

# Trinity CHURCH | CREC

A Service of Prayer and Preaching  
Easter Sunday  
April 12, 2020

# This joyful Eastertide

tune: *Hoe groot de vrugten sijn*

arr. Charles Wood

ed. Andrew Halladay

**Allegro Moderato**

1. *f* This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, A - way with sin and sor - row!  
2. *mp* My flesh in hope shall rest, And for a sea - son slum - ber:  
3. *mf* Death's flood hath lost his chill, Since Je - sus cross'd the ri - ver:

My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, Hath sprung to life this mor - row.  
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in num - ber.  
Lo - vers of souls, from ill My pas - sing soul de - li - ver.

*mf* Had Christ, that once was slain, Ne'er burst His three-day pri - son,

Our faith had been in vain: *p* But now hath Christ a - ri - sen, a -

**molto rit.** (last time)

ri - sen, a - ri - sen, *f* a - ri - sen, *p* sen.

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*Easter Sunday*

*Call to Worship the Lord*

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**P: And also with you.**

M: Alleluia. Christ is Risen!

**P: He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

M: The King of glory is among us. He has burst forth from the tomb that would hold him.

**P: Who is the King of Glory?**

M: The Lord of the stable and the cross, He is the King of glory!

**P: Who is the King of Glory?**

M: Jesus, the Word made flesh, He is the King of glory!

**P: He is our salvation, our eternal glory.**

M: Christ is Risen!

**P: He is Risen indeed!**

M: Let the people shout: Alleluia!

**P: Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**All: Amen!**

*Greeting from Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday:*

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty, and from the seven Spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus

Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. (Rev 1:4-5)

*Psalm 33:6–9 (NKJV)*

*6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. 7 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses. 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. 9 For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.*

Hymn: Christ the Lord is Risen Today (Cantus 270 / Next Page)

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN (7 7. 7 7 with Alleluias)  
*Lyræ Davidica*, London, 1708

*Surrexit Christus Hodie*  
 Charles Wesley, 1739

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day,  
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,  
 3. *Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,* Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Soar we now where Christ hath led,  
 5. Hymns of praise then let us sing,

Sons of men and an - gels say,  
 Christ hath burst the gates of hell,  
*Where, O death, is now thy sting?* Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head,  
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,  
 Death in vain for - bids Him rise,  
*Once He died our souls to save,* Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like Him, like Him we rise,  
 Who en - dured the cross and grave,

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply,  
 Christ hath o - pened par - a - dise,  
*Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?* Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,  
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save,

*Exhortation from the Scriptures*

Romans 1:1–4 (NKJV)

**1** Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated to the gospel of God <sup>2</sup> which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, <sup>4</sup> and declared *to be* the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

*Corporate Confession*

(From Psalm 5)

M: Almighty God, we confess our divided loyalties  
and that we have worshiped other gods;

**P: Lord, have mercy!**

M: We have made gods in our own likeness  
and are enslaved by self-centredness;

**P: Lord, have mercy!**

M: We have used your Name trivially  
and claimed you for our prejudices;

**P: Lord, have mercy!**

M: We have neglected the Lord's Day,  
and been obsessed with busyness;

**P: Lord, have mercy!**

M: We have ignored and despised authorities,  
and over-indulged the new generation;

**P: Lord, have mercy!**

M: We have taken the lives of the innocent  
and have cursed others made in your image;

**P: Christ, have mercy!**

M: We have distorted love and marriage  
and twisted your gift of sexuality;

**P: Christ, have mercy!**

M: We have exploited the poor and needy,  
and cunningly stolen by force of law;

**P: Christ, have mercy!**

M: We have twisted the truth in word and deed  
and violated our oaths and pledges;

**P: Christ, have mercy!**

M: We have preached greed as a virtue  
and have coveted our neighbours' possessions;

**P: Christ, have mercy!**

M: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

**P: Forgive us and deliver us by your grace.**

**All: Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon*

*Isaiah 53:4–6 (NKJV)*

*4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken,  
Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised  
for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are  
healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And  
the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

M: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

M: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

Hymn: Franklin Sanctus (Supplement 78 / Next Page)

# Franklin Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3, Rev. 4:8, Matt. 21:9

Gregory D. Wilbur, 2009

1 D G Asus D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,

7 G Asus G A G D Asus

God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry.

