



## The Order of Celebration and Worship of God

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*May 2, 2021*

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come— this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

### Opening Prayer

#### Greeting and Call To Worship

**Leader:** Lift up your heads, O you gates;  
be lifted up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

**People:** *Who is this King of glory?*

**Leader:** The LORD strong and mighty,  
the LORD mighty in battle.

**People:** *Lift up your heads, O you gates;  
lift them up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.*

**Leader:** Who is he, this King of glory?

**People:** *The LORD Almighty—  
he is the King of glory.*

—Psalm 24.7-10

#### Opening Hymn | He Came Down

*A traditional song from Cameroon, transcribed by John L. Bell (1986)*

*He came down that we may have love;  
He came down that we may have love;  
He came down that we may have love;  
Hallelujah forevermore!*

*He came down that we may have light;  
He came down that we may have light;  
He came down that we may have light;  
Hallelujah forevermore!*

*He came down that we may have peace;  
He came down that we may have peace;  
He came down that we may have peace;  
Hallelujah forevermore!*

*He came down that we may have joy;*

*He came down that we may have joy;  
He came down that we may have joy;  
Hallelujah forevermore!*

*He came down that we may have life;  
He came down that we may have life;  
He came down that we may have life;  
Hallelujah forevermore!*

## **Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

**Leader:** Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

**All Singing:** *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.*

**Leader:** Praise the Lord!

**People:** *The Name of the Lord be praised!*

## **Hymn of Worship | Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

Words by James Montgomery (1821, alt. S. McCracken), music by Sandra McCracken (2012)

*Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!  
His reign on earth begun!*

*He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
To take away transgression and rule in equity. (Chorus)*

*He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong.*

*To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in His sight. (Chorus)*

*He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth.*

*Kings shall fall down before Him, and gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing. (Chorus)*

*The tide of time shall never His covenant remove.  
His Name shall stand forever, that Name to us is Love. (Chorus)*

## Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

**People:** *Merciful God,  
in your gracious presence  
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.  
Although Christ is among us as our peace,  
we are a people divided against ourselves  
as we cling to the values of a broken world.  
The profit and pleasures we pursue  
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.  
The fears and jealousies that we harbor  
set neighbor against neighbor  
and nation against nation.  
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,  
of intellect and reason,  
and turn them into bonds of oppression.  
Lord, have mercy upon us;  
heal and forgive us.  
Set us free to serve you in the world  
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

**Leader:** If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.  
O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.  
It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.

**People:** *Thanks be to God!*

## Passing of the Peace

**Leader:** May the peace of the Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

**Leader:** Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Gospel Reading | John 15.1-8

[1] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. [2] Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. [3] Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. [4] Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. [5] I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. [6] If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a

branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. [7] If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. [8] By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

## **Hymn of Worship | Satisfied**

*Words by Clara T. Williams, 1875; Music by Karl Digerness, 1997*

*All my life long I had panted for a drink from some cool spring  
That I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within  
Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved.*

*Feeding on the filth around me, 'till my strength was almost gone  
Longed my soul for something better, only still to hunger on  
Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved.*

*Poor I was and sought for riches, something that would satisfy  
But the dust I gathered 'round me only mocked my soul's sad cry  
Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved.*

*Well of water ever springing, Bread of Life so rich and free  
Untold wealth that never faileth, my Redeemer is to me  
Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved.*

## **Psalm | Psalm 22.25-31**

**Leader:** From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

**People:** *My vows I will perform before those who fear him.*

**Leader:** The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;

**People:** *Those who seek him shall praise the LORD!*

**Leader:** May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember

**People:** *And turn to the LORD,*

**Leader:** And all the families of the nations

**People:** *Shall worship before you.*

**Leader:** For kingship belongs to the LORD,

**People:** *And he rules over the nations.*

**Leader:** All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

**People:** *Before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,*

**Leader:** Even the one who could not keep himself alive.

**People:** *Posterity shall serve him;*

**Leader:** *It shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;*

**People:** *They shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,  
That he has done it.*

**Sermon Text | Excerpts from Exodus 28 & 29**

[1] “Then bring near to you Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the people of Israel, to serve me as priests—Aaron and Aaron’s sons, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. [2] And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty. [3] You shall speak to all the skillful, whom I have filled with a spirit of skill, that they make Aaron’s garments to consecrate him for my priesthood. [4] These are the garments that they shall make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a coat of checker work, a turban, and a sash. They shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons to serve me as priests. [5] They shall receive gold, blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and fine twined linen.

[29] So Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment on his heart, when he goes into the Holy Place, to bring them to regular remembrance before the LORD. [30] And in the breastpiece of judgment you shall put the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be on Aaron’s heart, when he goes in before the LORD. Thus Aaron shall bear the judgment of the people of Israel on his heart before the LORD regularly.

