



PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024

THE LORD'S DAY

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Welcome and Announcements

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Preparation for Worship

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:24-29

²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save us, we pray, O Lord!
O Lord, we pray, give us success!

²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷The Lord is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

*Congregation Standing ◦ **Bold body of text recited together.**

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* HYMN OF PRAISE 277

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739. Tune: Lyra Davidica, 1708.

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:57

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) with a piano accompaniment. It consists of five systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line with lyrics and a piano line with chords. The chords are indicated above the vocal lines. The lyrics are as follows:

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!
 5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Al - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell; Al - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise to Thee by both be giv'n; Al - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 death in vain for - bids His rise; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once He died, our souls to save; Al - le - lu - ia!
 made like Him, like Him we rise; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee we greet tri - umphant now; Al - le - lu - ia!

sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!
 hail, the Res - ur - rec - tion, Thou! Al - le - lu - ia!

* PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

Rev. John D. Bennett

O Lord, as long as I am apart from you, I am self-satisfied,
because I have no standard by which to measure my low stature.
But when I come near to you, there for the first time I see myself.
In your light I behold my darkness.
In your purity I behold my corruption.
My very confession of sin is the fruit of holiness.
Oh! Divine Man, let me gaze on you more and more until,
in the vision of brightness, I loathe the sight of my impurity;
until, in the blaze of that glory which human eye has not seen,
I fall prostrate, blinded, broken, to rise again a new person in you. – Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:1-12

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

*George Matheson (1842-1906) ~ Scottish pastor and hymn writer, blind from youth, whose writings and lectures were well received, including by Queen Victoria.

* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 295

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Words: Matthew Bridges, 1852. Tune: George J. Elvey, 1865

On his head are many crowns. Rev. 19:12

D Bm G D/F# G C#°/E D A

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

D A/C# Bm D E E7/D A/C# G#°/B A D Esus E A

hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

A7/G D/F# D C#°/E D/F# G B7/F# E D/F# E/G# A

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

A7/G D/F# G D/F# Em7 A D D/F# G D Asus A D

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Question 7: *In how many Persons does this one God exist?*

Answer: **In three Persons.**

Question 8: *Name these three Persons.*

Answer: **The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

Question 9: *What is God?*

Answer: **God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.**

*** CONFESSON OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell;†
the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,‡
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. – Amen.**

RESPONDING TO THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

†We believe Christ suffered the wrath of God for our sins while He was on the cross.
While His body was in the grave for three days, His Spirit was with the Father in heaven (Luke 23:43,46).

‡The word "Catholic" means *universal* or *whole*.
It is not specifically referring to the Roman church, but all believers throughout the world.

**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.**

Interlude

SERMON

Rev. John D. Bennett
Galatians 3:1-9

¹O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. ²Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? ³Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? ⁴Did you suffer so many things in vain – if indeed it was in vain? ⁵Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith – ⁶just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness?”

⁷Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. ⁸And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” ⁹So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed

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1. How can it be, the One who died, has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing hallelujah.
2. For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their Friend and King; Christ, Christ He is risen.
Chorus: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed; Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.
3. Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw Him and their hearts believed.
But blessed are those who have not seen, yet, sing hallelujah.
4. Once bound by fear now bold in faith, they preached the truth and power of grace.
And pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting.
Chorus: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed; Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.
5. The pow'r that raised Him from the grave now works in us to pow'r'f'ly save;
He frees our hearts to live His grace – Go, tell of His goodness.
Chorus: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed; Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.
(Repeat)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please see *Celebrating the Lord's Supper at Providence* on page 10 of the bulletin.

Words of Response

Minister: *Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:*

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

Minister: *The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.*

HYMN OF COMMUNION

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Chorus: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

2. What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Chorus

3. Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

Chorus: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death. *(Repeat)*
Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

* DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth - Hymn 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him, all creatures here below:
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost - Amen.

* BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Sermon Notes

Congregation-Wide Fellowship Meal Today

- ❖ Following the morning worship service, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a fellowship meal. All are welcome!

Morning Men's Group

... meets on Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Studies

- ❖ Two Women's Bible Studies are delving into Hebrews with the Well Watered Women study, *Fulfilled in Christ*.
 - **Monday Mornings:** 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Church parlor; nursery provided. (*Through April 29.*)
 - **Wednesday Evenings** (First and third weeks): 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., in the kitchen and parlor. (*Through May 1.*)

New Members Class

... will meet April 7-28 during Sunday School. Contact Pastor Bennett for information.

Sunday School

- ❖ Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. for all ages. Two Adult Classes are available:
 - Study in the **Gospel of John**. Meets in Adult Room 1.
 - Teaching series **Dust to Glory**. Meets in the Meeting Room (west of youth building).

