



The Worship of God

on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020, 11:00 a.m.

*(Please remain in your vehicles the entirety of the service.
Audio is broadcast only onsite at FM 95.1)*

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

(from Psalm 118)

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, let the house of Aaron say, let those who fear the LORD say:

PEOPLE: **His steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation. Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:

PEOPLE: **His steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you. You are my God; I will extol you. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.

PEOPLE: **His steadfast love endures forever!**

Hymn of Praise #204

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!

Unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above Alleluia!

Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!

Praise Him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession (in unison):

LORD, we believe in the Holy Spirit, but have **not prayed** by His power;
In the communion of saints, but have **not loved** one another; In the forgiveness of sins, but have **lived in guilt** and **denied forgiveness** to others; In the resurrection of the body, but have **cowered from death**;
In the life everlasting, but **cling to this world** as our final hope. Father, forgive us and grant us grace through Jesus to faithfully live in truth.

Private Confessions (silently before God)

Words of Assurance*1 Corinthians 15:53-57***Gloria Patri**

*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, amen.*

Affirmation of Faith (in unison)*Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;¹
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy catholic² church;
The communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting. Amen

¹ While we do believe in an eternal place Scripture calls Hell, the word historically translated as "hell" here means that Jesus really, truly died.

² The catholic ("little c") church consists of all believers in Christ's church and is not a particular reference to the Roman Catholic Church.

Welcome & Announcements**Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who is 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

Blessing of Tithes and Offerings

(Offerings may only be mailed to Big Creek. Please do not mail cash.)

Hymn #198*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.*

*See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Prayer of Illumination**Scripture Message***Luke 24:36-53*

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

Sending Hymn #213*"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

*Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

*Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends their burning eye at mysteries so bright.*

*Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.*

Benediction & Response

Jesus is King, now and always! Hallelujah! <honk!>



Announcements

1. We'll continue Drive-In Church each Sunday during this new season.
All other Big Creek gatherings stay suspended until further notice.
2. Big Creek has created a telephone prayer chain to share and pray for God's mercy. Please contact Gwen Wilgus with any prayer needs or Pastor Nathan (nathan.bigcreekepc@gmail.com or 573-406-2418) to join the chain.
3. Sermon audio is available for listening after the service online at bigcreekepc.com/sermon-audio.

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