



Hope Presbyterian Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

John 1:4

Announcements

Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 18

I love you, O Lord, my strength.

**The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,
my God, my rock in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
so I shall be saved from my enemies.

**The cords of death encompassed me;
the torrents of perdition assailed me;
the cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.**

In my distress I called upon the Lord;
to my God I cried for help.

**From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.
He bowed the heavens, and came down;
thick darkness was under his feet.
He rode on a cherub, and flew;
he came swiftly upon the wings of the wind.
He reached down from on high, he took me;**

**he drew me out of mighty waters.
He brought me out into a broad place;
he delivered me, because he delighted in me.**

For who is God except the Lord?
And who is a rock besides our God?—

**The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock,
and exalted be the God of my salvation.**

Invocation

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

Trisagion

Traditional, tune by Fernando Ortega, 2011, CCLI #11026168

Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal one,
Have mercy, have mercy on us.

Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal one,
Have mercy, have mercy on us.

Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal one,
Have mercy, have mercy on us.

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 4:1-16

1 Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. 2 Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. 3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. 10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. 11 For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. 12 So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

13 It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, 14 because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. 15 All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

O Lord, our hearts are heavy with the violence of our world,
so much suffering through the ages,
wars and holocausts, genocide and abuse.

We cry on behalf of our violent world:

Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, you love and care for us as a parent;
you came to share life with us as a brother.

But we confess we have failed to live as your children
and instead have broken many bonds.

We cry on behalf of our violent world:

Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, you have called us to live together in community,
to consider one another as brother and sister,
regardless of ethnicity, economic status, or popularity.

Yet we prejudge one another,
refuse to love one another,
and victimize one another.

We cry on behalf of our violent world:

Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, giver of all life,
you fearfully and wonderfully made us

and breathed into our nostrils the breath of life.
Yet we endanger the lives of one another,
abuse the lives of young children among us,
destroy those who are defenseless,
and oppress those who are powerless.
We cry on behalf of our violent world:

Lord, have mercy.

Pardon us through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:8-13

8 The Lord is compassionate and merciful,
slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

9 He will not constantly accuse us,
nor remain angry forever.

10 He does not punish us for all our sins;
he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve.

11 For his unfailing love toward those who fear him
is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.

12 He has removed our sins as far from us
as the east is from the west.

13 The Lord is like a father to his children,
tender and compassionate to those who fear him.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Doxology

Thomas Ken (1674).

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Offering

Giving is part of our worship. God calls us to give generously, regularly, and joyfully to support the ministry of our local congregations. We do not give in order to earn God's blessing or favor. We give because he has already given us his blessing and favor in Christ. Financial offerings can be given in person or online at hopeportland.org/give.

Offertory

God is always at work in us and in our communities. Each week, this time is set aside for the sharing, or "offering", of our stories. Have you experienced an awareness of God's work in your life lately? What do you see God doing in and around the places you work and live?

Prayers for Christ's Church & World

Let us pray as our Savior has taught us. . .

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 do not lead us into temptation,

but deliver us from the evil one:

For yours is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, for ever.

Amen.

17 Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word.

18 Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. 19 So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." 22 Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

23 Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. 25 Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

27 "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." 29 The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

30 Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. 31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." 33 He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

34 The crowd spoke up, "We have heard from the Law that the Messiah

will remain forever,so how can you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this 'Son of Man'?"

35 Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light,before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going. 36 Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light. "When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev Charlie Shaw

Bearing Witness / Being Vulnerable

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Communion

How should you participate?

All baptized Christians, who are looking to Jesus for life and salvation are invited to receive Communion. Everyone is invited to use this time to reflect on the message and meaning of this sacrament - that Jesus is God's person who has given his life for the life of the world.

How should our children participate?

To receive communion, children must be baptized Christians who are looking to Jesus for their life and salvation. In our tradition, we ask young children to make a profession of faith in Christ and be examined and confirmed by the church elders before receiving Communion.

Gluten-free crackers are on the table beside the bread. The cups contain grape juice.

Jesus I Come

©2000 Greg Thompson. Words: William Sleeper. Music: Greg Thompson.

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Invocation of the Light

Words: Traditional Benedictine prayer. Translated by the monks of Glenstal Abbey.

Music: Tripp Prince, Mike O'Brien (2013)

Glory to God who has shown us the light;

Glory to God who has shown us the light.

Lead us from darkness to light;

Lead us from sorrow to joy;

Lead us from death into life;

Lead us.

Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Come Quickly, Lord Jesus, Amen!



Link to Worship Guide

Wifi Network: WP-N

Wifi PWD: 4thecity!