



**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

## THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

We finish our study of the greatest chapter in the Bible with some of the greatest verses in the Bible, Romans 8:38-39. When I laid out our study, I started with these verses on Easter Sunday and worked backward — because we need to be sure, as sure as the Apostle Paul, that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Death could not hold Love himself in the grave; death cannot separate us from Love himself; Christ will gain the complete victory of raising us on the last day so that we might always dwell in his Love. Hallelujah!

Our service this Easter morning reminds us of the great truth that Christ is risen, and because he is risen, we too shall rise. From the call to worship from 1 Peter 1 to our confession of sin, drawn from *The Valley of Vision*, from the assurance of pardon drawn from Romans 6, to all the songs that we will sing — and above all in the ministry of the Word — the glorious truth of the resurrection buoys our hearts and souls in these difficult days. Thanks be to God!

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWELFTH DAY OF APRIL, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY  
*Eleven O'clock*

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE MEDITATION

"Lift High the Cross"  
*Emilee Garrett, Organ*

arr. Manz

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Based on 1 Peter 1:3-5*

*The Minister:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*The Congregation:* He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*The Minister:* Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*The Congregation:* He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

*The Minister:* God has claimed us as his own.

*The Congregation:* He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

*The Minister:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*All:* He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Let us worship God!

*The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor*

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

*Leah Hendrick, Violin Ric Browning, Trumpet*

No. 277  
(stanzas 1-4)

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today,” Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!  
Sing ye heav’ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Foll’wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

## THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

### THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Ode to Joy

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;  
We, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.  
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;  
With our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill.

## THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

from *The Valley of Vision*

*The Minister:* O Lord, we marvel that you should become incarnate, crucified, dead, and buried.

*The Congregation:* The grave calls forth our adoring wonder, since it is empty and you are risen — the four-fold gospel attests it, the living witnesses prove it, and our hearts' experience knows it.

*The Minister:* Give us to die with you that we may rise to new life, for we wish to be as dead and buried to sin, to selfishness, and to the world; that we might not hear the voice of the charmer, and might be delivered from his lusts.

*The Congregation:* O Lord, there is much ill about us — crucify it; much flesh within us — mortify it.

*The Minister:* Purge us from selfishness, self-promotion, self-satisfaction, the fear of man, and the love of approbation. Let us reckon our old life dead because of crucifixion, and never feed it as a living thing.

*The Congregation:* Help us to be holy, happy people, free from every wrong desire, from everything contrary to your mind.

*All:* Grant us more and more of the resurrection life: may it rule us, may we walk in its power, and be strengthened through its influence. In Jesus' name, *Amen*.

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.” — *Romans 6:4-5*

# THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“See What a Morning”

*James Brown, Guitar*

Words and Music by Getty and Townend



1. See, what a morn - ing, glor - ious - ly bright, with the  
2. See, Ma - ry weep - ing, “Where is he laid?” as in  
3. One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, through the



dawn - ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem;  
sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb;  
Spir - it who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty.



fold - ed the grave - clothes, tomb filled with light, as the  
hears a voice speak - ing, call - ing her name; it's the  
Hon - or and bless - ing, glo - ry and praise to the



an - gels an - nounce, “Christ is ris - en!”  
Mas - ter, the Lord raised to life a - gain!  
King crowned with pow'r and au - thor - i - ty!



See God's sal - va - tion plan, wrought in  
The voice that spans the years, speak - ing  
And we are raised with him, death is



love, borne in pain, paid in sac - ri - fice,  
life, stir - ring hope, bring - ing peace to us,  
dead, love has won, Christ has con - quered;



ful - filled in Christ, the Man, for he  
will sound till he ap - pears, for he  
and we shall reign with him, for he



lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
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## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 15

*The Minister:* What do you understand by the word “suffered”?

*The Congregation:* That during his whole life on earth, but especially at the end, Christ sustained in body and soul the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race. This he did in order that, by his suffering as the only atoning sacrifice, he might deliver us, body and soul, from eternal condemnation, and gain for us God's grace, righteousness, and eternal life.

*The Minister:* Why did he suffer “under Pontius Pilate” as judge?

*The Congregation:* So that he, though innocent, might be condemned by an earthly judge, and so free us from the severe judgment of God that was to fall on us.

*The Minister:* Is it significant that he was “crucified” instead of dying some other way?

*The Congregation:* Yes. By this I am convinced that he shouldered the curse which lay on me, since death by crucifixion was cursed by God.

## THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

## THE ANTHEM

“Thine Be the Glory” from *Judas Maccabaeus* Handel  
*Elaine Clowers, Carolyn Vaughn, Clint Early, and Harrison Howle, Quartet*  
*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son;  
endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded graveclothes, where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son;  
endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son;  
endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu’rors, thro’ thy deathless love:  
bring us safe thro’ Jordan to thy home above.

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son;  
endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won.

## THE SERMON

Romans 8:38-39

*The Minister:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

“Nothing. Hallelujah!”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

# SERMON NOTES

## 1. Threats

A. Death

B. Demons

C. Time

D. Space

## 2. Truth

## 3. Trust

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Lift High the Cross”

No. 263

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,  
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine.  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw men unto thee.  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Thy kingdom come, that earth’s despair may cease  
beneath the shadow of its healing peace.  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

For thy blest cross which doth for us atone,  
creation’s praises rise before thy throne.  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE RESPONSE

“Hallelujah!” from *Messiah for Young Voices*

Handel  
arr. Landes & Steven



IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

*The arrangement in the Sanctuary is presented to the glory of God.*

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**BIRTHS**

*Congratulations to*

Janna and K.C. Gordon on the birth of their daughter,  
Hazel Mae Gordon, on March 11.

*Congratulations to*

Mary and Wes Atwood on the birth of their daughter,  
Audrey Wren Atwood, on April 1.

*Congratulations to*

Whitney and Jordan Thompson on the birth of their daughter,  
Meryl Prudence Thompson, on April 7.

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**DEATH**

*We extend our sympathy to*

Susan and Terrell Ketchum and Lorene McElroy on the death of their son  
and grandson, Jeffrey Ketchum, on March 27.

## CHURCH GIVING

During this challenging time, please remember that much of IPC's support comes from giving during Sunday morning offerings. With the suspension of in-person attendance at worship services and the closing of the campus, members are encouraged to continue their financial gifts by mail or other options. If you normally give by check or cash during the offering, please consider mailing your gift to the church.

Mail to:

Independent Presbyterian Church  
Attention: Kerrie O'Brien  
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Other ways to give include:

- Using our online giving link
- Using the IPC app
- Using your bank's bill pay service to send money electronically to IPC.

*Questions? Please email Kerrie O'Brien, [kobrien@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:kobrien@ipcmemphis.org).*

## IPC DAILY GUIDE DEVOTIONALS

Sean and Jennifer have put together a daily worship guide for individuals and families to use each week to stay grounded in the Word and grow in our faith as we face the challenging and uncertain days ahead.

*To download the Daily Guide's devotionals, hymns, and prayers, go to [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org).*



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