12 G A D/F#G D

Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He

18 A G Asus G A D/F#G A D/F#G

comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho -  
san-na in the high - est, Ho - san-na in the high - est

23 A D/F#G A D/F#G A D/F#G A D

san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. A - men.  
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. A - men.



*Scripture Reading*

Old Testament: Isaiah 25:1-12

New Testament: Mark 16:1-18

*Officiant: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

*Catechism and Creed*

**WSC Q. 33. What is justification?**

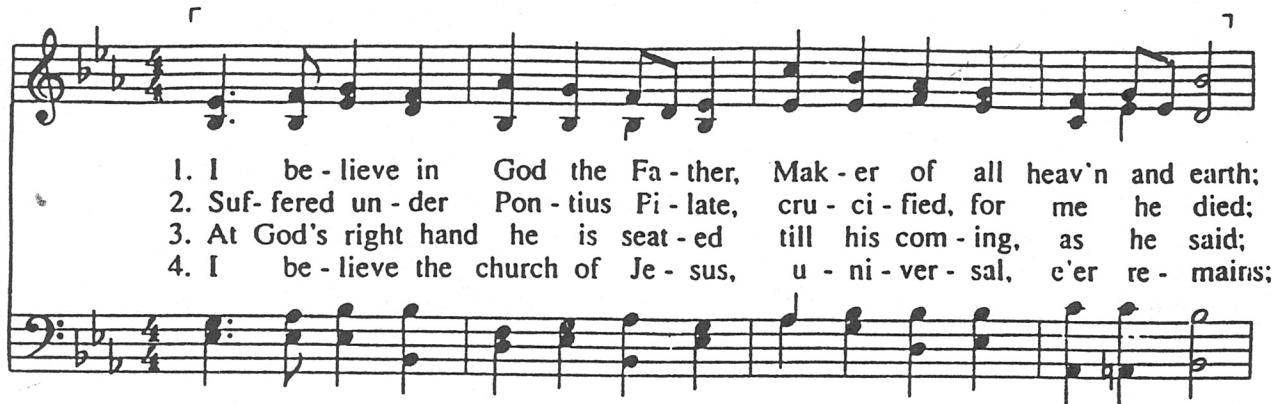
A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

**Creed:** The Apostles' Creed Sung (Supplement 111, Following Page)

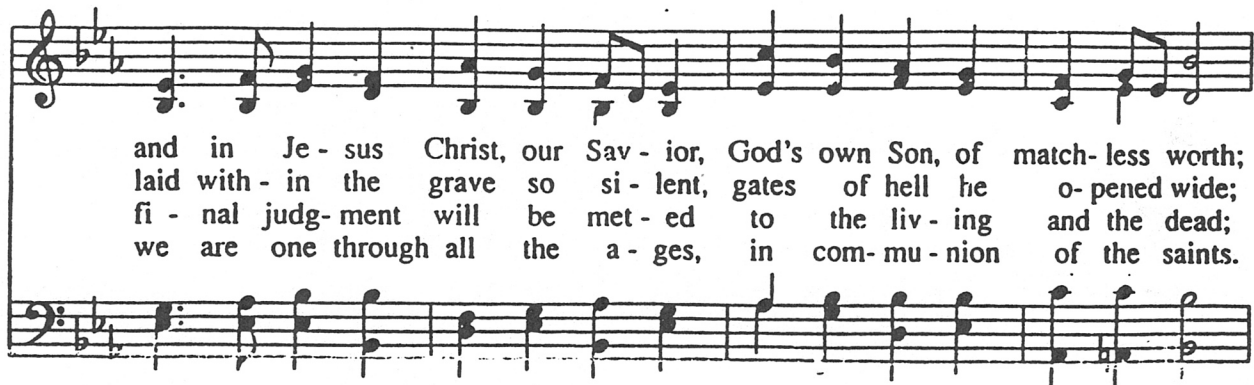
Songs:        That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright  
                Psalm 22 – To All My Brothers I'll Declare  
                                (Cantus 271, 34 / Following Pages)

