

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed
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Easter Season

May 8, 2011

Welcome

If you are **visiting** our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please find the registration book in the foyer of the church and help us serve you better by leaving your name and contact information. We promise to keep this information confidential and only use it for personal contact with you and your family. Join us downstairs for coffee after this morning's service.

We have **Christian education** classes for all ages meeting after the service at 11:00 AM. Children's Sunday school classes meet in the educational wing. There is no adult Sunday school class this morning. Instead, we will gather in the sanctuary for our annual congregational meeting at 11:00 AM. This evening there is no worship service because of Mother's day activities and feasts. Give your mother a big kiss today!

If you are unfamiliar with **our form of worship**, please feel free to speak with one of the Pastors or Elders. We have resources that will help you understand the biblical rationale for why we worship the way we do. Visit our website for articles, essays, and other helpful information on our worship and life at Providence: www.providencestl.com.

The **Lord's Supper** is observed every Sunday as the climax of covenant renewal worship. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the elders of this local church that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor before or after the service. **Note:** The middle circle of cups in each tray contains grape juice, the larger outer ring contains wine. (The grape juice has a darker color than the wine.)

Jesus Christ - Conqueror (*Front Cover*)



The traditional monograms **IC** and **XC** are ancient Latin abbreviations for **Jesus** (*IHCOYC*, a Latinized form of his Greek name) and **Christ** (*XRICTOC*). **NIKA** means Victor or Conqueror. Jesus Christ was born to conquer sin, death, and the Devil. The cross in the center of the world reminds us that Jesus has conquered by means of his suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus now reigns *because* he died for us.

Today our Pulpit and Table paraments are **white**. White symbolizes the promise of the glorious transfiguration of our flesh because of the glorification of Jesus in his resurrection from the dead.

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — May 8, 2011

Easter Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 105

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship: *Habakkuk 2:20*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

†Hymn #315 "God himself is with us"

Trinity Hymnal

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

In the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit

Amen!

Matthew 28:19

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

Call on the Name of the Lord in praise;

Psalm 105:1-5

Make known his deeds among the nations!

Sing to God with joyful songs;

Tell of all God's wonderful works!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord of life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross, you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead, you restore to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter we proclaim to the world the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection; in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

Purification

†Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren, let us draw near to God our Father with an honest heart and confess our sins, asking him to forgive us for Christ's sake: [Congregation Kneels]

To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness,
but to us open shame.

Daniel 9:7-10

To us, O Lord, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes,
and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you.

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness,
for we have rebelled against him

And we have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking
in his laws,
which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

**Eternal God, my heavenly Father, I am heartily sorry for having
offended you, and I detest all my sins, not only because I dread
the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because I
have offended you, my Father. Accept my confession, O God, for
you have promised to be gracious and compassionate with your
erring children. With the help of your grace, I humbly confess
my sins and resolve to repent and amend my life. *Silent Prayer.*
Amen!**

†Pastor: Now stand up and hear the good news!

Ascension

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

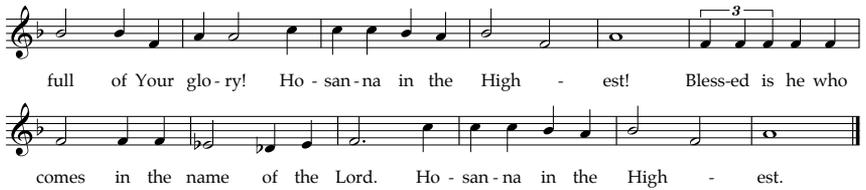
†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so.

†Truly it is fitting, right, and beneficial to give thanks to you at all times
and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God;
but chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of
your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for he is the very Paschal lamb, which
was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By his
death he has destroyed death and by his rising to life he has restored us
to everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the
company of heaven and with the church on earth, we praise and
magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing...

†The Sanctus

with vigor
fff Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts! Hea-ven and earth are



†Hymn #219 “Blessing and honor and glory” *Trinity Hymnal*
The Appointed Readings for the Third Sunday of Easter

The OT Reading: *Psalm 116:1-14* Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: *1 Peter 1:17-25*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn “This joyful Eastertide”

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| <p>1. This joyful Eastertide,
 Away with sin and sorrow!
 My Love, the Crucified,
 Hath sprung to life this morrow.</p> | <p>2. My flesh in hope shall rest,
 And for a season slumber;
 Till trump from east to west,
 Shall wake the dead in number.</p> |
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Refrain

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
 Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
 Our faith had been in vain;
 But now hath Christ arisen,
 Arisen, arisen, arisen.
 But now hath Christ arisen!*

3. Death's flood has lost his chill,
 Since Jesus crossed the river;
 Lover of souls, from ill
 My passing soul deliver.

Text: George R. Woodward, from *Carols for Easter and Ascensiontide*, 1894;
 Music: from *Joachim Oudaen's David's Psalmen*, Amsterdam, 1685; arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

†The Gospel Reading: *John 21:1-14*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†We Confess our Faith: *The Nicene Creed*

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth,
 and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God,
 Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made;
 being of one substance with the Father,**

by whom all things were made:
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man; and was crucified also for us
under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and
glorified; who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen!

