

# PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
May 4, 2003  
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

*The Christian Year: Second Sunday after the Resurrection*

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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*Please have all communication devices in silent mode. Thank you.*

## **Prelude**

"Jubilation"  
The Handbell Choir, Colin Howland, *Director*

*A. Sherman*

## **Preparation for Worship** "Alleluia! Sing, Christ Is Risen"

The Carol Choir  
Charlotte Ball, *Director*; Amy Rucker, *Piano*  
Rachel Duke and Kaitlin O'Hearn, *Handbells*

*T. Taylor*

## **Call to Worship**

The Rev. Joseph Ryan

**Minister:** Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

**People:** **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!**

1 John 1.29; Revelation 5.12

**\*Hymn of Adoration No. 300** "Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power" *OQUANTAQUALIA*

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 102** "All Glory Be to Thee, Most High"  
Stanza 1: *Choir*; Stanzas 2-4: *All*

*ALLEINGOTINDERHOH*

## **\*Confession of Faith**

**Minister:** How does Christ fulfill the office of Mediator?

**People:** **The office of Mediator the Lord Jesus did willingly undertake and did perfectly fulfill. He endured grievous torments immediately in His soul, and painful sufferings in His body; was crucified, and died, was buried, and remained under the power of death, yet saw no corruption. On the third day He arose from the dead, with the same body in which He suffered, with which also He ascended into heaven, and there sits at the right hand of His Father.**

WCF 8.4

## **\*A Doxology**

*DIADEMATA*

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

**Musical Offering: Psalm 27.4** "The Heart's Desire"

*D. Schwoebel*

*One thing have I desired, one thing will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, may dwell and behold the beauty of the Lord and inquire in His temple.*

**\*Greeting of Peace**

Minister: Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Colossians 3.15

People: **And also with you.**

**Service of Friendship**

**Communion Meditation** SMALL PHRASES/BIG MEANINGS

Dr. Ryan

"Behold, the Lamb"

*The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"* John 1.29

**Song of Preparation**

*D. Rambo*

**The Decalogue**

Mr. Allen

*Privately consider the meaning of each Commandment as it is read.*

Then God spoke these words saying,

You shall have no other gods before Me.  
You shall not make for yourself an idol.  
You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.  
Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.  
Honor your father and your mother.  
You shall not murder.  
You shall not commit adultery.  
You shall not steal.  
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.  
You shall not covet.

## Prayer of Consecration

Almighty and everlasting God, who by the blood of Your only begotten Son has secured for us a new and living way into the Holy of Holies, cleanse our minds and hearts by Your Word and Spirit that we, Your redeemed people, drawing close to You through these holy mysteries, may enjoy fellowship with the Holy Trinity through the body and blood of Christ our Savior. Our Ascended Savior does not live in temples made by hands, but is in heaven where He continues to intercede on our behalf. Through this mystery, by Your own Word and Spirit, these common elements are now set apart from ordinary use. While remaining bread and wine, these sacred elements nevertheless become so united to the reality they signify that we do not doubt but joyfully believe that we receive in this meal nothing less than the crucified body and shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us now go to our Heavenly Table and receive the gift of God for our souls. Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord!** Let us give thanks to our Lord God. **It is good and right to do so.** It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, **we laud and magnify Your most glorious Name, evermore praising You, singing**

All:

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

### The Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

*Please hold the bread and the cup until all have received them so that we may partake together.*

*During the serving of the bread, please sing  
"Lamb of God"*

*Twila Paris*

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side,  
To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

*Refrain:*

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love, they crucified, they laughed and scorned Him as He died,  
The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. (*Refrain*)

I was so lost, I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side,  
To be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. (*Refrain*)

*During the serving of the cup, please sing Hymn No. 261  
"What Wondrous Love Is This"*

*WONDROUSLOVE*

\*The Benediction

Minister: May the blessing of God Almighty, God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Holy Spirit be with you all now and forever.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN!

Postlude

"Toccatina on Christ Ist Erstanden"  
Mr. Howland, Organ

R. Purvis

*Member of our fellowship at Park Cities Presbyterian Church who has joined the  
Church Triumphant since our last Communion:*

John Francis O'Donnell

\*The Congregation stands.

Preparation for Communion:

We have come to the Lord's Table at the invitation of the Lord Himself, and so we come on His terms. Therefore, Park Cities Presbyterian Church welcomes to the Lord's Table all those who have trusted in Jesus Christ as Savior and who acknowledge Him as Lord. Because Communion is a sacrament of the church, all are welcome to partake who are baptized members in an evangelical church (a church where the gospel is loved and proclaimed). It is our request that children not participate in the Lord's Supper until they themselves have become communing members of such a church. We come not as those who are intrinsically righteous, but as those who have been given through grace the righteousness of our perfect Redeemer. So, while we repent of known sin as we come, we recognize our standing before the Father is completely dependent on the accomplishment of Jesus Christ for His people.

—*The Session*

**Personal Prayer and Counsel**

*Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication with  
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:7*

***In these difficult times everyone struggles with sometimes overwhelming  
concerns. Give us the privilege of praying with you in complete confidence after  
any Sunday morning service. Meet with Elders and other prayer leaders in the  
Parlor (Room 205, next to the information desk) and let us pray for your needs.  
Our prayer leadership earnestly desires to come along side you in prayer.***

*The flowers in our worship services this morning are given to the glory of  
God and in honor of Mildred Kemper and in memory of Bill Kemper,  
Emery and Leland Best by Nancy and Randy Best.*

**Please join us every Sunday in Fellowship Hall following each  
worship service for fellowship and refreshments!**