## The Apostles' Creed

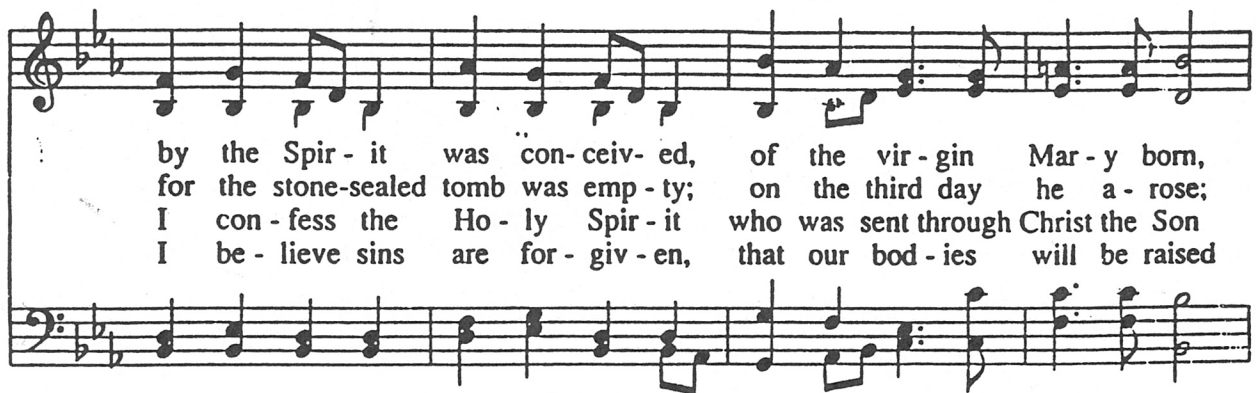
*It is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Rom. 10:10*



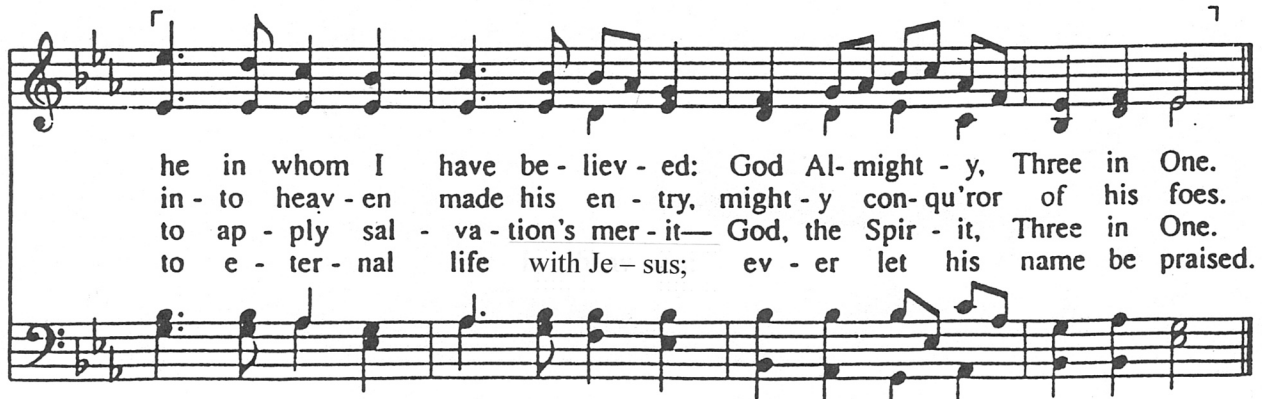
1. I be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, Mak - er of all heav'n and earth;  
 2. Suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, cru - ci - fied, for me he died;  
 3. At God's right hand he is seat - ed till his com - ing, as he said;  
 4. I be - lieve the church of Je - sus, u - ni - ver - sal, e'er re - mains;



and in Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior, God's own Son, of match - less worth;  
 laid with - in the grave so si - lent, gates of hell he o - pened wide;  
 fi - nal judg - ment will be met - ed to the liv - ing and the dead;  
 we are one through all the a - ges, in com - mu - nion of the saints.



