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Service for the Lord's Day

eleven o'clock

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Holy Communion

The Gathering for Worship

The pews marked "Reserved" are available for seating. Please follow the blue tape designations in each pew as much as possible. Thank you.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, may I test my love for Thee by my love for my neighbor. And may I kindle and keep aflame forever my love for my neighbor by borrowing living fire from Thine altar, O most mighty and most merciful.

from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE - "Antiphons V & III" from *Vêpres du Commun*.....

Marcel Dupré

The service of worship begins with the music of the organ. Through its power and brilliance may you feel the majesty and glory of God; in its quietness, His peace.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Dr. Wilkins

INTROIT - "O praise God in his holiness".....George Thalben-Ball

O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.

*CALL TO WORSHIP..... Rev. Seamon

Minister: Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

People: Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.

Minister: Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth.

People: Living God, for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked, draw us beyond our doubts, till we see your Christ and touch his wounds where they bleed in others. This we ask through Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 246 - "Christ Is Alive!" TRURO

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing, The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
3 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
4 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and home with prais - es
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing, here and
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the
this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and o - cean.

ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Lord Jesus, here we are, disciples and those who know a deep need, gathered to meet you in the midst of fear and confusion. Dispel our anxieties about ourselves, our past, our faith. Open from the outside the hearts we unlock to you from within. Help us to hear your voice beneath and above and through all the other voices we hear. Convince us that there is a center of peace at the heart of the storms in our lives. Feed our faith on the certainty of your presence and all your promises. Grant to us the joy of life abundant, faithful and courageous. Amen.

A period of silence for personal confession.

KYRIE ELEISON (from *The Independent Service*)

Lord have mer - cy up - on us, Christ have mer - cy up - on us,

Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* GLORIA PATRI (from *The Independent Service*)

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi-rit:

As it was in the be - gin - ing, is now, and will be for

ev - er, world with - out end. A - men.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.....Rev. Seamon

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING LESSON - John 20: 19 – 31

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

* HYMN 234 - "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" ST. KEVIN



1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain of tri-um-phant glad-ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to-day: Christ has burst his pris-on,
3 Now the queen of sea-sons, bright with the day of splen-dor,
4 Nei-ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por-tal,
God has brought forth Is-ra-el in-to joy from sad-ness,
and from three-days' sleep in death as a sun has-ris-en.
with the roy-al feast of feasts comes its joy to-ren-der;
nor the watch-ers, nor the seal hold you as a-mor-tal:
loosed from Pha-raoh's bit-ter yoke Ja-cob's sons and daugh-ters;
All the win-ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly-ing
comes to glad-Je-ru-sa-lem, who with true-af-fec-tion
but to-day, a-mong your own, you ap-pear, be-stow-ing
led them with-un-moist-ened foot through the Red Sea wa-ters.
from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise un-dy-ing.
wel comes in-un-wea-ried strains Je-sus' res-ur-rec-tion!
your deep peace, which ev-er-more pass-es hu-man know-ing.

SERMON - HEALING WOUNDS Dr. Wilkins

The Response to the Word

* APOSTLES' CREED.....Rev. Seamon

**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; 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
catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

* The Offertory Statement

* The Doxology (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 606).....
OLD HUNDREDTH

* The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Anthem – "Quia vidisti me, Thoma".....

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Quia vidisti me, Thoma credidisti. Beati qui non viderunt et crediderunt.

Because you have seen me, Thomas, you have believed. Blessed are those who
have not seen and yet have believed. *John 20:29*

The Eucharist

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE.....Rev. Clayton

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

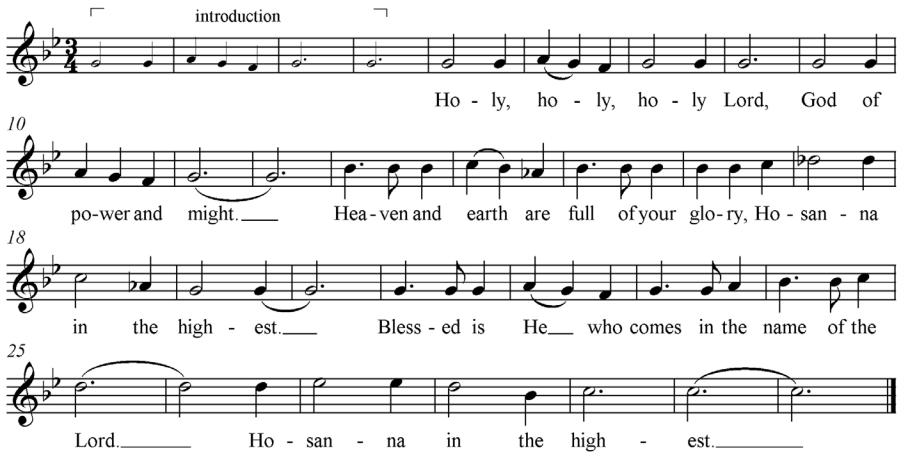
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister continues in prayer, and then is sung:

SANCTUS (from *The Independent Service*)

introduction



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
10 po - wer and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na
18 in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the
25 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The minister continues in prayer:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (from *The Independent Service*)



Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain!

