



Christ Church of Arlington

Gathered Worship

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

God Welcomes Us

* Call to Worship

Based on *1 Tim. 3:16*

Leader: Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

ALL: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

Leader: He is risen!

ALL: He is risen indeed!

* Prayer of Invocation

* Song of Praise

Worship Christ the Risen King

God Restores Us

Prayer of Confession

A Confiteor of Martin Bucer (1539)

ALL: Almighty, everlasting God and Father, we confess and acknowledge to you that we were conceived in unrighteousness, and are full of sin and transgression in all our life, as those who do not perfectly believe your Word nor follow your holy commandments. We implore you, remember your goodness and for your name's sake be gracious to us and forgive us our wrongdoing, which indeed is great.

Silent Confession of Sin

* *Please stand (if possible)*

* Assurance of Forgiveness

1 Corinthians 15:17-20

Leader: If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

ALL: Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

Leader: If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

ALL: But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

* Song of Adoration

See What a Morning

Confession of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A #45

Leader: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

ALL: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Prayer

ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

God Nourishes Us

Scripture Reading

Psalm 116:5-14 (p. 511)

Leader: The grass withers and the flower fades,

ALL: but the Word of our God will stand forever.

* Song of Preparation/Dedication

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

Sermon

"United with the Living Lord"
2 Corinthians 4:7-18 (pp. 965-966)
Rev. Billy Boyce

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Humble Access for Holy Communion

ALL: We do not presume to come to this, your table, O Merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy even as to gather up the crumbs from under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose eternal nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, that by faith in your dear son, Jesus Christ, our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, so that we evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Presentation of Communion Elements

Minister: Behold! The gifts of God for the people of God! Hallelujah!

People: Hallelujah!

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Minister: When we eat this meal we are reminded that we are not our own,

ALL: But together belong to Christ, and in Christ belong to one another.

Minister: The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

ALL: And we who are many are one in Him! *(partake of the bread together)*

Minister: The cup that we drink is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

ALL: And we who are many are one in Him! *(partake of the cup together)*

* Doxology

* Benediction

Sermon Notes

1. Purpose

2. Strength

3. Hope

Announcements

Easter Potluck Brunch

Please join us in the Chapel for a potluck brunch after worship today!

Sunday School Spring Term

Sunday School will resume next Sunday, April 7th. For information on any of our Kids Ministry classes, contact our Kids Ministry Director, Tacye Clarke.

Women's Bible Studies

Women's Bible studies will resume on Monday morning, April 8 and Tuesday evening, April 9, continuing our study of Acts. Contact Melynda for more details.

Women's Weekend

Registration is open for our Women's Weekend, April 12-13. We will enjoy Friday night fellowship, with prayer, small group discussion, and time together in Scripture on Saturday morning in the CCA Chapel. Contact Melynda for more information.

Oppenheimer, Truman and Me: Nuclear Ethics and Christian Worldview

All are welcome to a unique presentation on Saturday, April 13th at 7PM in the Chapel. Professional engineer and longtime CCA member Carolyn Pura will combine her decades-long career in nuclear weapons and nonproliferation with her degree in Faith & Culture to guide a conversation on how to engage the topic of nuclear ethics. For more information, please reach out to Melynda.

OrthodoXology

On Saturday, April 20th, OrthodoXology will begin reading a new book together, *Covenant Foundations: Understanding the Promise-Keeping God of the Bible* by Alex Motyer. Copies of the book will be provided, and no reading before meetings is required. For more information or to RSVP, contact Eric Langborgh.

Fellowship Potluck

All are invited to a fellowship potluck at the Langborghs' home on Sunday, April 21st. The potluck will begin at 1:15PM. Contact Bonnie or Eric for more information.

Welcome to CCA!

We hope you find rich fellowship with God and with his people this morning. As you enter worship, we'd like to make you aware of a few things:

For All Visitors:

- After the service, please join us for coffee and doughnuts.

For Those with Kids:

- Children of all ages are welcome to stay with their parents throughout the whole service.
- The nursery is available for infants and toddlers (through age 3).

About Communion:

- We celebrate the Lord's Supper (or Communion) every week at CCA.
- We welcome all baptized Christians — those who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel — to receive Communion with us. If this does not currently describe you, we invite you to participate in spirit by considering the things you see and hear in worship, including God's love for sinners as portrayed in this meal. If you have any questions about whether you should participate in the Lord's Supper, please talk with our Pastor or one of our elders.
- For parents: to receive communion, a child must have been baptized and formally received as a communing member by the Session of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong.
- Our communion bread is gluten-free, and we offer both wine and juice. Wine is in the outer ring; juice is in the inner ring.

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