

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 3, 2009

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Worship begins when the first worshiper arrives. Please worship silently during the Prelude. In order to maintain an atmosphere of reverent worship please do not photograph or videotape the worship and remember to turn off your cell phone. Please Stand for items marked with an *.*

PRAYER

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GATHERING

Psalm 91/Hyfrydol

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O come let us bow down and worship;

let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

For the Lord is our God;

we are the Lord's people, the flock that God shepherds.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent Jesus, our good shepherd, to gather us together. May we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

HYMNAL, 574

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(The people may exchange with one another, by words and gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation)

*GLORIA PATRI

HYMNAL, 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*THE READING OF THE LAW

After confessing sins, being reassured of forgiveness and making peace, may we now remember the standard by which God calls us to live.

God spoke all these words, saying, I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's home; you shall not covet your neighbor's spouse, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Blessed are they whose delight is in the law of the Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH *(Children's Worship for 4 yr. old-1st grade)*

CANTICLE

"Sanctus" from the Mass in F

Schubert

✠PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 John 3:16-24

* John 10:11-18

SERMON

Bold as Love

C.J. Thompson

RESPONSE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS &

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT (11:00 A.M.)

PRESENTATION

RENUNCIATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS

PRAYER

WELCOME

Let us welcome our newest members...

...with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's Church to share with us in this ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

*HYMN 298

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

In Babilone

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(after each petition, the people may respond)*

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

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.

THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* arr. Willan
(the text to the anthem is found in the hymnal, page 462)

*Doxology

HYMNAL, 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SENDING

*HYMN 426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Canonbury

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Psalm 116/What Shall I Render?

PRAYER LIST: Sue Banner's niece – Angela Baker; Sue Banner's sister-in-law – Kathy Osborne; Dawson Blackburn's friend – Cooper Erby; Nate Collier's uncle – Larry Cox; Alice Darnell's mother – Mariah Goodloe; Cathie Davidson's friend – Louise White; Janet Frame's friend – Susanne Smith; Kim Joiner's brother – Jeff Kilpatrick; Greg Lessley's friends – Mike and Jeanine Mortin; Paula Ligon's friend – Richard Swaim; Bob Osowiecki's son – Noel Osowiecki; Scott Russell's grandmother – Mary Russell; Scott Russell's uncle – Robert Helton; Bruce Whearty; Elizabeth Winkler

DEATHS: Susan Oldham's brother – David Brubaker; Scott Russell's grandmother – Mary Russell

(This list includes recent requests on our public list. In your weekly prayers, please remember our confidential and long term requests)

LITURGISTS

8:30 Barrett Dozier 11:00 a.m. Sue Mahurin

USHERS

8:30 a.m. Sue and Fred Banner; Don Sargent; Bill Minshall;
Dianne and Bob Osowiecki

11:00 a.m. Mike and Colln Henry; Carolyn and Warren Keller; Renee
and Kyle Lawrence; Helen Lindell; Sara Secor

NURSERY

8:30 a.m. Susan Wade 11:00 a.m. Paul Ligon; Emma Statz

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP I *(The Good Shepherd and the Lord's Supper(1) Psalm 23; John 10; Matthew 18)*

8:30 a.m. Carol Enoch ; Karen Sartin

11:00 a.m. Margaret Rogers; Lynne Hutson

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP II *(Peter, Follower of Jesus, Heals a Lame Man – Acts 3:1 -16)*

11:00 a.m. Denise Shaw

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Worship Notes: Thanks to those leading music in worship this morning: The Chancel and Chapel Choirs, and Tom Wilhoite, bagpipe. On Wednesday, May 13th, we shall be celebrating the end of the Wednesday Night Live year with yet another Choir Palooza. Come for supper at 6:00, and then enjoy the various choirs as they share their secular songs and activities. It's a hoot!

Flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God by Susan and Fred Williams in memory of Raymond and Maude Monroe, Susan's parents.

Wednesday Night Live: This week's menu includes fried chicken, corn casserole, green beans, applesauce and assorted desserts.

Wednesday Night Live Ends May 13th: Our final Wednesday Night Live program of the year will be Wednesday, May 13th.