



9:00 service + May 6, 2018 + 6th Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Eric Schmidt

Themes and keywords: send/sent, mission, home

Prelude

Prelude Op. 39 No. 2

L. v. Beethoven

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship

from Revelation 5:13

Liturgist: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: *who is the resurrection and the firstborn from the dead.*

Liturgist: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

All: *Let us worship God through Jesus Christ the risen King!*

We praise God

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Hymnal #97

Text: Edward Perronet 1780
Tune: Oliver Holden 1793

We pray for God to help us worship

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: *He is risen indeed!*

He died for us that we might live for him.

We greet one another with the peace of Christ

God calls us to confess our sins

from John 11:25; James 4:8, 10

Liturgist: Jesus is the resurrection and the life.
Whoever believes in him, though he die, yet shall he live.
Therefore, draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.
Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

We confess our sin

Liturgist: Our Father in heaven,
you sent your Son to bring light and life into a world of death and darkness,
and you have sent us by your Spirit to share in his mission.

All: *But we confess that we value our personal peace and convenience more than your mission and purpose for us.*

Liturgist: You have sent us to welcome and serve all people seeking your kingdom.

All: *But we have made enemies of those we should love and serve.*

Liturgist: You have sent us to pursue new relationships without fear.

All: *But we fear rejection and prefer the comfort of people like us.*

Liturgist: Lord, you have sent us by your Spirit to share your good news with others.

All: *But we remain silent about you in the presence of our neighbors.*

Liturgist: You have sent us to share your good news at home with our family and friends.

**All: *But we find it hardest to share your grace and truth with the people we know best.
Lord, have mercy on us.***

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Gracious God, forgive us for failing to love and live your mission for us.
Fill us with courage to follow you boldly,
and send us and lead us by your Holy Spirit
so that we will share your good news in word and deed
and serve our neighbors near and far with truth and grace.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God declares our forgiveness

from 1 John 4:9; 2:2

Liturgist: In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

All: *Hallelujah, Amen!*

We praise God

Thine Is the Glory
Hymnal #227

Text: Edmond Budry 1884
tr. Richard B. Hoyle 1923
Tune: G. F. Handel, *Judas Maccabaeus* 1747

SEATED

God So Loved the World
Chancel Choir

Text: John 3:16
Music: Bob Chilcott
Soprano soloist: Jill Clayton

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son,
that whoso believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.
God so loved the world.

God instructs us in scripture reading

John 17:18; Luke 8:26-39
(pew Bible pp. 903, 865-866)

God instructs us in preaching

“The Church Is a Missionary People”
Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

We offer ourselves in gifts and song

Prior to singing, we will take a moment of silence to reflect and pray.

God Our Maker, Whose First Summons

Text: Carl P. Daw 2007
Tune: John Hughes 1907

1. God our Mak - er, whose first sum - mons formed the realms of day and
2. God the Spir - it, breathe up - on us, with new life our souls ex -
3. God in - car - nate, suff' - ring ser - vant, shar - ing in our hu - man
4. Tri - une God, en - fold - ing Mys - tery great - er than our creeds re -

night, still you speak a - mid our cha - os, call - ing us to
cite, Let your flame break out a - mong us, help us claim your
plight, teach - ing, heal - ing, feed - ing, seek - ing, ev - er rea - dy
cite, join our lives in faith and ser - vice, let our words and

truth and right. When our doubts and fears con-found us, give us
ur - gent might. With your guard - ing, guid - ing pre - sence, give us
to in - vite, by your patt - ern of com-pass - ion give us
deeds u - nite. To a world that longs to know you, give us

faith to bear your light, give us faith to bear your light.
hope to bear your light, give us hope to bear your light.
love to bear your light, give us love to bear your light.
grace to bear your light, give us grace to bear your light.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We pray for the church and the world

Liturgist: (prayers for the church and the world)

All: *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.*

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God feeds us at his table

Central Presbyterian welcomes all Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not ready to receive communion, you may simply pass the elements by. We also urge you to meditate on one of the prayers below.

