



A Celebration of the Lord's Day
Resurrection Sunday
This, the 24th day of April,
in the year of our Lord 2011

Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain a respectful and reverent spirit for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship. Please make sure electronic devices are off or are set to silent or vibrate mode.

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ!

Quotes for Reflection

"Christ's atoning work does not change God's wrath to love,
for God's love is itself the source of the atonement."

George Eldon Ladd (1911–1982)

"He is not here; for He is risen," as He said.

"Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."

Matthew 28:6–7

He hideth our unrighteousness with His righteousness,
He covereth our disobedience with His obedience,
He shadoweth our death with His death, that the wrath of God cannot find us.

Henry Smith (1560-1591)

What is Resurrection Sunday?

All the hopes and expectations of Christians are realized in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, making Resurrection Sunday the most celebrative day of the church year.

This morning service is a time of joy, celebration, and renewal. Even churches that do not customarily follow the church year celebrate this day as the culmination of all that the gospel is about.

Because the good news of Resurrection Sunday can hardly be contained in a single day's celebration, Resurrection Sunday is only the first of fifty days of what is traditionally called Eastertide, the "Great Fifty Days" that lead up to Pentecost. This season is designed for extended celebration, for exploring the ramifications of Resurrection Sunday for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living.

God Calls Us: We Gather Together & Praise Him

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into his courts. As the elders come to the front of the sanctuary, please stand, if you are able, in joyous praise to the King of kings and Lord of lords, singing the first verse of the hymn below!

Call to Worship Based on John 11:25-26 and Job 19:25

Elder: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Elder: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

All: For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth.

Elder: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Hymn of Adoration

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Charles Wesley, 1739

Lyra Davidica, 1708

Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, — Al - le - lu - ia!
 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, — Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, — Al - le - lu - ia!
 Soar we now where Christ has led, — Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! — Al - le - lu - ia!

Sons of men and an - gels say, — Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell: — Al - le - lu - ia!
 "Where, O death, is now thy sting?" — Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; — Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to Thee by both be giv'n! — Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids His rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once He died our souls to save; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee we greet tri - um - phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, — ye — heav'n's and earth, re - ply. — Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has — o - pened Par - a - dise. — Al - le - lu - ia!
 "Where thy — vic - to - ry, O grave?" Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours — the — cross, the grave, the skies. — Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hail! — the — Re - sur - rec - tion, Thou! — Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of Adoration

God Cleanses Us: We Confess Our Sins & Are Forgiven

The People of God respond to God's call by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Prayer of Confession *Based on John 20: 24-29; Mark 9:24; Is 1: 4*

Elder: *Lord, we confess that like Thomas, whatever faith we may have, is often bedeviled by doubt. When the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord," he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger into the print of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will not believe."*

All: ***So we cry, "Lord, we believe. Help us in our unbelief."***

Elder: *Lord, we confess that we are a sinful people, laden with iniquity.*

All: ***We are like Thomas, we are sinners and the offspring of sinners. We are doubters, as foolish as children. We have forsaken the Lord; we have despised the Holy One; we are altogether estranged.***

Elder: *And yet, You came to Thomas and said, "Peace to you!"*

All: ***Even so, come to us Lord! Have mercy on us. We come to You believing! Amen!***

Assurance of Pardon *Based on John 3:16*

Elder: *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

Elder: *Brothers and sisters, to all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope, this is God's Word of grace: We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved. This gift we have from God.*

All: ***Thanks be to the Lord!***

God Consecrates Us: We Respond to God

The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts. God particularly entreats us in His Word to sing Psalms. And while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to make use of the Psalter as the Church's songbook.

Affirmation of Faith ~ The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost. The Lord and giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified. Who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe in one * catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead. And the life of the world to come. Amen.

** the word catholic above refers to the church universal, in all times and places.*

Sursum Corda

Elder: *The Lord be with you!*

All: ***And also with you!***

Elder: *Lift up your hearts!*

All: ***We lift them up to the Lord!***

Elder: *Let us give thanks to the Lord!*

All: ***It is right to give Him thanks and praise!***

The Lord Reply in Your Distress

William Leighton, 1614

The LORD re - ply in your dis - tress; may Ja - cob's God de - fend you then.
 May He ac - cept your sac - ri - fice, and all your off - rings bear in mind.
 In Your sal - va - tion we'll re - joice, in our God's name our ban - ners raise;
 I know now that the LORD de - fends and saves His own a - noin - ted king.