Join in Prayer

- ❖ Chuck and Alisha ask you to **join them in prayer** during Ramadan for the people they serve. Short interesting prayer points come daily during this month on their private Telegram channel. Use the daily prayer request material to pray as an individual or group. Join us to intercede for millions who are seeking God during this time – may they meet the Lord Jesus! See Chuck for more information.

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Texas Tech

- ❖ Davis Sweatt, davis.sweatt@ruf.org, is the campus minister. Raegan Watkins is the RUF intern.

Meal Ministry

- ❖ **Shared Joy, Shared Pain, Shared Meal:** The women of Providence bring meals to people in the church when needed - especially births, deaths, hospitalizations, and illnesses. If you would be willing to provide meals or if you need a meal, contact Wendy Wilkerson, 806-831-5447, WendyInIdalou@gmail.com. Meal requests will be registered at: www.TakeThemAMeal.com

Nursery

... is available during worship for children 5 and under.

Ushers

- ❖ *Serving today*
 - Brian Nicholson ◦ Ronnie Booth
 - Paul Herring ◦ Shane Shepherd
- ❖ *Serving next Sunday*
 - Brian Nicholson ◦ Ronnie Booth
 - Paul Herring ◦ Shane Shepherd

Nursery

- ❖ *Serving today*
 - **Infants/Toddlers:** Rachel Myers ◦ Kayla Harwood ◦ Cate Myers
 - **Pre-Schoolers:** Beth Herring ◦ Wyatt Myers ◦ Grace Herring
- ❖ *Serving next Sunday*
 - **Infants/Toddlers:** Faith Tate ◦ Janet Brooks ◦ Naomi Sell
 - **Pre-Schoolers:** Summer and Mai Shepherd ◦ Sean Tate

Celebrating the Lord's Supper at Providence

The Lord Jesus Christ is present with us by his Spirit at this table, so in His name we invite everyone who trusts Him for salvation and is a baptized member in a church which faithfully proclaims His gospel. However, we are warned not to partake if you do not trust Him or if you are living in unrepentant sin; instead, please let the bread and the cup pass by (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Rather, turn to Him in repentance and faith, so you may join in this glad and holy celebration of His saving death and resurrection life for all His people. Children who have made a public profession of faith and been received as members by the leadership of their church are also invited to the table. Children who have not yet made such a profession are asked to let the bread and the cup pass. We use wine in the Supper, but the outer ring of the tray is grape juice; we also hold the elements until everyone is served. Let us rejoice together in Him!

Prayers of Meditation For Those Not Participating in Communion

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might 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 show me the reality of who You are. – *Amen*.

Prayer of Belief

Heavenly Father, I admit that I am more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through Your Son Jesus, I can be more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You that He lived the life I should have lived, and paid the debt and punishment I deserved. Receive me now for His sake. I turn from my sins and receive Jesus to be my Lord and Savior. – *Amen*.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, help me to look to You as the fulfillment of all my needs, and to turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. – *Amen*.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow You in a life of committed discipleship in Your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with Your people, and live in the fullness of Your Spirit. – *Amen*.

ESV Daily Bible Reading Plan for Week of *March 31 to April 6, 2024*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Psalms/Wisdom</i>	<i>Pentateuch/History</i>	<i>Chronicles/Prophets</i>	<i>Gospels/Epistles</i>
03/31	Psalm 90	Exodus 35:30 - 36:38	Esther 3	1 Corinthians 8
04/01	Psalm 91	Exodus 37	Esther 4	1 Corinthians 9
04/02	Psalm 92	Exodus 38	Esther 5	1 Corinthians 10:1 - 11:1
04/03	Psalm 93	Exodus 39	Esther 6	1 Corinthians 11:2-34
04/04	Psalm 94	Exodus 40	Esther 7	1 Corinthians 12
04/05	Psalm 95	Leviticus 1	Esther 8	1 Corinthians 13
04/06	Psalm 96	Leviticus 2	Esther 9-10	1 Corinthians 14

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Purpose Statement

Providence Presbyterian Church aims to worship and serve the one true and living God through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, and to bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people in Lubbock, West Texas, and the world. In doing this we will encourage and equip believers to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to grow in our love for one another and our neighbors; all the while endeavoring to know, live, and speak the love, joy, peace, hope, and truth of God's word revealed to us in the Scriptures.

The Session

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Music Team Matthew and Allison Smith

Women's Ministry Team Melynn Henry ◦ Kyla Sell

*To serve on one of these teams,
please contact Rebecca Mulkey.*

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