†The *Gloria Patri*

Sermon Text: *Acts 16:11-24*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: **A TALE OF TWO WOMEN**

†Hymn #596 "Jesus lives, and so shall I"

Trinity Hymnal

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

†[Hands Raised] The Doxology

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

†Prayer for the Church

Let us now pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers. Heavenly Father, we pray that our civil leaders would govern wisely and competently, and in submission to King Jesus and his word; and we pray especially today for local officials here in Saint Louis. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayers

We continue to pray for Japan, that you would be merciful to them in their distress and bring many there to faith in Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayers

We pray that you would be with the disaster-stricken states in the

South. You who ride upon the storm, use these events to remind them and us of our absolute dependence on you and our need for continual repentance. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayers

We pray that the ongoing political unrest in the Middle East would result in greater liberty for your people there and for the advancement of the gospel and kingdom of Christ in those lands. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayers

We pray that our nation’s troops in harm’s way would wage war justly and to a just end, and that military chaplains would faithfully minister Christ to them and to all of our nation’s armed forces. O God, cause the reign of Christ, the Prince of Peace, to bring peace between all peoples of the earth. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayers

We pray that you would be with the persecuted Church around the world, granting her faithfulness unto death, blessing her witness, and subduing her enemies; we remember especially today persecuted Christians in Libya. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayers

We pray that the Church in Saint Louis, America, and throughout the world would be united in the truth of your word and Christian love. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayers

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial
Communion Hymn “Long before the world is waking”



1 Long be - fore the world is wak - ing, Morn - ing mist on
2 So they cast, and all their heav - ing Can - not haul their
3 Char - coal em - bers bright - ly burn - ing, Bread and fish up -
4 Christ is ris - en! Grief and sigh - ing, Sins and sor - rows,
5 Morn - ing breaks, and Je - sus meets us, Feeds and com - forts,



Gal - i - lee, From the shore, as dawn is break - ing,
catch a - board; John in won - der turns, per - ceiv - ing,
on them laid: Je - sus stands at day's re - turn - ing
fall be - hind; Fear and fail - ure, doubt, de - ny - ing,
par - dons still; As His faith - ful friends He greets us,



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Je - sus calls a - cross the sea; Hails the boat of
 Cries a - loud, "It is the Lord!" Pe - ter waits for
 In His ris - en life ar - rayed; As of old His
 Full and free for - give - ness find. All the soul's dark
 Part - ners of His work and will. All our days, on



wea - ry men, Bids them cast their net a - gain.
 noth - ing more, Plung - es in to swim a - shore.
 friends to greet, "Here is break - fast; come and eat."
 night is past, Morn - ing breaks in joy at last.
 ev - 'ry shore, Christ is ours for - ev - er - more!

Pastoral Benediction: "Now may the body and blood of our Lord. . ."

†The Song of Simeon (*Nunc Dimittis*): *Luke 2:30-32*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy Word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

†Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregation: **And his mercy endures forever!**

Pastoral Prayer: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, by the powerful resurrection of your Son, you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him. Give us joy to celebrate Christ's rising from the dead, and a firm hope that we will be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #502 "Rejoice, ye pure in heart"

Trinity Hymnal

[Kneeling] Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

Today at PRPC

Woman of the Week:

Olive Bangura

Nursery Volunteers for Today:

Morning Service – Schmidt

Sunday School – Bryan and Melanie Carter

Nursery Volunteers for Next Sunday:

Morning Service – Linda Wolff, Christine Greeno

Sunday School – Lu Greeno, Vivienne Greeno

Evening – Van Horn

Annual Congregational Meeting — Today during the Sunday school hour we will hold our annual congregational meeting during the Sunday School hour. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect new officers and explain and discuss the budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Wedding Shower for Lisa Grove — Ladies, you are invited to a wedding shower for Lisa Grove on May 12 at 7 PM. Lisa is registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond and Target. Lori Shaffer is hosting the party, and Deborah Shields is collecting for the group gift. Please sign up if you can attend.