by the Spir - it was con - ceiv - ed, of the vir - gin Mar - y born,  
 for the stone - sealed tomb was emp - ty; on the third day he a - rose;  
 I con - fess the Ho - ly Spir - it who was sent through Christ the Son  
 I be - lieve sins are for - giv - en, that our bod - ies will be raised



he in whom I have be - liev - ed: God Al - might - y, Three in One.  
 in - to heav - en made his en - try, might - y con - qu'ror of his foes.  
 to ap - ply sal - va - tion's mer - it— God, the Spir - it, Three in One.  
 to e - ter - nal life with Je - sus; ev - er let his name be praised.

4th verse repeat: Ever let his name be praised.

## That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

ERSCHIENEN IST (8 8. 8 8. 4)  
Nikolaus Herman, 1560

Latin hymn, 4th or 5th century  
tr. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

1. That Eas - ter day with joy was bright,  
2. He bade them see His hands, His side,  
3. O *Je - sus, King of gen - - tle - ness,*  
4. O Lord of all, with us a - bide give  
5. All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give

The sun shone out with fair - er light, When, to their  
Where yet the glo - rious wounds a - bide; The to - kens  
*Do Thou Thy - self our hearts pos - sess, That we may*  
In this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; From ev - 'ry  
To Thee, Who, dead, a - gain dost live; All praise to

long - ing eyes re - stored, The glad a -  
true which made it plain, Their Lord in -  
*give Thee all our days The trib - ute*  
weap - on death can wield Thine own re -  
God the Fa - ther be And Ho - ly

pos - tles saw their Lord. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
deed was ris'n a - gain. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
*of our grate - ful praise. Hal - le - lu - jah!*  
deemed for - ev - er shield. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
Ghost e - ter - nal - ly. Hal - le - lu - jah!

# To All My Brothers I'll Declare

CREATION (8 8. 8 8. 8 8)

Franz Joseph Haydn, 1798

arr. Isaac B. Woodbury

Psalm 22:22-31

The Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973

9. <sup>22</sup>To all my broth - ers I'll de - clare The glo - ry  
 10. <sup>24</sup>For He has not de - spised the poor; He has not  
 11. <sup>25</sup>With - in the con - gre - ga - tion great I of - fer  
 12. <sup>27</sup>All ends of earth, re - mem - b'ring Him, Shall turn them -  
 13. <sup>29</sup>The rich and might - y of the earth Shall eat and  
 14. <sup>31</sup>A seed shall rise to serve His will, And to the

of Your ho - ly name. <sup>35</sup>I'll praise You where the peo - ple meet.  
 scorned their wretch - ed state. He has not turned a - way His face  
 praise You have sup - plied. I'll pay my vows with them who fear;  
 selves un - to the LORD. The kin - dreds of the na - tions then  
 low be - fore Him bend, And in His pres - ence all shall bow  
 age it shall be told <sup>31</sup>A - bout our Lord; then they shall come

Who fear the LORD, His praise pro - claim; All sons of  
 From an - y - one in trou - ble great. When an - y  
<sup>26</sup>The meek with food are sat - is - fied. Who seek the  
 To Him their hom - age shall ac - cord. <sup>28</sup>Be - cause the  
 Who help - less to the dust de - scend, The wretch - ed  
 And shall His right - eous - ness un - fold Un - to a

Ja - cob, praise His grace, And stand in awc, all Is - racl's racc.  
 cried to Him in grief, He heard his prayer and sent re - lief.  
 LORD shall Him a - dore. May your heart live for - ev - er - more.  
 LORD the king - dom owns And rules a - bove all earth - ly thrones.  
 who, al - though they strive, Yet can - not keep their souls a - live.  
 peo - ple yet un - known, That this was done by Him a - lone.

