

Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church
Easter Sunday Order Of Worship
April 12, 2020

Liturgist and Sermon: Dennis Louis | Lead Musician: Scott Finch

Meditation: 2 Peter 1:16-21

“For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,’ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”

Call To Worship: 1 Peter 3:14

“Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for the [new heavens and earth], be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.”

Opening Hymn & Doxology: 273 | *Jesus Christ Has Risen Today*

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

3. But the pain which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation hath procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!
Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Pastoral Prayer Followed by The Lord's Prayer

Corporate Confession of Sin

Based on themes from Hebrews and Ephesians

L: O Lord, you have promised that all the nations of this world are passing away and you have outlined in your word that only your kingdom will remain unshaken. As we reflect on the past year we confess that we have looked to the rulers of this world for comfort, security, and hope rather than focusing our faith on the one Sovereign King of the universe whose Word is law and whose Spirit is irresistible.

ALL: Though your power holds the hearts of kings in the palm of your hand, you are still mindful of the fact that your children are frail and prone to stumble—remember our weakness and pour out your love in these broken vessels. We are empty without you.

L: Our attempts to erect high places of stability and safety in our hearts which have nothing to do with you have crumbled over and over again. We need a foundation that will stand firm even to the end of the age.

ALL: We claim Christ Jesus as the cornerstone and capstone of our faith and his Holy Spirit as the one who will build us up into the temple not made with hands to be your eternal dwelling place.

L: Give us true liberty—being free from our sin having been given a deep contentment with your rule in our lives. Declare us righteous because of your justice and compassion because of your only begotten Son who was given for us

(time for silent confession)

L: For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord....beloved children of God...YOU ARE FORGIVEN and are alive in Christ Jesus. Hallelujah!

Song of Preparation: 276 | *Up From the Grave He Arose*

1. Low in the grave He lay, Jesus, my Savior, Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!

Refrain: Up from the grave He arose, With a mighty triumph o'er His foes, He arose a Victor from the dark domain, And He lives forever, with His saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2. Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus, my Savior; Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus, my Lord!

Refrain

3. Death cannot keep his Prey, Jesus, my Savior; He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord!

Refrain

Word: John 1:29-34

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

Homily: "The silence is broken!"

The Sending Hymn: 277 | *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

Benediction: 2 Peter 1:2-3a

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature . . . so that all the peoples will say...

C: Amen. Our LORD is faithful. Praise the LORD!