Bread: The bread is gluten-free.

Eating and drinking: Please eat and drink as you receive the bread and the cup when you are ready. We will not hold the elements and wait to eat until all have been served.

Prayer for those searching: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of new belief: Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared believe, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Behold the Lamb

Text and tune: Keith and Kristyn Getty,
Stuart Townend
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1. Be - hold the lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us - and we re-mem-ber
2. The bod - y of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, torn for you - eat and re-mem-ber;
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you - drink and re-mem-ber
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re spond - and to re-mem-ber



the pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So we
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one. So we
he drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So we
our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as his bod - y here on earth. So we



share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sac - ri - fice as a
share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sac - ri - fice as a
share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sac - ri - fice as a
share in his suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will come a - gain! And we'll



sign of our bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the king.
sign of our bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the king.
sign of our bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the king.
join in the feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the king.

God blesses us and sends us out

Pastor: And all God's people said...

All: *Hallelujah! Amen.*

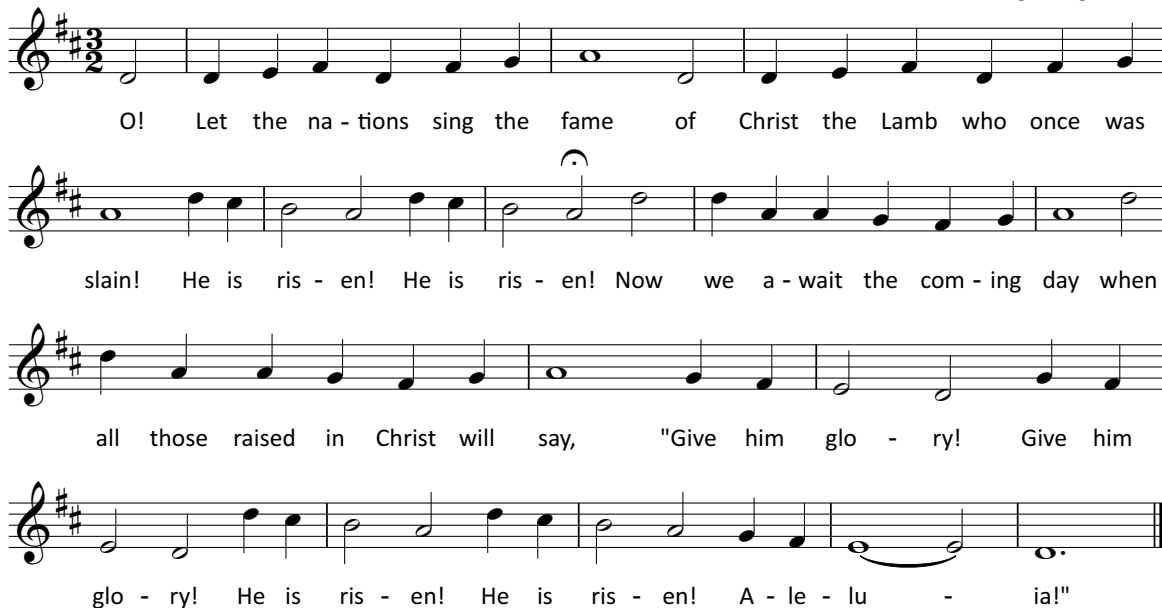
Easter Doxology

Text: Eric Schumacher 2004

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Tune: *Auserlesen Catholische Geistliche*

Kirchengesange 1623



O! Let the na - tions sing the fame of Christ the Lamb who once was
slain! He is ris - en! He is ris - en! Now we a - wait the com - ing day when
all those raised in Christ will say, "Give him glo - ry! Give him
glo - ry! He is ris - en! He is ris - en! A - le - lu - ia!"

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God (from Cantata No. 79)

J. S. Bach

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