And from His place of ho - li - ness both strength and help from Zi - on send.
 May He grant all your heart's de - lights, ful - fill - ing all you have de - signed.
 may the LORD al - ways hear your voice, grant all you ask through all your days.
 From ho - ly heav'n He ans - wer sends; His right hand sa - ving pow'r will bring.

A trust in chariots some proclaim,
 And some in horses take their pride;
 But we will boast and praise this Name:
 The LORD our God, and none beside.

While we are raised and upright stand,
 Our foes are made to bow and fall.
 O save the king, LORD, by Your hand,
 And answer us the day we call.

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O Lord, I Will Exalt You

Melchor Teschner, 1615

O LORD, I will ex - alt You, for You have lift - ed me; my foes You kept from
 Sing prais - es, O you god - ly, who to the LORD be - long. And to His name most
 When pros - p'rous, I once boast - ed, "Un - moved I shall re - main." But You, LORD, by Your
 "O where is the ad - vant - age if my blood should be shed? Will dust de - clare You
 You turned my grief to danc - ing, from sack - cloth set me free; You wrapped me up in

boast - ing, de - nied them vic - to - ry. O LORD, my God, I plead - ed that
 ho - ly show gra - ti - tude in song. His an - ger lasts a mo - ment, His
 fa - vor my moun - tain's strength main - tain; for when Your face was hid - den, I
 faith - ful, can praise come from the dead? O LORD, to me be gra - cious, and
 glad - ness. I shall not si - lent be. In - deed, my soul, my glo - ry, will

You might heal and save; LORD, You from death have ran - somed, and kept me from the grave.
 grace through life goes on; though through the night tears lin - ger, great joy comes with the dawn.
 then be - came dis - mayed. O LORD, to You I cried_ out, and to the Lord I prayed:
 hear me as I've prayed. to You, O LORD, I cry_ out O be my help, my aid."
 praise You and a - dore; O LORD, my God, I'll thank You both now and e - ver - more.

Reading of God's Word

New Testament:

Colossians 3:1-4

Lector: Mr. Mitts

Gospel:

Matthew 28:1-10

Lector: Deacon Sanford

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

As a covenant community, we use this time to come before the Throne of Grace with our prayers of thanksgiving and intercession. Heads of household are encouraged to participate in prayer as we offer up prayer in faith to God. Recognizing our prayer time also ministers to those around us, please be sure to pray so that others can hear you and join you in prayer. Try to keep your prayers centered on the structure below.

Elder: And so, we praise You for Your work in creation, in this world, our homes, and this church....

Our Father, we pray for Your comfort and guidance for...

Your church in the world and this local ministry...

Our nation and its leaders...

Persons with particular needs...

Elder: And we ask that You hear us as we pray as Your Son taught, saying...

All: 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.

Sermon: The Witness of the Coffin – Genesis 50:15-26

Rev. James McDonald

The Witness of the Coffin

April 24, 2011

From Genesis 50:15-26

When Joseph's _____ saw that their father was _____, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will _____ us, and may actually _____ us for all the _____ which we did to him."

So they sent messengers to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he _____, saying,

'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please _____ the trespass of your brothers and their _____; for they did _____ to you." ' Now, please, forgive the trespass of the _____ of the God of your father." And Joseph _____ when they spoke to him.

Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we are your _____."

Joseph said to them, "Do not be _____, for am I in the place of _____?"

But as for you, you _____ evil against me; but God meant it for _____, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people _____. Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will _____ for you and your little ones." And he _____ them and spoke kindly to them.

So Joseph _____ in Egypt, he and his father's household. And Joseph lived _____ and _____ years.

Joseph saw _____ children to the _____ generation. The children of Machir, the son of _____, were also brought up on Joseph's knees.

And Joseph said to his brethren, "I am _____; but God will surely _____ you, and bring you out of this land to the _____ of which He swore to _____, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Then Joseph took an _____ from the children of Israel, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall _____ up my bones from here."

So Joseph died, being one hundred and ten years old; and they _____ him, and he was put in a _____ in _____.

