

SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2009

G U I D E T O W O R S H I P

Welcome to Cross Sound Church. This page includes some of the elements of today's worship. It's designed to give you scriptures, prayers, and thoughts for further reflection during your week.

Children K-5th grade are invited to go directly to their classes this morning. Parents are asked to please pick their child up from class at the end of the service.

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Come, let us return to the LORD.

He has torn us to pieces
but he will heal us;
he has injured us
but he will bind up our wounds.

After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will restore us,
that we may live in his presence.

Let us acknowledge the LORD;
let us press on to acknowledge him.
As surely as the sun rises,
he will appear;
he will come to us like the winter rains,
like the spring rains that water the earth."

—Hosea 6:1-3

SINGING TOGETHER

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new.

Assurance of Pardon

Death has been swallowed up in Victory
Where, O Death is your victory?
Where, O Death 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. — 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

Easter Choir

SINGING TOGETHER

READING OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE (RESPONSIVELY)

Christ died for all, in order that they who are alive may live no longer for themselves but for him who died for them and rose again.

Thanks be to God, who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

If then any are in Christ, they are a new creation; the former things have passed away: behold, they are made new.

Thanks be to God, who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

For God, who commanded light to shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts, to give enlightenment concerning the knowledge of the glory of God, shining on the face of Christ Jesus.

Thanks be to God, who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

Thanks be to God, who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Walk, then, as children of light, for the fruit of the light is in all goodness and justice and truth, and test what is well pleasing to God.

Thanks be to God, who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

For if we live, we live to the Lord, or if we die, we die to the Lord.

Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

You were buried together with Christ in baptism, and in him also you rose again through faith in the working of God who raised him from the dead.

Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

"Death is swallowed up in victory! O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

Thanks be to God, who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

—based on Romans 14:8; 1 Corinthians 15:54-55; 2 Corinthians 4:6; 5:15, 17; Ephesians 5:8-10; Colossians 2:12

GOSPEL LESSON

(See back page)

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CONFESSING OUR FAITH

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, through your love and power you raised Jesus from the dead. Give us eyes to see the new creation which you are ushering in. Grant that we might proclaim the resurrection by the way we live together with one another and our neighbors.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Jesus, our Redeemer, through your suffering we are healed. We pray for our broken world, where friend is set against friend, and strife and war affect each of your children. We pray especially for resolution to conflicts in Africa and the Middle East, and for skill and grace for our world leaders as they respond.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, the comforter, make your presence known and come near all those who are reviled and oppressed. Heal also the sick, bring companions to the lonely, provide food for the hungry, grant work to the jobless, protect the vulnerable, give peace to the distressed, comfort the mourners, and grant rest to the weary; for this, O Lord, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

COMMUNION

When he was at the table with them, he took bread,
gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them.
Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him....

— Luke 24:30-31

OFFERING

My God will supply all your needs according to his riches
in glory in Christ Jesus.

— Philippians 4:19

BENEDICTION

May the God of peace,
who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep,
make us ready to do his will in every good thing,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Alleluia! Amen.

—based on Hebrews 13:20-21

Series: Signs of Hope**Message: Seeing and Believing****Scripture: John 12:23-24,32,19:38 - 20:18**

²³Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

Jesus said.... When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men to myself.

— John 12:23-24, 32

³⁸Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. ³⁹He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. ⁴⁰Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. ⁴¹At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴²Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ³So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. ⁸Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes, ¹¹but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹²and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵"Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

¹⁷Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

¹⁸Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

— John 19:38 - 20:18

Quotes:

"Wake up, O sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."

— Ephesians 5:14

"The third day a new life of Jesus begins; but at the same time on the third day there begins a new Aeon, a new shape of the world...." — Karl Barth

"The central Christian affirmation is that what the creator God has done in Jesus Christ, and supremely in his resurrection is what he intends to do for the whole world — meaning, by world, the entire cosmos with all its history." — N.T. Wright

Ultimately, believing *that* God raised Jesus from the dead is a matter of believing and trusting *in* the God who would, and did, do such a thing. — N.T. Wright



HOW FAIR AND LOVELY IS THE HOPE WHICH THE LORD GAVE TO THE DEAD
WHEN HE LAY DOWN LIKE THEM BESIDE THEM. RISE UP AND COME FORTH
AND SING PRAISE TO HIM WHO HAS RAISED YOU FROM DESTRUCTION.

— SYRIAN ORTHODOX LITURGY



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