*Offertory and Prayer:*

Hymn:       Bring Ye All the Tithes (Supplement 89, Next Page)

# Offertory

Bring Ye All the Tithes into the Storehouse

Malachi 3:10

Solemnly

Unison

Bring ye all the— tithes in- to the store- house, that there may be meat, that there

may be meat in mine house,— and prove me now here - with, saith the LORD—

— of hosts, if I will not op-en you the win-dows of hea - ven, and

pour you out a bles - sing, that there shall not be room e - nough— to re -

ceive it, that there shall not be room e - nough— to re - ceive— it.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Petition

Hymn:        Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound (Cantus 272 / Next Page)

# Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound

LASST UNS ERFREUEN (8 8. 4 4. 8 8. 4 4. and Alleluias)

Paul Zeller Strodach, 1945

*Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Unison

1. Now let the vault of heav'n re - sound In praise of  
 2. E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, Where - fore our  
 3. O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set heart and  
 4. A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And with the

Harmony

Love that doth a - bound, "Christ hath tri - umphed, Al - le -  
 heart with rap - ture sings, "Christ hath tri - umphed, Je - sus  
 will on things a - bove That we con - quer through Thy  
 heav'n - ly bless - ed sing, "Christ hath tri - umphed, Al - le -

Unison

lu - ia;" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear, Re -  
 liv - eth!" Now doth He come and give us life, Now  
 tri - umph, Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day That  
 lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, To

Harmony

peat their song of glo - ry here, "Christ hath  
 doth His pres - ence still all strife Through His  
 by our life we ev - er say, "Christ hath  
 Spir - it blest, most ho - ly God, Thine the



RESURRECTION

tri - umphed, Christ hath tri - umphed!" Al - le -  
 tri - umph; Je - sus reign - eth! Al - le -  
 tri - umphed, and He liv - eth!" Al - le -  
 glo - ry nev - er end - ing! Al - le -

Unison

lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

## The Continuation of the Kingdom

*The NT and Historical Optimism*

The Biblical Hope: Part VI

*Matthew 13:18-33; 28:18-20*

Stuart W. Bryan

### I. The Growing Kingdom (Dan 2:34-36, 44; 7:13-14)

<sup>13</sup> *"I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. <sup>14</sup> Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed. (Dan 7:13-14)*

Daniel sees a vision of Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ not His Second Coming. And when Jesus ascends to the Father, what happens? *To Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom in order that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him.*

### II. The Great Commission (Mt 28:18-20 cf. Mk 3:23-27; Rev 20:1-3)

<sup>18</sup> *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. (Mt 28:18-20)*

Jesus articulates what Daniel saw. Because Jesus has been given all authority in heaven and earth, He commissions the disciples to *go and make disciples of \_\_\_\_\_ the nations.* The nations are His inheritance (cf. Ps 2:8) and so now He is sending the disciples to claim them.

### III. Parables of the Kingdom

When Jesus speaks of the Kingdom of Heaven, He is announcing the arrival of the reign of God on earth through His Messiah. The kingdom parables describe the nature of His rule.

#### A. Organic not Cataclysmic (13:18-23 cf. Mk 4:26-29)

<sup>18</sup>*Therefore hear the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. <sup>20</sup>But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. <sup>22</sup>Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.*

The parable of the sower emphasizes the *organic* nature of the kingdom. The kingdom comes by *persuasive preaching* not *militaristic conquest*.

#### B. Realistic not Utopian (13:24-30)

<sup>24</sup> *Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup> but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. <sup>26</sup> But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. <sup>27</sup> So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'*

<sup>28</sup> He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' <sup>29</sup> But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

The kingdom of God will be a *wheat field*. However, there will remain \_\_\_\_\_ among the wheat – the devil remains active. Jesus' kingdom is *realistic* not *utopian*.

#### C. Vast not Miniscule (13:31-32 cf. Dan 4:10-12; Mk 4:30-32)

<sup>31</sup> Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, <sup>32</sup> which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."

Though Jesus' kingdom starts really tiny, eventually it grows to be a massive tree under which the birds of the air (the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth) will take refuge.

