

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Post Oak Presbyterian Church
Cookeville, Tennessee

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2010

THE CHURCH GATHERS

TO PRAISE THE LORD

Call to Worship

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!

People: **Jesus Christ our King is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation!**

Leader: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,
radiant in the brightness of your King!

People: **Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!
Darkness vanishes forever!**

Leader: Rejoice, O mother church! Exult in glory!
The risen Savior shines upon you!

People: **Let this place resound with joy,
echoing the mighty song of all God's people!**

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

*Hymn 417

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

*Invocation/Lord's Prayer

TO CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Amid our Easter celebrations, it is well to pause for moments of reflection. How can we share the joy of new life if we have not taken time to examine old ways that lead to death? How will we recognize the risen Christ if we have not walked with the earthly Jesus?

Unison Confession of Corporate Sin

O God, who raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, the message of Easter has come again before we were ready to receive it. The Palm Sunday parade demanded very little of us. We could join in the hosannas. But the betrayal and denial, the suffering and shame, the agony and death, have left us fearful and shaken. We have become enemies of Jesus without intending to be disloyal. We have left him in the tomb, lest he upset our daily lives. The Jesus of long ago seems more comfortable to us than the Christ who is risen today in our midst. We confess our reluctance to let Christ claim us and change us. Oh God, we need forgiveness even on this Sunday when we think of resurrection. And so we pray: Christ, have mercy on us. Amen.

Silent Confession of Individual Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news. The disciples who deserted Jesus felt the embrace of his forgiveness before he went back to heaven. The spirit of Christ has come among us today, claiming us for our new life together. God wants to forgive us. God intends that we move from death to life. All of us are invited to share in the promise of this Easter season.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!

Scripture Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Hymn (see Bulletin Insert)

“Because He Lives” “He Is Lord”

TO GIVE OURSELVES IN THANKSGIVING

Offertory Sentence: Our offerings are but one response to the good news of Easter. They are appropriate expressions of thanks to God. But no offering is a substitute for personal faithfulness to God, who calls us to be healers, witnesses, and lovers of the world’s people, whom Christ came to save.

Offerings of the People

*Doxology

*Prayer of Consecration

Prayer Concerns

“Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus; magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King. Majesty, worship his majesty; Jesus, who

died, now glorified, King of all kings. ”
The Prayers of the People

TO HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Lesson

St. John 20:1-18

Sermon

“Running to Easter”
Wesley Henry, Pastor

The Apostles’ Creed (see insert)

TO GO FORTH TO TELL THE GOOD NEWS

*Hymn 164

“He Lives”

*Charge and Benediction

*Departure to Serve

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*Those who are able may stand.