



Repentance
and

Forgiveness

of sins is to be
proclaimed in His
name to all nations.

Luke 24:47

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Prelude "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" *arr. Strite*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jX3T5sL0pzY>

Chorus

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washing their feet
Master who acts as a slave to them Chorus

Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,
Neighbors are near us and far away

These are the ones we should serve
these are the ones we should love
all these are neighbors to us and you, Jesu! Chorus

Jesu, Jesu, Jesu

Loving puts us on our knees, silently washing their feet
This is the way we should live with you. Chorus

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship** Psalm 4

One: God has been gracious to us and heard our prayers.

All: God has put gladness in our hearts. We shall live in peace; for God alone is our dwelling place.

*** Hymn** I Come with Joy *Brian Wren*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vp8J6DOemus>

I come with joy, to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall, his life laid down for me,
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near, to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love, in Christ's communion bread
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world, we live and speak his praise,
we live and speak his praise.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Welcoming God, we confess that so often we have journeyed far from you, far from your love and justice. We have neglected the stranger and the outcast, we pass by those hungry in body and spirit, we doubt your presence with us. Open our eyes and hearts, help us to see the paths you have called us to walk in the way of Jesus Christ. Restore us to a life of compassion, service, love and justice for all. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (response Isaiah 40:31)

One: When we admit our mistakes and wrong doings, when we open our lives to God's healing and saving power, when we seek forgiveness, we are made new and forgiven. Let us have the courage and the spirit to be so courageous.

All: Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

*** The Gloria Patri** (tune & alternative text, # 759)

Traditional Text:

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen. Amen."

Children's Sermon

Anthem "Commission" *Cain*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGCfzTwyiHg>

See my hands, look at my feet, It's okay, if it's hard to believe
I have faith you will do greater things It's my time to go,

but before I leave Go tell the world about me
I was dead, but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while, But goodbye is not the end

Don't forget the things that I taught you
I conquered death and I hold the keys
Where I go you will go too, someday
There's much to do - here before you leave

Go tell the world about me, I was dead, but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while, But goodbye is not the end
End of the journey, the end of the road
My spirit is with you wherever you go
You have a purpose, and I have a plan
I'll make you this promise I'll come back again, but until then

Go tell the world about me, I was dead, but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while, But goodbye is not the end
(Go tell the world) Go tell them about me (Go tell the world)
I've gotta go (Go tell the world) For a little while
Goodbye is not the end

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:36-50

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on

the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so, stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

Scripture Reader: Craig Hink

Sermon

"Commissioned by Christ"

Pastor Rosemary

Sermon Hymn

"Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant"

Gillard

Performed by Maranatha! Promise Band

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kdmgpMfnjdU>

Brother let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are brothers on the road,
We are here to help each other, walk the line and bear the load.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you,
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we see this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together, of Christ's love and agony

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Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant too.

(Prayer cards will be gathered)

Prayers of the People

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 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.

Sung Response: "Amen"

Offering of Our Gifts *(Please sign & pass the Welcome Pads)*

Invitation

The Doxology # 780

Prayer of Dedication

O God, giver of all good gifts, bless now these symbols of our lives dedicated to you and your ministry. May they empower us as ministers of Christ's work of peace, love and justice in our congregation, in our community and in our world. Amen.

Closing Hymn "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" Huber

Performed by Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Virtual Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5SqaZEjJtbg>

Called as partners in Christ's service,
Called to ministries of grace
We respond with deep commitment,
Fresh new lines of faith to trace,
May we learn the art of sharing
Side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfill God's chosen end

Christ's example Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth
Let us follow never faltering,
Reconciling folk on earth

Men and women richer poorer, All God's people young and old
Blending human skills together, Gracious gifts from God unfold

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, In a small or global sense
Help us bear each other's burdens
Breaking down each wall or fence
Words of comfort words of vision
Words of challenge said with care
Bring new power and strength for action
Make us colleagues free and fair

So God grant us for tomorrow, Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow,
With a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
Our compassion to increase
Messengers of faith thus giving,
Hope and confidence and peace

Benediction

Postlude "Thine be the Glory" *Budry*

Performed by Virtual Easter Choir 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTXUsKFecJs>

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son.
Endless is the victory thou o'er death has won
Angels in bright raiment, rolled the stone away
Kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son.
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death has won

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb
Lovingly, he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.
Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son.
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death has won

No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life;
Life is naught without thee, aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
Bring us safe through Jordan, to thy home above
Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son.
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death has won

