer is from Lamentations 5*)

“Remember, O LORD, what has come upon us; Look, and behold our reproach! Our inheritance has been turned over to aliens, and our houses to foreigners...We pay for the water we drink...we labor and have no rest. We have given our hand to foreigners to be satisfied with food. Our fathers sinned and are no more, but we bear their iniquities. Servants rule over us...We get our bread at the risk of our lives...The joy of our heart has ceased; our dance has turned into mourning. Woe to us, for we have sinned. Because of this our heart is faint. You, O LORD, remain forever; Your throne from generation to generation. Why do You forget us forever, and forsake us for so long a time? Turn us back to You, O LORD, and we will be restored; renew our days as of old, unless You have utterly rejected us, and are very angry with us! (*Silent prayer*) Amen!

Assurance of Pardon: Lamentations 3:55-58

Beloved, your sins are forgiven through Christ.

Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. AMEN!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so!

Truly it is our greatest joy to give thanks to You at all times and in every situation, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God; Only You can cleanse us and fill us with joy. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to us as Your children. Therefore, with all saints on earth and the heavenly host, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song, singing:

Sanctus: **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory!
Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of
The Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!**

Hymn: (you could pause & add a psalm or hymn of your choosing here)

Prayer: **Almighty Father, You gave Your only Son to die for our sins and to rise for our justification: Give us grace to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness in our hearts, that we may always serve You in pureness of living and truth; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!**

God Consecrates by His Word; we listen & offer ourselves to Him.

Old Testament Lesson: Ecclesiastes 7:13-14; Lamentations 3:25-42,48

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:3-12

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson: John 20:14-31

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon: "Weeping, Fearing, Doubting & the Resurrection of Christ"

Hymn: Psalm 88:1-8 (pause & see below)

Hymn: Ps 89 (pause & see below)

Dedication of tithes & offerings. (You may mail your tithes to Deacon Hummel)

Prayers of the Church

God communes with us; we eat with joy at His Table.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We confess our faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

God commissions & blesses us; we march out to serve Him

The Lord's Commission of us: Matthew 28:18-20

We receive God's blessing, His good Word to us: Numbers 6:24-26

We bless the Lord, lifting our hands and voices to Him: Gloria Patri

Psalm 91A, tune, "Jesus, What a Friend of Sinners" & "Come, thou long expected Jesus" (to hear tune: <https://hymnary.org/media/fetch/179554>)

Who with God Most High finds shelter In the Almighty's shadow hides,
To the LORD I'll say, "My Refuge!" In my God my trust abides.
From the fowler's snare He'll save you, From the deadly pestilence;
Cover you with outspread pinions, Make His wings your confidence.

God's own truth, your shield and buckler: You will fear no ill by night,
Nor the shafts in daylight flying, Nor disease that shuns the light,
Nor the plague that wastes at noonday, At your side ten thousand fall;
You will only see this judgment Which rewards the wicked all.

You have made the LORD your refuge, God Most High your dwelling place;
Nothing evil shall befall you; In your tent no scourge you'll face.
He will angels charge to keep you, Guard you well in all your ways.
In their hands they will uphold you Lest your foot a stone should graze.

You shall trample serpents, lions, Tread on all your deadly foes.
For his love to Me I'll save him, Keep him, for My name he knows;
When he calls Me I will answer, Save and honor him will I.
I will show him my salvation, With long life will satisfy. "YES!"

Psalm 88:1-8, tune is Eventide, "Abide with me" (to hear tune:
<https://hymnary.org/media/fetch/179260>)

O LORD, the God of my salvation tried, All day and night before Thee I have cried.
O let my prayer before Thy presence rise; Incline Thine ear to hear my pleading cries.

My soul is full of anxious cares and gloom; my weary life draws nigh the silent tomb,
I count as those that to the pit descend; I'm like the man whose strength is at an end.

As one cast off among the dead am I; I'm like the pierced ones in the grave that lie,
Whom Thou has not remembered any more, Those cut off from Thy hand where none restore.

By Thee within the lowest pit I'm laid, in deeps and in the place of darkest shade;
Thy furious wrath on me has come to rest, and with Thy breakers Thou hast me oppressed.

My former friends Thou hast estranged from me; Yes, their abhorrence I am
made by Thee;
*Shut up am I, imprisoned here must stay; Through deep distress my eyes both
waste away. "YES!"*

Psalm 89, tune is Ode to Joy, "Joyful, Joyful, we adore Thee" (to hear tune: <https://hymnary.org/media/fetch/158124>)

Of God's love I'll sing forever, to each age Your faithfulness.
I'll declare Your love's forever, founded in the word from heav'n;
"With My Chosen I've made cov'nant, to My servant David sworn:
I'll your line confirm forever, to each age build up your throne."

LORD, the heavens praise Your wonders, angels sing Your faithfulness.
For none matches GOD in heaven, Who's like GOD in heaven's throng?
God is feared among th angels, He's more awesome than they all.
LORD, O God of hosts, who's like You? Mighty God, You're girt with truth.

You've an arm that' great in pow-er; Your strong hand is all supreme.
Your rule's based on right and justice; cov'nant love and truth are yours.
They are happy who acclaim You; in Your favor, LORD, they walk.
In Your name rejoicing ever; in Your righteousness raised high. "YES!"

Sermon: "Weeping, Fearing, Doubting & the Resurrection of Christ"
Text: John 20:19-31

1. Weeping because of a loss of Christ's presence (Jn 20:13-18; Lam 3:37-38; Eccl 7:13; Lam 3:48).

2. Fearing because of not understanding what Christ has done (Jn 20:19-23).

3. Doubting because of not believing that Jesus is (Jn 20:24-29,31).