

First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia



CELEBRATION!

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

Welcome

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

Opening Acclamation

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

***Song**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

***Prayer (unison)**

The Reverend Laura Colee

Loving God, there is nothing that can separate us from you or your love. Not even death could keep Jesus from loving us! Thank you for raising Jesus on Easter morning and thank you for showing us that new things are possible.

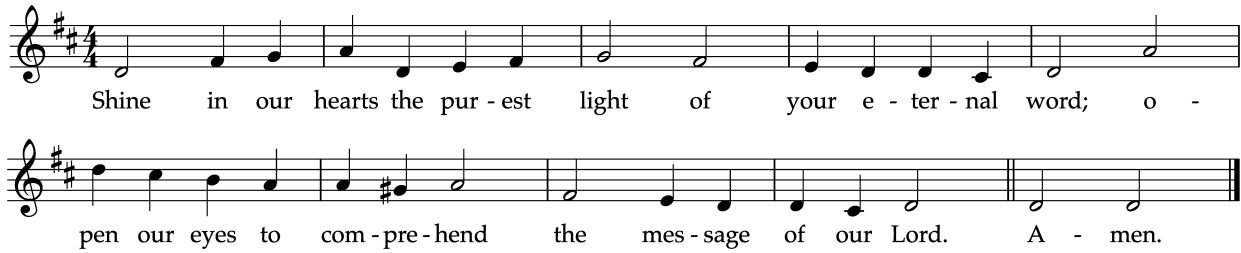
Lord God, you promise to always love us, even when we make mistakes. When we fall down, your love and forgiveness lift us up again. Forgive us for when we've spoken unkindly to one another this week. Help us to choose words that are gentle and caring. Forgive us for when we've not shared with others and we've kept things for ourselves. Teach us your generosity and compassion. Forgive us for when we've ignored others and separated ourselves from them. Help us to see the best in people and help us to forgive the worst. As we continue to pray, remind us again and again of your unending love for each one of us...

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination



Shine in our hearts the pur - est light of your e - ter - nal word; o -
pen our eyes to com - pre - hend the mes - sage of our Lord. A - men.

Reading the Word of God

John 17:16-19

Reagan & Wyatt Buzan

Seeing and Touching the Word

Karen Marston

Reflections

Dr. Mullis

*Song

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

*The Apostles' Creed (unison)

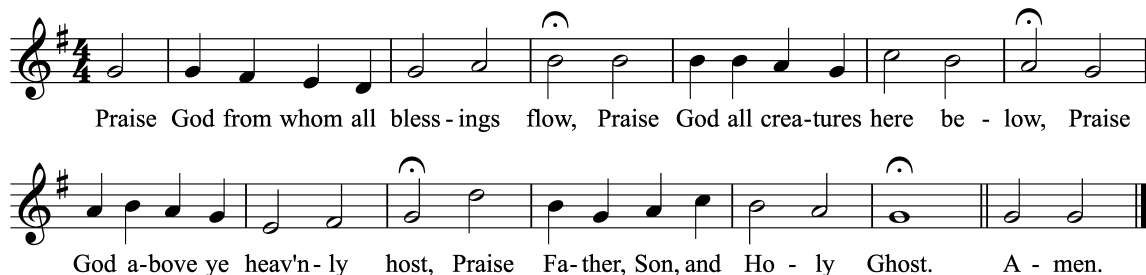
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering (You may remain seated during the Doxology.)



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow, Praise God all crea - tures here be - low, Praise
God a - bove ye heav'n - ly host, Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (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 forever. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Let us keep the feast!

Prayer after Communion (unison)

God, who takes care of each one of us, thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; now send us out into the world to tell everyone about your love. Amen.

***Closing Song**

You Shall Go Out With Joy

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.

Benediction and Going Forth

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!



Meetings This Week

Thursday, May 16

Session

6:30 p.m.

End of Year Sunday School Party

Join us next Sunday, May 19, for our End of the Year Sunday School Party after our Celebration service around 10:00 a.m. We'll play games, enjoy ice cream from Mom & Pop Freezie Ice, and celebrate the end of the Sunday School year until September.

Twenties & Thirties Brunch

The T&Ts will go for our regular brunch outing next Sunday, May 19, after the 11 a.m. service! We'll be dining at Rosy's Taco Bar on the corner of 23rd & Walnut streets. Please RSVP to Laura (youngadults@fpcphila.org) if you'd like to join so we can make a reservation!

Souls Shot Portrait Project Exhibition

In the month of May, First Church is hosting the Souls Shot Portrait Project Exhibition in Old Buttonwood Hall. The portraits are of loved ones lost to gun violence, created by local artists in conversation with grieving families. We hope that your encounter with these souls will lead you to take action. Consider inviting your friends and neighbors to view the exhibition. Exhibition hours are Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Membership at First Church

First Church is scheduling a new members class in June. If you are interested in becoming a member of First Church, please contact Rev. Laura Colee (laura.colee@fpcphila.org).

Save the Date - June 2 Missions Fair

The Missions Committee is hosting a Missions Fair on June 2 in Old Buttonwood Hall. We have invited a number of our mission partners to join us for the fellowship hour after both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. The congregation will have an opportunity to talk with some of our partners about their upcoming projects and ways that the church get involved. Be sure to check it out!

Become a Sunday School/Nursery Volunteer

We'd love to have you volunteer with our children's Sunday School or Nursery program. If you are interested in helping lead Sunday School with Pastor Laura or volunteering the nursery a few times a year, please reach out at to Rev. Laura Colee (laura.colee@fpcphila.org).

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