

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed
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Easter Season

May 22, 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 will be no evening service tonight. Instead, parish groups will meet in the morning and the afternoon. If you do not know what parish group you are in, please see one of the pastors or elders.

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.providencestlouis.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 22, 2011

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 92

Organ - Mr. Jonathan McGuire

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Prelude

Mr. Jonathan McGuire, organ

Welcome & Announcements

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship: *Psalm 33:1-5*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

†Hymn #535 "How good it is to thank the Lord"

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!

The righteous flourish like the palm tree

Psalm 92:12-15

And grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of Yahweh;

They flourish in the courts of our God.

They still bear fruit in old age;

They are ever full of sap and green,

To declare that Yahweh is upright;

He is my Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have gathered in the Name of Jesus in response to the gracious call of your Spirit.

Grant that we might faithfully celebrate this morning with all the faithful in heaven and on earth the marriage feast of the Lamb. Graciously receive our worship and prayers, and

strengthen us for service in your Son's kingdom. To you alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son 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, *Daniel 9:7-10*
but to us open shame.

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.

Most holy and merciful Father; I acknowledge and confess before you my sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and all my shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often I have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. But O Lord, have mercy on me, for I am ashamed and sorry for all wherein I have displeased you. Teach me to hate my errors, cleanse me from my secret faults, and forgive my sins for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help me, I pray, to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandment of Jesus Christ my Lord. *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 and our greatest joy to give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. 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
full of Your glo-ry! Ho - san-na in the High - est! Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the High - est.

The image shows a musical score for 'The Sanctus'. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with the instruction 'with vigor'. The second staff starts with 'fff' (fortissimo). The lyrics are written below the notes. There are triplets of eighth notes in the second and third staves. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4.

†Hymn of Praise: #11 “O that I had a thousand voices” *Trinity Hymnal*

The OT Reading: *Deuteronomy 18:9-22*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: *1 Corinthians 10:14-22*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 10:24-42*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†We Confess our faith: The *Te Deum*

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

O God, we praise Thee, we acknowledge Thee as Lord.

Eternal Father, Thou art everywhere adored.

The cherubim and seraphim their homage show Thee:

“O Thou Lord God of hosts are holy, holy, holy!

Both heav’n and earth are filled with Thy majestic splendor.”

To Thee all angels loud and ceaseless praises render.

Thy prophets’ and apostles’ glorious company,

The martyrs robed in white—all sing their praise to Thee.

Thy holy catholic Church in worship stands before Thee,

Confessing Thee: the Father, infinite in glory;

Thy true and only Son, worthy of veneration;

The Holy Spirit, source of strength and consolation.

Thou, Christ, art King of glory, radiant is Thy throne;

Thou art the heav’nly Father’s everlasting Son.

Yet Thou didst not despise the virgin’s womb, O Savior,

When Thou didst take upon Thee mankind to deliver.

**Thou has defeated death and Satan's power infernal,
That all believers might inherit life eternal.**

**Thou art enthroned in glory at God's own right hand
Till Thou shalt come as judge and we before Thee stand.
We therefore pray Thee, grant Thy help to those who serve Thee,
Whom Thou hast with Thy blood redeemed in Thy great mercy.
With all Thy saints, O Lord, wilt Thou Thy servant number;
O save Thy people, Thy inheritance remember!**

**We bless Thee day by day, we praise thy holy Name;
Thy power and glory we from age to age acclaim.
Keep us from sin and lead us not into temptation.
Have mercy on us, Lord; hear Thou our supplication.
Let us be with Thy grace and steadfast love surrounded.
In Thee we've trusted; we shall never be confounded.**

Sermon Text: *Acts 16:16-40*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Sermon: **THE PROGRESS OF THE GOSPEL**

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

†[Hands Raised] The Doxology

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

† [Kneeling] Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us. God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that your holy Name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of your Word and the fervent love shown in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby your holy Name is borne by us in an empty and profane way. Lord in your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer!

