



CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 20, 2012

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

Ascension Sunday

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.

We Prepare Our Hearts

"The LORD is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him."

Habakkuk 2.20

Preparation for Worship

9:30/11:00

"Brother James's Air"

Jacob

Beth McDow, Laura MacCorkle, Bryan Varenkamp, Jeff Berta

We Come to Worship at His Bidding

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!"

Psalms 150.6

Call to Worship

The Rev. Patrick Lafferty

Minister: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great King over all the earth.

People: **He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom He loves.**

Minister: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

People: **God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne. The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is highly exalted!**

Psalms 47

We Praise and Profess Our Faith in God

*"My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh
bless His holy name forever and ever." Psalm 145.21*

***Hymn of Adoration "Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning"**

GUITING POWER



1. Christ tri - um - phant, ev - er reign - ing, Sa - vior, Mas - ter, King!
2. Word in - car - nate, truth re - veal - ing, Son of man on earth:
3. Suf - fering ser - vant, scorned, ill - treat - ed, vic - tim cru - ci - fied!
4. Priest - ly king, en - throned for - ev - er high in heaven a - bove!
5. So, our hearts and voic - es rais - ing through the a - ges long,



Lord of heaven, our lives sus - tain - ing, hear us as we sing.
Power and maj - es - ty con - ceal - ing by Your hum - ble birth.
Death is through the cross de - feat - ed, sin - ners jus - ti - fied.
Sin and death and hell shall nev - er sti - fle hymns of love.
cease - less - ly u - pon You gaz - ing, this shall be our song.



Yours the glo - ry and the crown, the high re - nown, the e - ter - nal name.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Confession of Faith**

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00

The Rev. Julian Russell 9:30

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 11:00

Minister: How was Christ exalted in His ascension?

People: Christ was exalted in His ascension, in that having after His resurrection often appeared unto and conversed with His apostles, speaking to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God, and giving them commission to preach the gospel to all nations, forty days after His resurrection, He, in our nature, and as our Head, triumphing over enemies, visibly went up into the highest heavens, there to receive gifts for men, to raise up our affections thither, and to prepare a place for us, where He Himself is, and shall continue till His second coming at the end of the world.

The Larger Catechism, Q. 53



1. See, the Con-qu'ror mounts in tri-umph, see the King in roy - al state,
2. Who is this that comes in glo - ry, with the trump of ju - bi - lee?
3. You have raised our hu - man na - ture in the clouds to God's right hand;



rid - ing on the clouds, His char - iot, to His heav'n - ly pal - ace gate:
 Lord of bat - tles, God of ar - mies, He has gained the vic - to - ry;
 there we sit in heav'n - ly plac - es, there with You in glo - ry stand:



Hark! the choirs of an - gel voic - es joy - ful al - le - lu - ias sing,
 He who on the cross did suf - fer, He who from the grave a - rose,
 Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels, man with God is on the throne;



and the por - tals high are lift - ed to re - ceive their heav'n - ly King.
 He has van - quished sin and Sa - tan, He by death has spoiled His foes.
 might - y Lord, in Your as - cen - sion we by faith be - hold our own.

Public Confession of Sin

Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess our tendency to supplant His authority; we want to control our lives and constantly pursue the means to do so. Our lives are anxious because we fear not getting the things we most desire. We do not do to others as we would have them do to us; we even sacrifice our relationships on the altars of ambition. Loving Father, through the blood of Your Son reconcile us to Yourself and to one another. Teach us how to seek first Your kingdom and righteousness, trusting that You will add to us everything we need. Place our hope and confidence in our Great High Priest, who ever lives to make intercession for us.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance

Jesus is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7.25

We Pray for Our Congregation, the Church, and the World

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people . . . This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2.1, 3-4

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison 8:00

Mr. Russell 9:30

Mr. Lamberth 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00 "Brother James's Air" Jacob
Beth McDow, Laura MacCorkle, Bryan Varenkamp, Jeff Berta

9:30/11:00 "At the Name of Jesus" Berry
Chancel Choir • Colin Howland, director • Stephen Nielson, piano
Jesus, though He was God, did not cling to His rights as God, but laid aside His mighty power, His mighty power and glory. Taking the form of a servant, and becoming like men.
He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on the cross. At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow in heaven and in earth. That ev'ry knee shall bows and ev'ry tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!
At the name of Jesus!