Memory Listening and Sunday School Promotion — On May 22, the last two memory listening sections (Lent and Easter) will be combined and recited and the students will also practice for Promotion Sunday. On May 29, the congregation will gather in the sanctuary during Sunday School for Promotion Sunday.

Church Calendar

May 12	Wedding Shower for Lisa Grove
May 15	Daniel McKinney Visits PRPC
May 22	Parish Groups/Graduation Party/Memory Listening
May 29	Sunday School Promotion/5 PM Service & Cookout
June 4	Bridal Shower for Jessica Weston
June 5	Lian Tombing Visits PRPC/Jamie Soles
July 11-15	VBS

Announcements

Graduation Reception — During the coffee break on May 22, we will recognize all our graduates. Please sign up if you are graduating or know someone who is graduating. See Barb Hoover if you have any questions.

Food Pantry Donations — Every month, PRPC will assist RPC by donating specific items to St. Trinity's food pantry. This month's item is toilet paper.

VBS Volunteers Needed — Sign up now to volunteer for VBS. Anna Hoegemann is directing this year. If you have any questions, please see her.

Cookies for Covenant Seminary — Providence will be providing cookies for Covenant's Baccalaureate ceremony. If you volunteered to contribute cookies, please bring your cookies to church no later than May 18. Store them in the kitchen freezer and Denise Gerstung will deliver them to the seminary.

Bridal Shower for Jessica Weston — Ladies, you are invited to a bridal shower for Jessica Weston on June 4 at 10 AM. Jessica is registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond, Target, and Pottery Barn. The shower will be held at 348 Babler Road 63141. Please sign up if you can attend.

Jamie Soles In Concert June 5 at 5 PM — Our session has invited Christian artist Jamie Soles and his family to perform for us again on Sunday, June 5. For years now, a number of our families, children and adults alike, have enjoyed and benefited from Jamie's mature, thoughtful Bible music. His songs help to bring the Old Testament to life and show how all of Scriptures do indeed speak of Jesus. Jamie has given us a great tool for training ourselves and our children in the ways of the Lord. Jamie will be ministering for us in worship June 5th, and will perform a concert for us that evening. Mark your calendars and help us spread the word! We are still looking for housing for him and his family (10 persons). Please contact Richard Hiers if you could house part, or all of the family.

The Lord's Service Explained

Easter Season

In the early, post-apostolic Church it was the feast of Easter that established the starting point of the development of the liturgical church year. The year as a whole receives its "Sunday" at Easter. Just as the first day of the week gives meaning and purpose to the weekly pattern of human life, so also the celebration of Easter in the Spring orients the entire year around the victorious resurrection of Christ for the life of the world. The early Church did not intend for this yearly pattern to replace or weaken the weekly Sunday worship of the church. Rather, the annual pattern was intended to enable the church to understand even better the mystery of Christ's sanctification of all of life, time included.

Early on in the Church's development of the Easter feast, following the weekly pattern, the annual celebration was set within a framework of six weeks of preparation and repentance (called Lent), ending with the rest of Easter. Then, following Easter Sunday, seven weeks of exultation and feasting were decreed, ending in Pentecost and the beginning of an "eighth week." The church, therefore, celebrates a "week of weeks" during the Easter season as a reminder of Christ's comprehensive redemption of all of life, a time of feasting, giving thanks, and praise to the Risen Christ. Easter season ends with the festival of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost) which ends the seven weeks and ushers in the world to come (symbolically, the eighth day or week). Use these seven weeks of Easter season not just to meditate and reflect upon the resurrection of our Lord, but also to rejoice, give thanks, and sing about the comprehensive victory that he has accomplished for you.

The color for Easter is white. White symbolizes purity, light, and life. It is the bright "color" of Jesus' glorified humanity after his resurrection and therefore will also be the "color" of our new "clothing" when we are resurrected. Easter hymns can be found in the Trinity Hymnal #197-209, and also #596-609.

An Easter Prayer: O almighty and eternal God, now that you have assured us of the completion of our redemption through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, give us the will to show forth in our lives what we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen.

The Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 87 What are we to believe concerning the resurrection?

A. We are to believe, that at the last day there shall be a general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust: when they that are then found alive shall in a moment be changed; and the selfsame bodies of the dead which were laid in the grave, being then again united to their souls forever, shall be raised up by the power of Christ. The bodies of the just, by the Spirit of Christ, and by virtue of his resurrection as their head, shall be raised in power, spiritual, incorruptible, and made like to his glorious body; and the bodies of the wicked shall be raised up in dishonor by him, as an offended judge.

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