[36] “You shall make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it, like the engraving of a signet, ‘Holy to the LORD.’ [37] And you shall fasten it on the turban by a cord of blue. It shall be on the front of the turban. [38] It shall be on Aaron’s forehead, and Aaron shall bear any guilt from the holy things that the people of Israel consecrate as their holy gifts. It shall regularly be on his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

[29.35] “Thus you shall do to Aaron and to his sons, according to all that I have commanded you. Through seven days shall you ordain them, [36] and every day you shall offer a bull as a sin offering for atonement. Also you shall purify the altar, when you make atonement for it, and shall anoint it to consecrate it. [37] Seven days you shall make atonement for the altar and consecrate it, and the altar shall be most holy. Whatever touches the altar shall become holy.

[38] “Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs a year old day by day regularly. [39] One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight. [40] And with the first lamb a tenth measure of fine flour mingled with a fourth of a hin of beaten oil, and a fourth of a hin of wine for a drink offering. [41] The other lamb you shall offer at twilight, and shall offer with it a grain offering and its drink offering, as in the morning, for a pleasing aroma, a food offering to the LORD. [42] It shall be a regular burnt offering throughout your generations at the entrance of the tent of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there. [43] There I will meet with the people of Israel, and it shall be sanctified by my glory. [44] I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar. Aaron also and his sons I will consecrate to serve me as priests. [45] I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God. [46] And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them. I am the LORD their God.

## Sermon Notes

### Confession of Faith

*My only comfort in life and in death is  
that I am not my own,  
but belong—  
body and soul,  
in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.  
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.  
He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven:  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.  
Because I belong to him,  
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for him.*

—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A1

### Prayers of the People, Concluded with 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, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### **The Holy Communion**

(For those watching at home, I encourage you to take this time to watch and pray with us. Remember this all along: Jesus is not more present with us who are gathered than he is with you at home! The Lord's Supper is a sign and seal of his blessing to us, and a great gift, but it does not mean you are missing out on his presence or his blessing. We all participate by faith in Christ whether physically receiving the Supper or not.)

### **Prayer of Dedication**

**Leader:** Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

**Leader:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People:** *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

**Leader:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

**Leader:** Lift up your hearts!

**People:** *We lift them up to the Lord!*

**Leader:** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God!

**People:** *It is right to give him thanks and praise!*

**Leader:** It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

**People:** *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!*

### **Words of Institution**

#### **Prayer of Consecration**

**Leader:** Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People:** *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

**Leader:** Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

**People:** *Therefore, let us keep the feast.*

**Leader:** The gifts of God for the people of God.

## The Feast

### Communion Hymn | Were You There

*Southern spiritual, music by Clint Wells (2009)*

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?  
Sometimes I feel like shouting glory,  
Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?*

*Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?*

*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

*Were you there when he rose up from the dead?  
Were you there when he rose up from the dead?  
Sometimes I feel like shouting glory,  
Sometimes I feel like shouting glory!  
Were you there when he rose up from the dead?*

## Concluding Prayer

### One More Hymn and the Offering | Lead On, Oh King Eternal

*Words by Ernest Shurtleff, 1888; music by Henry Smart, 1836.*

*Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;  
Henceforth in fields of conquest, Thy tents shall be our home:  
Through days of preparation, Thy grace has made us strong,  
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.*

*Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And Holiness shall whisper, the sweet amen of peace;  
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;  
With deeds of love and mercy, the heav'nly kingdom comes.*

*Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears;  
For gladness breaks like morning, where'er thy face appears;*



*Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:  
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.*

## **Benediction & Dismissal**

**Leader:** May our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the One who came with grace and truth,  
also fill your hearts with grace and truth,  
as you serve him in the days ahead.  
And may the joy of the Lord—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—  
be your strength.

**People:** *Amen.*

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## **Announcements**

### **Small Group Meetings:**

Small groups are an important part of our ministry at Redeemer. They offer opportunities to deepen relationships and to love, serve, and pray for one another and our city. If you are interested in joining a group, please email Ben Wheeler: [ben@redeemertyler.com](mailto:ben@redeemertyler.com).

### **Monthly Youth Meeting:**

All junior high and high school students are invited to join us on the third Sunday of the month for a time of fellowship, dinner, and Bible Study.

### **Bible and Book Studies:**

- Men's study meets over breakfast, 7:00 am on Fridays. They are studying the gospel of Luke. Contact Konrad Kern (714-658-4972).
- The women's group is studying the gospel of Matthew on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

### **Prayer Suggestions:**

Topic: needs of our city.

- Monday  
That God's Kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically in our schools.
- Tuesday  
That God's Kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically in city, state, and local government, and justice systems.

- Wednesday  
That God's Kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically in local law enforcement, emergency response personnel, and hospitals.
- Thursday  
That God's Kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically amongst our immigrant, economically disadvantaged, and minority populations. (See Deuteronomy 10:17-19.)
- Friday  
That God's Kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically for a unity within our churches and between our churches in the cause of Christ.
- Saturday  
That God's Kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically that the gospel would be proclaimed throughout our city's churches.