



**Edgewood Presbyterian Church
Homewood, Alabama
Third Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2022**

****Please text any prayer requests to 205-794-3887 before the Sharing of the Peace.
Please include your name, unless you wish the request to be anonymous.****

Prayer of Preparation

Holy God, interrupt our lives with your presence and send us to do your work. Amen.

**Chiming of the Trinity
The Waters of Baptism**

Prelude

*God Himself Is Present
Chorale: Joachim Neander Setting: Jeffrey Blersch*

Welcome

Rev. Joe Genau

*** Call to Worship**

Kristi Ware, liturgist

God has gathered us up this morning,
From east to west and from north and south.

We join together to sing, to pray, to listen, and to wonder;
to be curious, to weep, to be filled up, to be transformed.

When Jesus speaks, our hearts burn within us;
Our eyes are opened when the bread is broken.

We recognize the image of the divine in one another.
Gathered together, we worship with love and trust and we dare to hope.

Prayer of the Day

Hymn 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

¹ 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!

² 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!

³ 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!

⁴ 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!

Invitation to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

**Holy God, in the brightness of your great love,
we can see the harm we have done,
the suffering we have caused,
the good we have refused,
and the truth we have denied.
Show us how to heal brokenness,
remind us how beloved we are,
and feed us with your grace,
so that we may follow the road you call us to travel in the Way of Christ.
We now share with you in silence the burdens of our hearts...**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and restored to new life!

Gloria 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalms 30

1 I exalt you, O LORD, for you have pulled me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

2 **O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

3 O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

4 **Sing praises to the LORD, O you God's faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.**

5 For God's anger is but for a moment; God's favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning!

6 As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

7 **By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain;**
 But then you hid your presence and I was dismayed.

⁸ **To you, O LORD, I cried, and to you I begged for mercy.**

⁹ “What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

¹⁰ Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!

¹¹ **You have turned my mourning into dancing;**

You have taken off my funeral sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

¹² **so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.**

O LORD my God,

I will give thanks to you forever.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

The Word of God for the people of God.

Acts 9: 1-6, 7-20

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Called Saul”

Rev. Joe Genau

***Hymn 451**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

¹ Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit
divine!

² Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit
divine!

³ Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit
divine!

***Sharing of the Peace**

Announcements for the Community of Faith

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Anthem

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

Psalm 84, para. Jonathan Asprey

Daniel Kallman

Intro: *How lovely is Thy dwelling place,
O Lord of Hosts to me.
My soul is longing and fainting the courts
of the Lord to see.
My heart and flesh they are singing
for joy to the living God.
How lovely is Thy dwelling place,
O Lord of Hosts to me.*

¹ *Even the sparrow finds a home
where he can settle down,
and the swallow she can build a nest
where she may lay her young
within the courts of the Lord of Hosts,
my King, my Lord, and my God.*

² *And happy are those who are dwelling
where the song of praise is sung.
And I'd rather be a doorkeeper
and only stay a day
than live the life of a sinner
and have to stay away.*

³ *For the Lord is shining as the sun.
And the Lord is like a shield;
and no good thing does God withhold
from those who walk the way.*

Intro

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Invitation to the Lord's Table**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

***The Lord's Prayer**

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion of the People

Music at Communion

Chorale and Chorale Prelude: *Blessed Jesus, We Are Here*

J. S. Bach

Concerns of the Church & Prayers of the People

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Hymn4*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

GROSSER GOOT, WIR LOBEN DICH

¹ Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim;
all in heaven above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.

² Hark! The glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
“Holy, holy, holy Lord!”

³ All apostles join the strain
as your sacred name they hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the blessed martyrs follow,
and from morn to set of sun,
through the church the song goes on.

⁴ Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit: three we name you,
while in essence only one;
undivided God we claim you,
and adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

Charge from the Steps***Charge and Benediction*****Postlude***In Thee Is Joy**J. S. Bach*