



Full courage and joy

May 3, 2020

Covenant Presbyterian Church of Chicago

4th Sunday of Eastertide

Eastertide Call to Worship

from an ancient Easter hymn of praise known as the Exultet.

Leader: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation!

**All: Rejoice, heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
To the one who is, and who was, and who is to come.**

Leader: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,
radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!
Darkness vanishes forever!

**All: Rejoice, heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!**



1. Come, peo-ple of the ris-en King, who de-light to bring him
 2. Come, those whose joy is morn-ing sun, and those weep-ing through the
 3. Come, young and old from ev-'ry land, men and wom-en of the



praise. Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the morn-ing star of
 night. Come, those who tell of bat-tles won, and those strug-gling in the
 faith. Come, those with full or emp-ty hands; find the rich-es of his



grace. From the shift-ing sha-dows of the earth, we will
 fight. For his per-fect love will nev-er change, and his
 grace. O-ver all the world his peo-ple sing; shore to



lift our eyes to him, where stead-y arms of mer-cy reach to___
 mer-cies nev-er cease, but fol-low us through all our days with the
 shore, we hear them call the truth that cries through ev-'ry age: "Our___



gath-er child-ren in. Re-joyce, re-joyce! Let ev-'ry tongue re-
 cer-tain hope of peace. God is all in all."



joyce! One heart, one voice; Oh, Church of Christ, re-joyce!

Come People of the Risen King, by Keith & Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend, 2001

Confession of Sin, from Ephesians 2:12-13

Leader: Remember that you were at one time separated from Christ, alienated and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

All: But now in Christ Jesus we who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Silent time to pray and confess

A prayer for confession:

Loving God,
You were victorious on that first Easter morning, and you are victorious now.
You conquered the grave and made a way for peace with us.
Yet we confess our unbelief.
We confess our anxious hearts and minds.
Help us in our unbelief.
Forgive us our sins.
Help us to rest in you and your mercy,
for through the cross and resurrection of your Son, you redeemed us and made us whole.
Amen.

Prayer of silent confession:

Led by Ben Adamson



1. Peace, per - fect peace. In our dark world of sin,
2. Peace, per - fect peace. By throng - ing du - ties pressed,
3. Peace, per - fect peace. With sor - rows surg - ing round,
4. Peace, per - fect peace. Our fu - ture's all un - known,
5. Peace, per - fect peace. Death clings to us and ours,



your blood, Lord Je - sus, whis - pers peace with - in. _____
to do your will, oh Je - sus, this is rest. _____ to chorus
be - neath your sha - dow, on - ly calm is found. _____
but you we know, our Sav - ior on the throne. _____ to chorus
yet you have van - quished death and all its powers. _____ to chorus



Peace, per-fect peace, — it is e - nough. Lord Je - sus, give us peace. —

Peace, Perfect Peace: Words, Edward Bickersteth, 1875; Music and addl. words, Paul van der Bijl, 2020

Assurance of Pardon, from Ephesians 1

Leader: *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.*

Sing to Assure



1. Mar - ve - lous grace of our lo - ving Lord, grace that ex - ceeds our
2. Sin and des - pair, like the sea waves cold, threa - ten the soul with
3. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide. What can a - veil to
4. Mar - ve - lous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace, free - ly bes - towed on



sin and our guilt! Yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured,
in - fi - nite loss; grace that is grea - ter, yes, grace un - told,
wash it a - way? Look! There is flo - wing a crim - son tide,
all who be - lieve! You that are long - ing to see his face,



there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.
points to the re - fuge, the migh - ty cross.
brigh - ter than snow you may be to - day.
will you this mo - ment his grace re - ceive?



Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in;



grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is grea - ter than all our sin!

Marvelous Grace, Julia Johnson, Daniel Towner, 1910

Lessons from the Word *read by Chris and Dave Jarvis*

Old Testament Lesson -
Gospel Lesson -

Psalm 40.1-4
Mark 13.9-11

Reader: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

The Word

Pastor Aaron Baker
Yes, I will Rejoice, Philippians 1.18b-26

Yes, and I will rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Prayers of the People

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Grant Mercy and Peace'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the second line, with a long note under 'need.' followed by a rest. The third staff contains the final line, ending with a double bar line.

Gra-nt mer - cy and peace, To all those bow'd in grief In our
ho - ur of need. _____ Grant mer - cy and
pea - ce. Gra-nt mer - cy and peace. _

Grant Mercy and Peace, Paul van der Bijl, 2011

Prayers for our community, our city, and our world led by Lamont Black


Leader: Lord in your mercy
All: Hear our 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, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen**


Announcements in our community

Go With Joy

All:




1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
2. O rush-ing winds that are so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heav'n a-long,
3. O ev'-ry-one of ten-der heart, For-giv-ing oth-ers take your part,

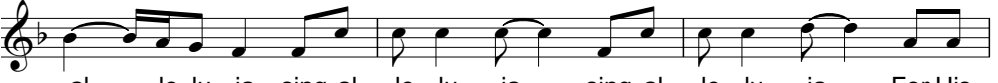


Sun, moon 'n stars re-joice on high, Praise to the Lord of light di-vine, Sing al-
O ris-ing moon, in praise re-joice, Ye lights of eve-ning find a voice! Sing al-
All you who pain 'nd sor-row bear, Praise God and lay on Him your care. Sing al-


Refrain:



le - lu - ia!__ Sing al - le - lu - ia!__ Praise the Fa-ther a bove, sing



al - le-lu - ia, sing al - le - lu - ia,__ sing al - le - lu - ia,__ For His



in - fi - nite love,__ sing al - le - lu - ia!

All Creatures, Words: Francis of Assisi, 1225. Music: Steve Hindalong, 2002

Leader: **Benediction**

Romans 15:5-7 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.