The minister continues in prayer:

AMEN (from *The Independent Service*)



A - men, A - men, A - - - men!

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*In unison*)

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy 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 Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

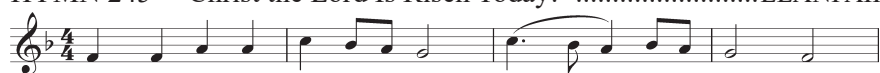
"Ego sum panis vivus" William Byrd
Ego sum panis vivus, qui de caelo descendit: si quis manducaverit ex hoc pane, vivet in aeternum. Alleluia.

I am the living bread, which ascended into heaven: if anyone eats of this bread, he will have eternal life. Alleluia. *Antiphon to the Benedictus at Lauds*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Sending

*HYMN 245 - "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!" LLANFAIR



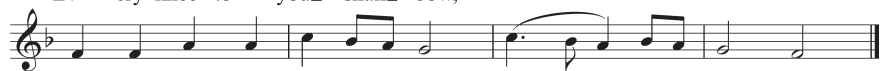
1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"
2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!



All cre - a - tion, join to say:
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death is now your sting?
Praise to you by both be given,



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Je - sus died, our souls to save,
Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,



Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE - "Fugue sur les jeux d'anches" François Couperin

**Congregation standing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OF TODAY'S ONLINE VISITORS!

We would love to welcome you to our family of faith at IPC. Please provide contact information to Cindy Shaw at 933-3696 or cshaw@ipc-usa.org.

THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Thomas Coleman, Senior; Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy, WWII Pacific Theater; witnessed the raising of the American flag (both times) at Iwo Jima; father of Lochrane Coleman Smith; and grandfather of Lochrane Connors Smith.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: We rejoice in the birth on March 21, 2021, of Charles Henry Deer II ("Henry"), son of Mary Riley Deer and Charlie Alan Deer.

REGISTRATION FOR VBS AND BTMP is now open to everyone with limited availability. Registration forms are available at ipc-usa.org > connect.

WELCOME TO IPC: JD TYLER joined IPC staff April 6 as our Director of Youth Faith Formation. He is a child of the PCUSA. Born in Oklahoma and raised in Kansas and Texas, JD attended Samford University where he met his wife Hollie. He is currently attending Princeton Theological Seminary online where he will graduate with a Master's of Divinity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

THANK YOU TO JAY WILKINS. Jay started with us last fall as our Interim Associate Pastor of Congregational Care and feels now is the right season to fully retire and spend more well-deserved time with his family. His last day on staff will be April 26, although he won't go far as Jay plans to continue worshipping at IPC.

RETURN TO THREE SUNDAY SERVICES ON APRIL 18: we will resume our 8:45 am worship service in the sanctuary beginning next Sunday, April 18. Attendance will be by reservation, and our current guidelines from IPC's Re-Opening Task force will allow us to have 164 people in attendance in the sanctuary at both the 8:45 am and 11 am services beginning April 18. The City of Birmingham has extended its mask ordinance until May 24, 2021, so please continue to wear your mask as we have been doing. Also, please maintain social distancing to ensure the safety of all our members. A new coffee hour in the cloister of the church each Sunday also begins April 18 following the 8:45 am service. We welcome anyone who wants to come to the church between 9:45 - 10:45 am for coffee and fellowship. We look forward to these opportunities to reconnect with one another! Make reservations to worship with us in person on Sundays at ipc-usa.org/worship.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

IPC CHOIR: In honor of the IPC Choir.

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Chapel Fund*) In memory of Mrs. Jane B. Byrne, Mrs. Dianne C. Johnson, and Mrs. Jean T. Snow. (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds and Mrs. Robbie Sevier. (*Life Care Fund*) In memory of Mr. Robert G. "Bob" Tate.

BAPTISM TODAY

EMMETT GOLSON HARTZOG, born August 10, 2020, son of Anna Golson Frederick Hartzog and Owen Kent Hartzog; brother of Owen Bennett Hartzog; grandson of Carol Frederick and Beebe Frederick, Kathy Hartzog and Steve Hartzog.

Participants in Today's Services

The Rev. Dr. Jay Wilkins, Interim Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care
The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Adult & Comm. Ministries
The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Faith Formation
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