

† Soli Deo Gloria †

The Worship Service Celebrating
The Heavenly Homecoming of Joseph Kuchar
November 7, 1929 - March 9, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

Please Stand

The Processional Hymn

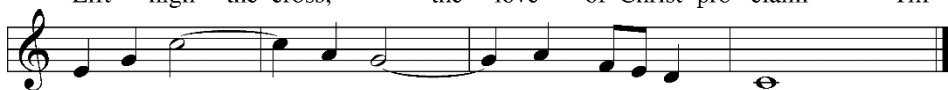
“Lift High the Cross”

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Refrain



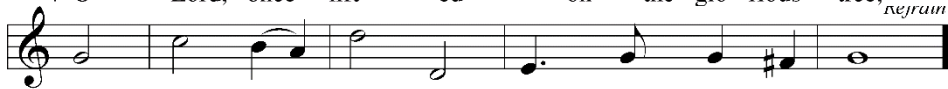
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.



- 1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,
- 2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,
- 3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied
- 4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,



Our king vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con-quer-ing ranks com-bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell

Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:

Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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The Invocation and Opening Litany

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P In baptism we have been buried with Christ.

C And we shall LIVE with Him. (*Jn.6*)

P Listen, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. (*I Cor. 15:51*)

(Litany continues next page)

- C** **The perishable shall be clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.** (*1 Cor. 15:53*)
- P** Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? (*1 Cor. 15:54-55*)
- C** **But thanks be to God! He GIVES us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.** (*1 Cor. 15:57*)
- P** Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” (*Jn. 11:25-26*)
- C** **I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end, He shall stand upon the earth.** (*Job 19:25*)
- P** He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. (*Rev. 21:4*)
- C** **He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen! Come Lord Jesus!** (*Rev. 22:20*)
- A** **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

Revelation 7:9–17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Obituary

The Prayer

P Let us pray

C O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today Joe, our brother in Christ. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion on this pilgrimage upon earth. In Your boundless compassion console us who mourn. Give us Your aid so we may continue our course on earth with confidence in You until the day You call us to heaven. Grant us a blessed reunion with those who have gone before us with faith in Jesus. In His name we pray. Amen.

Please Be Seated

The Comfort of God's Word

Psalm 23

P The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

C He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters,

P He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

C Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

P You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Scripture Readings

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Please Stand

Gospel Reading

John 14:1–61

[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Please Be Seated

Solo

“On Eagles’ Wings”

Ali Holt

The Message

Please Stand

The Apostles’ Creed

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers of the Church

P Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and Your peace.

C Hear us, O Lord.

P Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the gate of death and the grave we may pass with Him to our joyful resurrection.

C Hear us, O Lord.

P Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, Your Holy Spirit that he may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

C Hear us, O Lord.

P Grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve You with a quiet mind.

C **Hear us, O Lord.**

P Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love.

C **Hear us, O Lord.**

P Give courage and faith to the bereaved that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope, in the communion of Your Church, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith.

C **Hear us, O Lord.**

P Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe in and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

C **Hear us, O Lord.**

P God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Benediction

P Let us go forth in peace

C **In the peace and joy of Christ**

P For He is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The Lord Bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen!**

P Let us go forth in peace

C **In the name of the Lord. Amen**



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;
 He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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Postlude

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