

WELCOME!



10:30 am Worship

Morning Worship

April 12, 2020

Reflections

Jesus comes to us and gives us his peace with God. Then he gives us power to do the kinds of things that mere humans can't do — like defeating our own selfishness, and loving other people, and treasuring Christ above all. And then with that peace and that power he gives us our central purpose for existence: "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

~John Piper

Peace, we may safely conclude, was intended by our Lord to be the key-note to the Christian ministry. That same peace which was so continually on the lips of the Master, was to be the grand subject of the teaching of His disciples. Peace between God and man through the precious blood of atonement --peace between man and man through the infusion of grace and charity--to spread such peace as this was to be the work of the Church.

~ J.C. Ryle

³⁸Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, ³⁹and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

~ Acts 13:38-39

²³I, I am he

*who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,
and I will not remember your sins.*

~ Isaiah 43:23

Approach to God

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship — Matthew 28:5-6 (in unison)

⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — Christ the Lord is Risen Today

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - - le - lu - ia!
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!

sing ye heav'n's, and earth, re - ply. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!

5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia!*
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Alleluia!*
 thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*
 hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!*

Song of Praise — Come People of the Risen King

Come, people of the risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise,
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth,
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

Rejoice, Rejoice!
Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
Oh Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night,
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace. (chorus)

Come young and old from ev'ry land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands;
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing;
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through ev'ry age:
“Our God is all in all.” (chorus)

Confession of Sin — Romans 6:23

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon — 1 Corinthians 15:16-17

¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.

¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

Scripture Reading — John 20:1-18

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

Response in Song

Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb,
silent before his accusers
As thorns are pressed
into his brow.
They lift him up,
Oh see The spikes that hold him,
Redeeming blood flows down.
But look again,
the cross stands empty now
And He is risen.

*Behold the Lamb,
See him crowned with glory.
Behold the Lamb,
Cast your crowns before him
Crying, 'Holy, holy is the lamb.'*

Behold the Lamb,
Carrying all our transgressions,
He freely takes our place;
Endures the lash,
the mocking and the laughter
Of those he dies to save.
But look again,
the cross stands empty now
And he is risen.

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood
has ransomed me
Mine was the sin
that drove the bitter nails
And hung him on
that judgment tree
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power
of sin and death
My only Savior
before the holy Judge
The Lamb who is my righteousness
The Lamb who is my righteousness

I will glory in my Redeemer
My life he bought,
my love he owns.
I have no longings for another
I'm satisfied in him alone
I will glory in my Redeemer
His faithfulness my standing place
Though foes are mighty
and rush upon me
My feet are firm held by his grace
My feet are firm held by his grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer
Who carries me on eagle's wings
He crowns my life
with loving kindness
His triumph song I'll ever sing
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who waits for me at gates of gold
And when he calls me
it will be paradise
His face forever to behold
His face forever to behold.

Children's Message — John 20:18

~Dr. John Wise

Congregational Prayer

Offering*

**You can give on-line at the New Hope website: www.newhopeopc.org and click on the green "give" button in the corner.*

Sermon Text — John 20:19-23

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."
²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Sermon — Peace, Proof, and Power

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Closing Hymn — In Christ Alone (page 9)