#### D. Living not Lifeless (13:33)

<sup>33</sup> Another parable He spoke to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."

Jesus' kingdom is not like a *lifeless* substance that remains where you put it; it is living and active like leaven; it works *organically* to permeate the world.

### IV. Application

#### A. Progress vs. Rule

The Scriptures do not teach *progress per se* but *the personal rule of Jesus*. Jesus reigns. Jesus is Lord. He blesses those who respond to His Word in faith and ultimately judges those who rebel against His lawful rule.

#### B. Newspaper Exegesis

Newspaper exegesis presumes that we are able to understand exactly what Jesus is up to at every point in history. But this is folly. As our Great King, Jesus knows precisely what He is doing; but we won't always know in detail. But we do know that Jesus loves the world too much to permit the nations to reject Him indefinitely.

#### C. Generational Faith

What this means, therefore, is that the work we are doing now is laying the foundation, good or ill, for the future of the Kingdom of God. Our calling as the people of God is to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world – to work in faith trusting Christ to spread His kingdom by Word and Spirit.

### V. Conclusion (John 12:31-32)

<sup>31</sup> "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. <sup>32</sup> And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw \_\_\_\_\_ to Myself." (Jn 12:31-32)

*A Time of Prayer*

*The Lord's Prayer* – Cantus 411 (Following Page)

# The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

Traditional, very ancient

The musical score is written in a single system with two staves per line. The top staff is a treble clef and the bottom staff is a bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The music is in a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The word 'Precentor' is written below the first treble staff. The lyrics are: 'Our Fa-ther, Who art in heaven, Hal-low - ed be Thy Name. Thy king-dom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give those who tres-pass a- gainst us. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, But de-liv-er us from e-vil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the pow'r and the glo-ry, for-ev-er and ev-er. A-men.'

*Precentor*  
Our Fa-ther, Who art in heaven, Hal-low - ed be Thy Name. Thy king-dom come.  
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.  
And for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give those who tres-pass a- gainst us.  
And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, But de-liv-er us from e-vil. For Thine  
is the kingdom, and the pow'r and the glo-ry, for-ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

*Bidding Prayers*

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

For the forgiveness of our sins, our worship of other gods, our blasphemy, our neglect of the Lord's Day, our disregard for parental authority, our murder of the unborn, our desecration of marriage and perversion of sexuality, our theft of that which others have lawfully earned, our malicious speech, and our covetousness, with all our heart and all our mind, let us pray to the Lord...

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For our sinful self-sufficiency, for our refusal to give thanks to the Lord publicly for all His gifts to us, for our neglect to designate the Lord's service and worship as essential services, for no fault divorce, for our public sanction of same-sex longings, actions, and relationships in our so-called "anti-discrimination ordinance", let us pray to the Lord... Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For the holy catholic church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the gospel and the salvation of friend and foe through faith in Christ, let us pray to the Lord... Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For this republic, for our cities and communities, for Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord... Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For our magistrates, our mayors, our commissioners, our legislators and senators, our governors, and our president, let us pray to the Lord... Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord... Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For those who labor, for those who own business that are being affected by this virus, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord... Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For all those in need, for those who have been put out of work, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord... Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For the sick and dying, especially those suffering with COVID and those health care workers who are ministering to them, let us pray to the Lord... Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For our expectant mothers, our older members susceptible to the coronavirus, and for all those who are suffering with physical illnesses that make them more vulnerable to infection, let us pray to the Lord... Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord... Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

Grant, we beseech You, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Your grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*Blessing*

Psalm 117 – Praise the Lord All Ye Nations! (Supplement 50, Next Page)

# Psalm 117

4-Part Canon

David R. Erb, 2005

C F C C G C

Praise the Lord all ye na - tions! Praise Him all ye peo - ple!

5 C F C C G C

For His mer - ci - ful kind - ness is great toward us; and the

9 C F C C G C

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Praise ye the Lord! Praise ye the Lord! Praise ye the Lord



*Benediction for Easter:*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

May God the Father,

by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,

open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

**Amen.**

May God the Son,

who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,

give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

**Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit,

who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,

empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**