Becoming a Communing Member and Coming to the Lord's Table for the First Time Mr. Lafferty
9:30/11:00

Middle School Communicants:

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| Jennie Lou Haughton | Elliot Laurens Overton |
| Dewitt Talmadge Hicks IV | Jacob Bennett Pogue |
| Coleman Curtis Jones | William Whitfield Roberts |
| Jennifer Lee Jones | Sally Evelyn Shaw |
| Morgan Elise Jones | Abigail French Snelling |
| Rainey Kern McBride | |

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Romans 5.1

People: **And also with you.**

The Service of Friendship

***The Scripture Reading** Matthew 7.15-23

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. ²¹ 'Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and do many mighty works in Your name?' ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'"

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

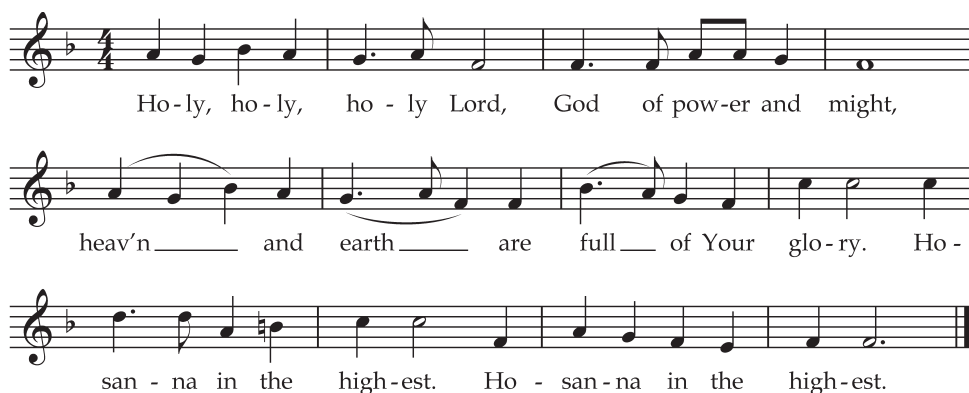
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

People: Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name; evermore praising You, and singing:



We Proclaim Jesus Christ Crucified as the Only Salvation for Sinners

Jesus said to him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6

***The Words of Institution**

The Communion 8:00

Please come forward down the center aisle.

Partake of the elements upon receiving them from the elders.

Return to your seat with your empty cup via the side aisle.

During the serving of Communion at 8:00, please use the hymns on pages two and three for private meditation.

During the Serving of Communion 9:30/11:00

Please hold the bread and cup, and we will all partake together.

During the bread, please sing

No. 308

"Jesus Paid It All"

ALL TO CHRIST

During the cup, please sing

No. 292

"Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord"

ENGELBERG

We go into the World with God's Peace to Live for His Glory

"Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

Hebrews 13:20-21

***Closing Hymn No. 295 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

DIADEMATA

***The Benediction**

Minister: And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28.18-20

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

"Symphony No. 2: Final"
Mr. Howland, organ

Widor

**The congregation stands.*

Members of our fellowship at Park Cities Presbyterian Church who have joined the Church Triumphant since our last Communion:

Linda Wyatt
Larry Seaman
Helen Powell
Phyllis Word
Jake Beatty
Bobby Mike
Joyce Goldmann
Ellen Wroughton

Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.

Personal Prayer and Counsel

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor . . . rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality." Romans 12.10, 12, 13

We want so much to come alongside you in brotherly love and hospitality by your allowing us to be in prayer for your salvation or any need you may have. Please join us in the Parlor (north of Fellowship Hall) following the worship service where our Elders and prayer leaders are available and eager to meet with you and pray with you in complete confidence.

Senior Pastor

The Rev. Mark Davis

Session/Associate Pastor

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| Tommy Bain | Dr. Pete Deison | Rick Owens |
| Alan Balser | Will Francis | Bobby Payne |
| John Bateman | Harry Hargrave | Kirk Pogoloff |
| Frank Bullock | Ed Jarrett | Dan Stewart |
| Kit Case | Louie Little | Randy Wood |
| Doug Chesnut | David Newman | |

Assistant Pastors

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| The Rev. Ron Williams | Dr. Jeff White |
| The Rev. Bill Lamberth | The Rev. Tommy Overton |
| The Rev. Patrick Lafferty | Dr. Joseph "Skip" Ryan |
| The Rev. Julian Russell | |

Executive Director

Jeff Barber

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 7.15-23

“En Garde”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of May 20, 2012

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great King over all the earth.

“See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph” *(sing or say these words together)*

Please refer to the hymn on page three.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7.15-23 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

Questions for Discussion *(may be answered in one worship time or spread over several times)*

1. What is a warning, and what are some you’ve heard—from your parents, teachers, or friends?
2. If a prophet is someone who speaks for God, what would a false prophet be? Why would following his words be dangerous?
3. What does Jesus say we should do to know if someone who speaks for God is trustworthy?
4. What does it mean to be a true disciple of Jesus, according to verses 21-23? What’s the next thing you can do to follow Him as He says?

Questions for older children

1. Have you ever done something which to others looked selfless but was actually selfish?
2. What does Jesus mean by “knowing” someone and why does that matter when it comes to following Him?
3. Why did we need Jesus to suffer the cross and ascend into heaven in order to heed His warnings in this passage? What did His suffering and His ascending to Heaven (Jn 20.17, Acts 1.8,9) do for us?

Scripture Memory for May *(memorize these verses of Scripture this month)*

John 14.15-17

If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

Prayer

Prayer *(saying together)*

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 forever. Amen.