Benediction

Postlude

Peace, Proof, and Power

John 20:19-23

1. Resurrection Peace v 19, 21

2. Resurrection Proof v 20

3. Resurrection Purpose v 21

4. Resurrection Power v 22-23

Closing Hymn — In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, what strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone!—who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied—
For every sin on him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am his and he is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray that all went well with Megan Quist's induction on Friday and that their little daughter was born without complication.
- Pray that our elders will have wisdom, strength, and good shepherding during this season.
- Pray for those who are struggling with anxiety and fear as they consider the affects of COVID-19. Pray that the Lord would minister to their hearts, will help them turn and trust Him, and will help them find peace in the midst of the storm.
- Pray for those whose work circumstances have changed significantly (nurses, teachers, etc.), those who have had their work significantly diminished, those who are working but would rather not be, and those who have lost their jobs.
- Pray for families that are "stuck" together for these long weeks that the Lord would give patience, humility, grace, and good relational time to get through.
- Pray for God's provision, care, and protection for our church family during this time. Pray particularly for the health of our elderly and immune compromised.
- Pray for those who are expecting: Katie Poortenga, Lauren Mendez, Colleen Forsee, and Jessica Bendy. Pray for the health and well-being of both moms and babies. Pray that these little ones will grow to love and serve the Lord all their days.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: John & Muriel Hadidian's daughter-in-law, Lance Duvall's father, Karyn Lynerd's father, the Wright family, the Beeman family as they are missing Russell, Bill Wright, Scott Innes, Steve Doe, Ron Oakes, John Bishoff, Ed Rodatus and those who are grieving from the loss of loved ones. Pray for strength to bear their difficult trials.

Frederick Area

- Pray for the Frederick Rescue Mission as they continue to serve and feed those in need in these uncertain times. Pray for protection for their workers, for provisions to be met, and for order and joy in the midst of difficulty
- Pray for the churches in Frederick that they will continue to bring hope through the gospel to the people in the community.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our missionary of the month: OPC missionaries around the world. Pray for God's protection on them, the ability to give a message of hope to a frightened world, and strength to continue with their calling.
- Pray for Claire Hall as she prepare to go to Scotland with 20Schemes missions and Kristen Lalley as she prepares to go to Enland. Pray that because the virus outbreak has been affecting various aspects of their ministries, the Lord would give them patience in waiting.
- Pray for Brad & Lucy Myers at UNC in Wilmington as they continue to reach out to students who have now transitioned to online classes for the foreseeable future.

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text — Luke 24:5-7 — ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.”

Westminster Larger Catechism (WLC 52): How was Christ exalted in his resurrection? *Christ was exalted in his resurrection, in that... he rose again from the dead the third day by his own power; whereby he declared himself to be the Son of God, to have satisfied divine justice, to have vanquished death, and him that had the power of it, and to be Lord of living and dead: all which he did as a public person, the head of his church, for their justification, quickening in grace, support against enemies, and to assure them of their resurrection from the dead at the last day.*

Monday: John 20:19-21. How can this “peace be with you” be simply a response to their fear? After they know it’s Jesus risen (v 20), he repeats it. What would the significance of this statement be after Jesus’ now complete death and resurrection (Jn 14:27, 16:33)? How has he established peace with you and God? How is peace a central theme of Christian living (Mt 5:9, Ps 34:14)?

Tuesday: John 20:20. How did Jesus showing his hands and his side identify himself to them (Jn 19:34, 20:25)? How did it testify to the factuality of his death? How did it testify to his victory over sin and death (Rom 1:4, 1 Cor 15:54-57)? Ponder the significance of his death and resurrection for you (e.g. 1 Cor 15:16-28, Rom 6:5-11).

Wednesday: John 20:21. What does Jesus mean when he says “the Father has sent me” (Jn 3:17-18, 17:7-19)? What parallel does Jesus draw to the disciples? How does that inform the purpose of the church (Mt 28:18-20, Lk 24:44-53)? What is the main focus of this mission (v 23)? Pray for opportunity to mature saints, and love/speak to unbelievers.

Thursday: Jesus sends the disciples to witness, and then equips them for the task in John 20:22. Why must their work ultimately be done by the Spirit? Why did Jesus say he’d send the Holy Spirit (Jn 14:26, 15:26, 16:13)? Consider what power you’d be missing if the Spirit did not dwell in you (Lk 11:13, Gal 5:22f, 24f, Acts 4:31, Rom 6:5ff, 1 Jn 4:2). Pray for the Spirit’s power to be at work in you more!

Friday: John 20:23. What specific thing does Jesus tie the Spirit to in v 23? What is the central point of the disciples’ ministry then? How might their desertion of Jesus have caused them to question their relationship with him? How might their “being glad” in v 21 tie in to their restored relationship with Jesus (sins forgiven)? How is this restored relationship with God the heart beat of joy?

Saturday: Read James 5:1-12. Why is James speaking to these principles? What (who) is he pointing us to ultimately?

