



THE LORD'S DAY EASTER SEASON

May 3, 2020

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 95:1-3

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Hear now the commandments of Your God, which he has commanded you to keep, saying, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." This is the first and great commandment.

**And the second, like unto it is this,
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."**

Have you fully obeyed the Lord in all that he has commanded?

**No, but we have sinned against Him
in thought, word, and deed.**

INDIVIDUAL SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 Peter 2:24

Christ Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
By his wounds you have been healed.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "In Christ Alone"

**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.**

**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 wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

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

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 scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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CONFESSION 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 and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit 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 sits on the right hand of the Father.**

**And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy 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.**

READING OF GOD'S WORD: Hebrews 11

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD: Rev. James H. Grant, Jr

How Faith Words in Spiritual Growth

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who 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.**

BENEDICTION: Numbers 6:24-26

**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.**