Questions to Ponder

- What are the three main divisions of the book of Genesis?
- Why were Joseph's brothers fearful? Had Joseph given them any reason to fear? How do Christians similarly fear God?
- What doctrine do we find in Genesis 3 that is basis for the brothers' actions against Joseph?
- What did the brothers deserve? What did they receive? How does this mirror the actions of our God?
- How many examples of God's providence can you cite from Genesis? How many examples of election?
- What were the promises incorporated in God's covenant with Abraham? How are they manifested in Joseph's last days?
- What did Joseph's coffin mean to the Hebrews? What does the empty tomb mean for us?

Genesis 50:15-26

C D S T O S C
F I O E R R H
A A A S J E I
F S T L O H L
R E O H S T D
A L I V E O R
I J O S P R E
D I E D H B N

AFRAID ALSO BROTHERS
CHILDREN DIED EVIL
FATHER JOSEPH SAID

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend

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In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light my strength my
 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
 There in the ground His bo - dy lay, light of the world by dark - ness
 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in

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song. This Cor - ner stone, this so - lid Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and
 babe. This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to
 slain. Then burst - ing forth, in glo - rious Day, up from the grave He rose a -
 me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -

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storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 save. Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sa - tis -
 gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can e - ver pluck me from His

cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand!
 fied. For ev - v'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live!
 me, for I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ!
 hand; till He re - turns, or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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Note: Repeat the line that begins: "till he returns..." at the end

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

With joy, we offer our gifts to God as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

Doxology

Thomas Ken, 1709

Old Hundredth, 1551

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him all crea - tures here be - low; praise Him a - bove. ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

God Communes with Us: We Eat God's Food at His Table

God beckons His people to the bounty of His table. Having confessed our sins and made a good profession of faith, God's Table is open to all baptized members of the covenant community. Please come forward to partake of this means of grace as your row is released by the deaconate. The outer ring of the tray is grape juice, all of the inner rings are wine.

Summary of the Scriptural Teaching of Communion The Words of Institution

All: *And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:*

Trisagion Hymn

Is 6:3, Rev 4:8, Mt 21:9

Gregory D. Wilbur, 2009

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and
might, Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
might, Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est Ho -

high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. A - men!
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. A - men!

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Elder: *Christ is the bread of life:*

All: *When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
We proclaim Your death, Lord Jesus,
Until You come in glory!*

Elder: *Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us. 1 Cor 5:7*

All: *Therefore, let us keep the feast! 1 Cor 5:8*

Elder: *The gifts of God for the people of God. John 4:10*

All: *Thanks be to the Lord!*

Communion Psalms and Hymns

The congregation is invited to sing as the sacrament is observed. Please use your Psalters and hymnals during this portion of worship.

His Birth:	Hymn 207 - Good Christian Men, Rejoice
His Ministry:	Hymn 235 - All Glory, Laud, and Honor
His Death:	Hymn 247 - O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
His Resurrection:	Hymn 276 - Up From the Grave He Arose
His Ascension:	Hymn 290 - Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise
His Exaltation:	Hymn 302 - Come, Christians, Join To Sing

Prayer of Commitment *Based on 1 Peter 1:3-5*

God and Father of our Lord Jesus, we praise You for breathing new life in us based solely on Your abundant mercy. Because Jesus has risen from the dead, we have a living hope and a sure inheritance, incorruptible and undefiled, one that does not fade away. This inheritance is reserved in heaven for us! And now, we are kept secure in Your power through faith. Help us to share the joy of this salvation revealed now, in this time through our words and our actions. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

God Commissions Us: We March Out to Serve God

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Please stand, if you are able.

Charge and Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

Elder: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

Twila Paris

Lamb of God

Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side to walk up -
Your gift of love, they cru - ci - fied. They laughed and scorned Him as He_ died. The hum - ble
I was so lost, I should have died. But You havebrought me to Your side, to be led

on this guil - ty sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.
King they named a fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. 2,3 Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of
by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh wash me

in His pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ the Lamb of God.

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Note: We sing the chorus only on verses 2 and three.

