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Romans 6:8-11

Order for the Worship of God

March 27, 2005

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

Resurrection Sunday

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Please turn off all communication devices. Thank you.

Service of Friendship

Welcome to Park Cities Presbyterian Church! Please take a moment to greet worshippers who are sitting near you and register your attendance using the blue pads which are located at the left-hand side of each pew.

Preparation for Worship

"Fanfare for Easter"
Mr. Stephen Nielson, *Piano*

Moussorgsky
arr. Nielson

*Call to Worship

The Rev. Joseph Ryan

Minister: Jesus said, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore and I have the keys of death and hades."

Choir: Praise the LORD from the heavens. Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!

People: *(with a great voice)* **Christ is risen!**

Minister: Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!** *(louder)* **Alleluia!**
(louder still) **Alleluia!**

*Resurrection Hymn

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN
text: Charles Wesley, 1739

***Prayer of Adoration** concluding with

O GOD OF MY EXODUS, great was the joy of Israel's sons when Egypt died upon the shore, far greater the joy when my Redeemer's foe lay crushed in the dust. Jesus strides forth as the Victor, Conqueror of death, hell and all opposing might. You burst the bands of death, trampled the powers of darkness down and live forever. You, my gracious Redeemer, apprehended for payment of my debt, came forth from the prison house of the grave, free and triumphant over sin, Satan and death. In You I died, in You I rose, in Your life I live, in Your victory I triumph, in Your ascension I shall be glorified for Your Name's sake. Amen!

***Hymn of Praise**

"Thine Be the Glory"

MACCABAEUS

text: Edmond Budry, 1884

Confession of Faith: New Testament Witness to the Resurrection

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it. For David says concerning Him,“ ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For You will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let Your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; You will make me full of gladness with Your presence.’ “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says: ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.” ’** **"Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”** Acts 2:22-36**

Song of Praise

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

ALLELUIA NO. 1
text: Donald Fishel, 1971

Public Confession

O Lord, I marvel that You purposed to become flesh so that You might be crucified, dead, and buried for me. The tomb calls forth my adoring wonder, for it is empty and You are risen! Grant me to die with You that I may rise to new life, for I wish to be as dead and buried to sin, to selfishness, to the world; that I might not hear the voice of the charmer, and might be delivered from his lusts. Purge me from selfishness, pride, the fear of man, the desire to be cultivated or modern. Grant me to stand with my dying Savior, to be content to be rejected, to be willing to hold to unpopular truths. Grant me more and more of the resurrection life: may it rule me, may I walk in its power, and be strengthened through its influence.

Private Confession

Prayer for Christ's Church and the World

The Rev. Tim Tinsley 8:00

Dr. Pete Deison 9:30

The Rev. Ron Williams 11:00

Musical Offering "God's Right Hand and Holy Arm"

K. Lee Scott

God's right hand and holy arm have won the victory. Christ being raised from the dead shall die no more. Death has no power over Him; He lives to God. Why seek the living now among the dead? Recall His promise unto you; He lives again. Gone is death's victory, gone is death's sting; God gives to us the victory through Christ our Lord.

Psalm 98.1, Luke 24.5-6, Romans 6.9-10, 1 Corinthians 15.55-56

Please sing when directed.

*Easter Greeting of Peace

Minister: But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. Christ Himself is our peace.
He is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

The Morning Sermon "The Life He Lives and We Live"
Romans 6:8-11

Dr. Ryan

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***Hymn of Praise**

"I Know That My Redeemer Loves"

DUKE STREET
text: Samuel Medley, 1775

***An Easter Blessing**

Minister: Grace and peace to you from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come, from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

People: **To Him who loves us, and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to serve His God the Father—to Him be glory and power forever and ever.**

Choir: He is the First and the Last. He is the Living One. He was dead, but behold, He is alive forever and ever!

Minister: Alleluia!

All: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

*Choral Ascription

"Hallelujah Chorus"

G. F. Handel

Closing Voluntary

"Toccata"
Mr. Howland, Organ

Widor

Personal Prayer and Counsel

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor . . . rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality." Romans 12.10, 12, 13

We want so much to come along side you in brotherly love and hospitality by your allowing us to be in prayer for your salvation or any need you may have. Please join us in Room 261 (the far south end of Fellowship Hall) following the worship service where our Elders and prayer leaders are available and eager to meet with you and pray with you in complete confidence.

Welcome Visitors! Do you have a question about our church? Our Welcome Team of ushers and greeters are here to help you. Team members are identified by the blue "Welcome" ribbons on their nametag. We encourage you to stop by our Information Center, located in the south hallway adjacent to the Sanctuary, where you will find literature and friendly faces to help you get to know our church family. If you have additional questions, please call 214.224.2743 or 214.224.2736 during office hours, and we will be happy to respond to you as quickly as possible.

The flowers in our worship services this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of our Lord's resurrection from the dead to defeat sin and death forever!

*The Congregation stands.

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Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.

"How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth."

Psalm 119:103

The great desire of the elders is that PCPC be a church immersed in the Word of God. In order to see this happen, we have provided each household a copy of the *One Year Bible*. If you have yet to receive your copy of the *One Year Bible*, they are available on a table in the south foyer. For your convenience this week's reading is listed below. *This information is also posted on the PCPC web site: www.pcpc.org.*

Date	Old Testament	Psalm	Proverbs	New Testament
3/27	Deuteronomy 7.1-8.20	69.1-18	12.1	Luke 7.36-8.3
3/28	Deuteronomy 9.1-10.22	69.19-36	12.2-3	Luke 8.4-21
3/29	Deuteronomy 11.1-12.32	70.1-5	12.4	Luke 8.22-39
3/30	Deuteronomy 13.1-15.23	71.1-24	12.5-7	Luke 8.40-9.6
3/31	Deuteronomy 16.1-17.20	72.1-20	12.8-9	Luke 9.7-27
4/01	Deuteronomy 18.1-20.20	73.1-28	12.10	Luke 9.28-50
4/02	Deuteronomy 21.1-22.30	74.1-23	12.11	Luke 9.51-10.12

The Witness of Scripture Concerning Christ's Resurrection

Exodus 15:1-6

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying, "I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him. The Lord is a Han of war; the Lord is His name. "Pharaoh's chariots and his host He cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a Man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all his enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

"O death, where is your victory?"

O death, where is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

