



Hope Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

John 1:4

Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 15, Hebrews 14:14-16

LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent?

Who may live on your holy mountain?

**The one whose walk is blameless,
who does what is righteous,
who speaks the truth from their heart;
whose tongue utters no slander,
who does no wrong to a neighbor,
and casts no slur on others;
who despises a vile person
but honors those who fear the LORD;
who keeps an oath even when it hurts,
and does not change their mind;
who lends money to the poor without interest;
who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.
Whoever does these things
will never be shaken.**

[Pause]

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our

weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are —yet he did not sin.

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Invocation

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

Jesus I Come

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Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 10 For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! 11 Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

The Worship Sourcebook

**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. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 1:18-21

18 You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. 20 He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. 21 Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Doxology

Thomas Ken (1674).

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.

Offering

Giving is part of our worship. God calls us to give generously, regularly, and joyfully to support the ministry of our local congregations. We do not give in order to earn God's blessing or favor. We give because he has already given us his blessing and favor in Christ. Financial offerings can be given in person or online at hopeportland.org/give.

Offertory

God is always at work in us and in our communities. Each week, this time is set aside for the sharing, or "offering", of our stories. Have you experienced an awareness of God's work in your life lately? What do you see God doing in and around the places you work and live?

Prayers for Christ's Church & World

Let us pray as our Savior has taught us. . .

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your 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 do not lead us into temptation,

but deliver us from the evil one:

For yours is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, for ever.

Amen.

Sermon Text

John 11:45-57

45 Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. 46 But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. 47 Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin.

“What are we accomplishing?” they asked. “Here is this man performing many signs. 48 If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation.”

49 Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, “You know nothing at all! 50 You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish.”

51 He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, 52 and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. 53 So from that day on they plotted to take his life.

54 Therefore Jesus no longer moved about publicly among the people of Judea. Instead he withdrew to a region near the wilderness, to a village called Ephraim, where he stayed with his disciples.

55 When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, many went up from the country to Jerusalem for their ceremonial cleansing before the Passover. 56 They kept looking for Jesus, and as they stood in the temple courts they asked one another, “What do you think? Isn’t he coming to the festival at all?” 57 But the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that anyone who found out where Jesus was should report it so that they might arrest him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev Charlie Shaw

The Focus of Our Faith

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

70 - 72. Which is the the seventh commandment? What is required in the seventh commandment? What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?

The seventh commandment is, Thou shalt not commit adultery.

The seventh commandment requireth the preservation of our own and our neighbor's chastity, in heart, speech, and behavior.

The seventh commandment forbiddeth all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions thereunto.

Communion

How should you participate?

All baptized Christians, who are looking to Jesus for life and salvation are invited to receive Communion. Everyone is invited to use this time to reflect on the message and meaning of this sacrament - that Jesus is God's person who has given his life for the life of the world.

How should our children participate?

To receive communion, children must be baptized Christians who are looking to Jesus for their life and salvation. In our tradition, we ask young children to make a profession of faith in Christ and be examined and confirmed by the church elders before receiving Communion.

Gluten-free crackers are on the table beside the bread. The cups contain grape juice.

Come and Rest

Dwan Hill, Jessica Ray Langdon, Natalie Taylor Leonhardt, (2022)

Have you been trying to move a mountain
and the mountain it will not move?
Have you been struggling to remember
somebody is looking out for you?

Come and rest,
Come and rest,
Come and rest,
In the love of God.

Do you need a mother, do you need a father?
Oh everybody needs a friend.
And are you looking for the way home?
Do you wanna feel that peace again?

[Chorus]

There's a time for all your working;
there's a time to put your hand to the plow.
Can you hear it? Jesus is singing,
Come and lay your burdens down;
Come and lay your burdens down;
Come and lay your burdens down!

[Chorus]

Trisagion

Traditional, tune by Fernando Ortega, 2011, CCLI #11026168

Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal one,
Have mercy, have mercy on us.

Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal one,
Have mercy, have mercy on us.

Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal one,
Have mercy, have mercy on us.

Benediction

Romans 8:11

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Come Quickly, Lord Jesus, Amen!



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