Providence Church Worship Guide – Week of April 24, 2011

Christian Year: Resurrection Sunday

Read the Word

Family			Private	
Monday	Num 2	Ps 36	Eccl 12	Philem
Tuesday	Num 3	Ps 37	Song 1	Heb 1
Wednesday	Num 4	Ps 38	Song 2	Heb 2
Thursday	Num 5	Ps 39	Song 3	Heb 3
Friday	Num 6	Ps 40, 41	Song 4	Heb 4
Saturday	Num 7	Ps 42, 43	Song 5	Heb 5
Sunday	Num 8	Ps 44	Song 6	Heb 6

To read online: http://www.gnpccb.org/esv/devotions/one_year.tract/

Sing a New Song

Feel free to borrow a hymnal or Psalter - just bring them with you each week!

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!
 In Christ Alone
 Up From the Grave He Arose
 Psalm 20 - The Lord Reply in Your Distress
 Psalm 30 - O Lord, I Will Exalt You
 Lamb of God
 4/27 - Legislative Day!
 5/1 - Congregational Meeting
 5/3 - Men's Meeting/Session Meeting
 5/12-14 Presbytery
 5/14 - May Hymn Sing
 6/17 - Art's Alive!

Learn the Catechism

Question 4 - What is God?

God is a Spirit, (John 4:24) infinite, (Job 11:7-9) eternal, (Ps. 90:2) and unchangeable, (James 1:17) in His being, (Exod. 3:14) wisdom, (Ps. 147:5) power, (Rev. 4:8) holiness, (Rev. 15:4) justice, goodness, and truth. (Exod. 34:6-7)

Question 5 - Are there more Gods than one?

There is but One only, the living and true God. (Deut. 6:4, Jer. 10:10)

Pray for One Another - ACTS: Adoration – Confession – Thanksgiving - Supplication

Sunday	Pray that God will be glorified through you in the upcoming week.
Monday	Pray for the children and youth in our church.
Tuesday	Pray for the leaders of our nation.
Wednesday	Pray for missionaries spreading the message of Christ throughout the US.
Thursday	Pray for those serving in the US military.
Friday	Pray for specific opportunities to bless others.
Saturday	Pray that God will be glorified as we gather for worship this Lord's Day

Prayers for the Church

Pray for Providence Church: Her leaders, unity, and mission

Our missionaries: Adams (Quebec) and Hendersons (Philippines), South Side Mission, Christ the Redeemer (Missouri), The Persecution Project

Pray for Pastor Walker and the families of CVP as they prepare for Presbytery 2011

Mexico - Pray for Pastor Josué Ramírez Santiago, who was kidnapped during Sunday morning worship, April 10, in front of 500 worshipers. Four masked men burst into the church and opened fire with automatic weapons. They seized the pastor and are now demanding \$1.8 million dollars for his release. Drug traffickers are the suspects.

Pray for Samaritan Ministries - that God would protect their good work

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Rejoice in the hope we have in Jesus!

Prayers for the Nations

Pray for families with loved ones in the military (Auer, Blick, and Sanford)

Pray for the Lord to be merciful to the nation of Japan

Prayers for the People

For those in need of healing: Abigail Robb, Denise Sproul, Katie Ledferd

Remember those with child: Jennifer S, Kelly D, Johanna R, Theresa L

Pray for those in college: Jeffrey, Ashton, Josiah

Those traveling: James and Jill, Christa B

Homes for Sale: Price, Mitts, Pickle - also remember the Degenhart need

Pray for those seeking to adopt: Blick, Sanford, Witzig

The Evans' water situation

Employment/Business Start ups: Scott P

Pray for believers in the grips of sin

Pray for those seeking wisdom

Longer term health issues: Theresa L, James L's sister, Pastor LaMay, Christa B, Dawn & Len M, Joey Tosti, Stacy M's father, Katie L, Greg Boyd, Ruth Younts, Erin W, Espi C, Kathey T, Barbara A, Heather P, Sheri R, Joe V

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that You promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed; but through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and giving me forgiveness and new life. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

A Note to Our Visitors

It is a pleasure having you as a special guest in our Sunday worship today. We hope that you feel warmly welcomed by those around you.

Our goal at Providence Church is to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ through biblical worship and through a lifestyle of community to others. We consider it a privilege to make ourselves available to you and your family, and would appreciate the opportunity to get to know you better.

Whether you are new to the area, are searching for a new church, or are simply visiting, we hope that it will not be your last time with us. Feel free to contact us at the church office (309-387-2600) if there is any way that we can be of service to you, or if you have questions that you would like answered about Providence Church or the Christian Faith. Our elders and deacons are here for you!

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