

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Post Oak Presbyterian Church
Cookeville, Tennessee

Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2010

THE CHURCH GATHERS

To Greet One Another in Love
To Join the Choir of Angels in Songs of Praise
Prelude and Time for Personal Prayer and Meditation

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: We come again to celebrate resurrection.
God gives us new birth into a living hope.

People: **Death has no power over us.
Christ goes before us in the new life God offers.**

Leader: Blessed be the God of our Savior Jesus Christ!
Our faith, tested by fire, is renewed.

People: **Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice.
God shows us the path of life.**

Leader: Again, Jesus says to us: Peace be with you.
Come to receive life in Christ's name.

People: **Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!**

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

*Hymn 77 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*Invocation/Lord's Prayer

TO CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

How quickly we forget that we are an Easter people, raised up out of the ways of death into fullness of life. We confess now all that keeps us from accepting the

presence of the Holy Spirit who longs to claim us.

Unison Confession of Corporate Sin

We have taken the name of Christian, but few of us are known primarily by that name. We have experienced Easter radiance, but we seldom reflect the light of our risen Savior. We have heard the message of salvation, but it grows cold on our lips and is of little influence on our lives. Sometimes we delude ourselves that, because we are basically good people, there is no sin in us. We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Sin is separation from you, and we have allowed great chasms and built high walls to keep you out of our lives. With confidence given by those who have gone before us, we now offer ourselves to you. And so we pray: Christ, have mercy on us. Amen.

Silent Confession of Corporate Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news. When we know not what we do, God in Christ forgives us. When we know all too well what we have done, there is pardon if we face our guilt. The forgiveness of God is ours to receive – right now! Accept the gift of forgiveness and praise God!

Leader: Friends, believe the gospel!

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

Scripture: Revelation 1:1-8, 17-19

Hymn 151 “Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus”

TO GIVE OURSELVES IN THANKSGIVING

Offertory Sentence: How amazing are the works of God! By God’s mercy, we are alive; in God’s presence, we are filled with hope. One way to pass on the gift is to share our material wealth, which God entrusts to us. As we offer our substance to be blessed in service to the risen Christ, let us rededicate ourselves as well.

Offerings of the People

*Doxology

*Prayer of Consecration

Prayer Concerns

“He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every

tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. He is King, he is King! He will draw all nations to him, he is King; and the time shall be when the world shall sing that Jesus Christ is King! He is Love, he is Love! He has shown us by his life that he is Love; all his people sing with one voice of joy that Jesus Christ is Love! He is Life, he is Life! He has died to set us free and he is Life; and he calls us all to live evermore, for Jesus Christ is Life."

The Prayers of the People

TO HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Lesson

St. John 20:19-31

Sermon

"The Benefit of the Doubt"
Wesley Henry, Pastor

TO GO FORTH TO TELL THE GOOD NEWS

*Hymn 200

"A New Name in Glory"

*Charge and Benediction

*Departure to Serve

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*Those who are able may stand.