



5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
May 2, 2021



# Contemporary Service - 9:30 am

## Scripture for Meditation

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is Risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

## Praise and Prayer

### One True God

Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman, and Steven Curtis Chapman  
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## Prayer of Confession

### Jesus

Chris Tomlin and Ed Cash  
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## Kids' Time

## Announcements

## Minute for Ministry

## Return to the Garden

## Scripture Reading

### Matthew 17:1-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

## Mountain Top Experiences

## Offering

### Come to the Altar

Christopher Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, and Wade Joye  
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*(Offerings are received weekly via mail and [online giving](#).  
Those attending live worship can leave their donations  
in the offering plates in the Narthex.)*

## **The Lord's Supper**

### **Invitation to the Table**

### **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

### **Words of Institution**

### **Communion of the People**

## **Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin Mary.  
He 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 to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will 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.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

## **Song of Praise**

### **God With Us**

Brian and Katie Torwalt  
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## **Blessing**

## **Postlude**

### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Welcome & Sermon  
Worship Leader  
Scripture Readers

Worship Band (9:30)  
Director of Music  
Organist/Pianist  
Audio/Visual Team

Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard  
Rev. Greg Buell  
Roger Smith (9:30)  
Sandy Mauk (11:00)  
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# Traditional Service - 11:00 am

## Scripture for Meditation

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## Prelude

## Allegretto

(Louis Vierne)

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is Risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

## Opening Hymn

## Rejoice the Lord is King

(verses 1-3)

#224

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore.  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice. Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell to our Christ the Lord are given.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice. Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,  
Bow down at his command, and fall beneath his feet.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice. Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

## Responsive Reading

## Psalm 99

The LORD is king;

let the peoples tremble!

**He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;**

**let the earth quake!**

The LORD is great in Zion;

He is exalted over all the peoples.

**Let them praise your great and awesome name.**

**Holy is he!**

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

**Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool.**

**Holy is he!**

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

**They cried to the LORD,**

**and he answered them.**

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees,

and the statutes that he gave them.  
**O LORD our God, you answered them;  
you were a forgiving God to them,  
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

Extol the LORD our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the LORD our God is holy.

### **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Most amazing God, the mystery of your radiance surrounds us. Like the disciples of Jesus, we confess our unease with transcendent mystery. Faced with your splendor, we do not take time for attentive silence as Jesus did, but we evade the holy with stammering and busyness— anything to avoid your power. We also confess those times when we are at ease with holiness, absorbed in prayer and thought but so in love with your love that we neglect those in need. As Jesus descended into the valley to work among the poor of the earth, so direct us to our responsibilities. Such is the mystery of your love, O God, which both overwhelms and attracts us. Have mercy upon us and forgive us. Free us to love and serve in equal measure.

*(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)*

### **Assurance of Pardon**      based on 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Leader: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.  
And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Praise be to God!

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed!**

### **Response**                      **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty**                      **#538** (Verses 1 & 3)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

### **Minute for Ministry**                      **Return to the Garden**

### **Scripture Reading**                      **Matthew 17:1-8**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon**                      **Mountain Top Experiences**

### **Offering**                      **Now We Offer**

(Nicaraguan folk/Jeffrey Honoré)

## **The Lord's Supper**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

## **Communion Meditation**

## **Elevation**

(Paul Benoit)

## **Affirmation of Faith**

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the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

## **Closing Hymn**

## **Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer**

**#43**

Guide me, O my great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing waters flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, ever be my strength and shield,  
ever be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever sing to you,  
I will ever sing to you.

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

## **Scherzo**

(Alan Ridout)

# Reflection Questions

## Opening Discussion:

- Can you think of a “mountain top” experience when you were on a “spiritual high” or you felt very close to God?

## Digging Deeper:

- Read Matthew 17:1-8.
- Why do you think Jesus took these disciples up to a high mountain?
- How does Matthew describe Jesus when he was transformed? (v. 2)
- Who appeared with Jesus, and why is this significant? What mountain top experiences did they have? (See Ex. 19; 1 Kings 19)
- What was Peter's response to all of this? (v. 4) What might he have been thinking? See Leviticus 23:42–43.
- What happens next? Who speaks to Peter and what does he say? (v.5) In light of this, how do Moses and Elijah compare to Jesus?
- What were the disciples' response to hearing the voice of God? What does Jesus tell them? (v. 6-7)

## Life Application

- Would you say that your relationship with Jesus is more formal or more casual? Is one approach better than the other?
- How should your relationship with Jesus be shaped and guided by the following parts of this passage:
  - Jesus radiating the glory of God on the mountain top?
  - The description of Jesus as God's beloved Son?
  - The voice of God commanding the disciples to “Listen to him?”
  - Jesus' encouragement “Do not be afraid?”
- What spiritual practices help you listen to Jesus more regularly? How often do you practice them? What steps might you take to improve your relationship with Jesus?

## Suggestions for Prayer

- Pray for the Lord to give you a more complete picture of Jesus.
- Pray for stronger commitment and obedience as a disciple of Jesus.
- Pray for deeper intimacy in your relationship with the Lord.