May your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer!

Strengthen us by your Spirit according to your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to your good and gracious will. Into your merciful hands we commend our family and friends, indeed, all who are in need, praying for them at all times that your will be done. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer!

Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us to trust in you to provide for all our needs. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer!

Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in good conscience before you, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer!

Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his crafty schemes. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer!

And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer!

We trust, O Lord, in your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen!

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

Communion Hymn "Christ the Lord is risen today"

1 Cor. 15: 57
Charles Wesley, 1739, cento

Orientis partibus
French melody, c. 1200, ad.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef, 4/4 time, and the bottom staff is in bass clef, 4/4 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the top staff. The lyrics are: 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to-day," Sons of men and an-gels say. 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat-tle won. 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell. 4 Lives a-gain our glo-rious King; Where, O Death, is now thy sting?

Raise your joys and tri-umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and, earth, reply.
 Lo, our Sun's e-clipse is o'er; Lo, He sets in blood no more.
 Death in vain for-bids His rise; Christ has o-pened Par-a - dise.
 Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic-to - ry, O Grave? A-men.

5 Soar we now where Christ has led,
 Following our exalted Head.
 Made like Him, like Him we rise;
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
 Praise to Thee by both be given!
 Thee we greet triumphant now:
 Hail, the Resurrection Thou!

Communion in the Body & Blood of our Lord

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: O God, through the humble service of your Son you raised up the fallen world. Grant to your people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #385 "O God, to us show mercy"

Trinity Hymnal

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

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

Today at PRPC

Woman of the Week:

Laurae Woodward

Nursery Volunteers for Today:

Morning Service – Gibbs

Sunday School – Shields

Nursery Volunteers for Next Sunday:

Morning Service – Lu and Vivienne Greeno

Sunday School – Shaffer

Evening – Hoover, Meyers

Adult Sunday School “Christian Marriage” — Please join us this morning in the fellowship hall for our Sunday school class on marriage.

Graduation Reception Today — Please join us in the fellowship hall after this morning’s worship service for a reception in honor of our 2011 graduates.

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

Parish Groups — Parish groups will be meeting this afternoon and evening. If you are new to the church or visiting, see one of the pastors or elders.

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.

Church Calendar

May 29	Sunday School Promotion/5 PM Service & Cookout
June 4	Bridal Shower for Jessica Weston
June 5	Liam Tombing Reports for Sunday School 5 PM Jamie Soles Concert/Pig Roast Feast
June 12	No Sunday School (for the summer)
June 19	No Evening Worship
July 11-15	VBS

Announcements

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 or see Lori Shaffer if you can attend.

Liam Tombing — On June 5, Liam Tombing will visit PRPC and give us a report during Sunday School. Everyone, children included, will gather together for this last Sunday school class of the summer.

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

WIC Social — Ladies, you are invited to an appetizer and wine tasting social hosted by Brenda Svezia and Geri Weedman. Bring a bottle of wine and some goodies to share and enjoy fellowship with one another. The social will be held in the Svezia home on Saturday, June 18 at 3 PM.

Jamie Soles In Concert — Our session has invited Jamie Soles and his family to perform for us 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 5 and will perform a concert for us that evening. 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.

Church Rules — The diaconate requests the congregation's assistance in instructing children to follow these rules while at church: 1. The choir loft, sound room, pulpit, and elevator are off limits to children unless accompanied by an adult. 2. No running in the church building (with the exception of the fellowship hall after evening service). 3. No standing or climbing on furniture. 4. Food and drink are not allowed outside the fellowship hall. Sunday school teachers and nursery workers may at times make exceptions in their rooms.

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.

An Easter Season Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting King, by raising Jesus from the dead you proclaimed his victory, and by his ascension, you declared him heir of David, Son of God, Lord and King of the whole world. Lift up our hearts to heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit; come quickly, Lord Jesus, to deliver us from sin's curse, that all creation might worship Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in perfect unity and holiness. Amen.

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