

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

While in-person Worship services are suspended, Montgomery Presbyterian Church will be recording services. The following is an order of service that you can use to follow along with the recorded service, or use to read and reflect on your own. The service will be posted on the church's Facebook page, on [YouTube](#), and will be linked to the MPC website, www.mpchurch.net. Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this challenging time.

INTROIT

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Elder of the Month: Dick Reese, 513-675-3569
- Deacon of the Month: Sandra Bowen, 513-236-7158

CALL TO WORSHIP

by Thom

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We are witnesses,
to the love God has poured into us.
We are witnesses of God's love,
sharing it with each person we meet.
We are witnesses to everyone we encounter,
little children like us,
sisters and brothers in God's family.

Let us worship God.

PRAYER

Mighty God,
in whom we know the power of redemption,
you stand among us in the shadows of our time.
As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life,
uphold us with knowledge of the final morning
when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son,
we will share in his resurrection,
redeemed and restored to the fullness of life
and forever freed to be your people. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The One who calls us to repent, hears us. In trust that our Creator knows us through and through, let us open our hearts to the healing of God's forgiveness. ■

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God,
we are creatures of dust,
ignorant of your revelation,
misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us,
needing forgiveness.

We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us.

We beg your mercy for our fallen world.

We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus.

Be our solace in this life and always.

We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete.

Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your plea for absolution has been heard. God's promises are sure: your sins are forgiven. Amen.

HYMN

Go in Grace and Make Disciples

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, by your Spirit reveal your radical, surprising love; come to us through your holy word, and let us hear what you are saying. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin;
ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!

Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"

You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Fairest Lord Jesus

Sue Poulos, Susie Lewis, Gay Piller

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature.

O Thou of God and man the son.

Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor.

Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

*Fair are the meadows. Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring. Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

Beautiful Savior. Lord of the nations.

Son of God and Son of man.

Glory and honor, praise, adoration,

Now and forevermore be Thine.

Forevermore be Thine, Amen, Amen.

SECOND READING

Luke 24:36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Rev. Ben Shaw

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

... And now hear as we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.

BLESSING AND CHARGE

And now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all this day, and unto your life eternal. Amen.

POSTLUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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Capo 3: (D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A)
F C B^b C F C

1 Go in grace and make dis - ci - ples. Bap - tize in God's
2 Go and fol - low Christ's ex - am - ple, not to van - quish,
3 Go in Pen - te - cos - tal spir - it, man - y tongues and

(Em7) (A) (D) (G) (D) (G)
Gm7 C F B^b F B^b

ho - ly name. Tell of death and res - ur - rec - tion; Eas - ter's
but to heal. Mend the wounds of sin's di - vi - sions. Ser - vant
man - y gifts. Feed the hearts of hun - gry peo - ple. Spread the

(D) (Em) (A7) (D) (A) (D) (A) (D)
F Gm C7 F C F C F

vic - tory now pro - claim. Christ's com - mis - sion sends us forth
love to all re - veal. Roles and ranks shall be re - versed;
gos - pel that up - lifts. Till the day of Christ's re - turn,

(B) (Em) (B) (E) (A) (D)
D Gm D G C F

to the na - tions of the earth. Go in grace and
jus - tice flow for all who thirst. Go and fol - low
as dis - ci - ples, teach and learn. Go in Pen - te -

(G) (D) (G) (Em) (D) (A7) (D)
B^b F B^b Gm F C7 F

make dis - ci - ples, mid - wives for the world's re - birth.
Christ's ex - am - ple. Forge a world of last made first.
cos - tal spir - it: let God's flame of wit - ness burn.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text based on Jesus' Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) emphasizes that engaging in mission according to the model of Christ's life and ministry inspires service rather than conquest. The gospel message is a gift of life and hope made known in healing, justice, and peace.