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# Exalting the Resurrected Lord

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## ORGAN PRELUDE:

“My Song is Love Unknown, My Savior’s Love to Me” . . . .Ralph Vaughan Williams  
*Lenora Morrow, Organist*

A WORD ON WORSHIP                      *The Cosmic War Is Won*                      Sanders L. Willson

CHORAL INTROIT: “Be Thou Exalted Far Above the Heavens” . . . . . John Tebay  
*Text from Psalm 57*

Awake, awake! The lute and harp, awaken now the dawn!  
Awake, awake, my glory rise to praise the King of Heaven! Alleluia!  
And in the shadow of Thy wing, I will find refuge for my soul.  
O God, be gracious unto me; send Thy loving kindness.

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord.  
I will sing praises to Thy name.  
Be Thou exalted far above the heavens.  
My heart is steadfast, O my God;  
And I will sing praises to You.

*Laudis Domini Vocal Ensemble  
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Dan G. Burns

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 266 “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” . . . . .ST. KEVIN

♠READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH: Exodus 15:1-7, 10-13, 17-18 . . . Grace J. Knight (8:15)  
Candace C. Willis (11:00)

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying,

**“I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.**

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation;

**this is my God, and I will praise him,  
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.**

The Lord is a man of war;

**the Lord is his name.**

Pharaoh’s chariots and his host he cast into the sea,  
and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

**The floods covered them;  
they went down into the depths like a stone.**

Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,

**your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.**

In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries;

**you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.**

You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;

**they sank like lead in the mighty waters.**

Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?

**Who is like you, majestic in holiness,  
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?**

You stretched out your right hand;

**the earth swallowed them.**

You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;  
**you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.**  
You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,  
**the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode,**  
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.  
**The Lord will reign forever and ever."**

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . .ST. KEVIN

**Let our church new anthems raise,  
Wake the morn with gladness,  
Christ Himself to joy and praise  
Turns the Christian's sadness:  
He has won the victor's crown,  
Opened heav'n's bright portal,  
That we lay the mortal down  
And put on th'immortal.**

✠PRAYER OF ADORATION

## **Trusting the Resurrected Lord**

EASTERTIDE LITANY OF CONFESSION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

Let us confess to Him our sins and transgressions.

**It is meet and right so to do, for we have grieved Him.**

Gracious Lord, You have been raised and exalted as King of the universe.

**And we rightly praise and extol Your holy Name.**

You have also raised us to newness of life,  
yet we have too often set our minds on worldly ambitions.

**Forgive us, Lord, in Your faithful mercy.**

You have called us into resurrected community,  
yet we have failed to love each other as You have loved us.

**Forgive us Lord, in Your faithful mercy.**

You have commissioned us to proclaim the Resurrection to all people,  
yet we have often been absorbed and obsessed with our own affairs.

**Forgive us Lord, in Your faithful mercy.**

You have promised us the complete forgiveness of all our sins,  
yet we have at times doubted Your affection for us.

**Forgive us Lord, in Your faithful mercy.**

For the victory You have won for us over sin, death, and hell itself,  
and for Your mighty triumph  
over all the principalities and powers in the cosmos,

**we give You praise and honor and glory,  
both now and forevermore.  
Hallelujah! Amen.**

♣HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 275 "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" . . . PALESTRINA

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. . . . . Ronald G. Sadlow

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "My God Is a Rock" . . . . . arr. Parker/Shaw

My God is a rock in a weary land, shelter in a time of storm.  
I know He is a rock in a weary land.

Stop 'n' let me tell you 'bout de Chapter One,  
When de Lord God's work was jes' begun.  
Stop 'n' let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Two,  
When de Lord God's written His Bible through.  
Stop 'n' let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Three,  
When de Lord God died on Calvary.

An' my God is a rock in a weary land,  
An' a shelter in a time of storm.

Stop 'n' let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Four,  
When de Lord God visit 'mong de po',  
Stop 'n' let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Five,  
When de Lord God brought de dead alive.  
Hallelujah, stop and let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Six,  
He went to Jerusalem an' healed de sick.

O my God is a rock in a weary land, shelter in time of storm.  
O, I know Him in a weary land, O, I know Him, He's a shelter in de storm.

Stop 'n' let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Sev'n,  
Died and ris'n an' went to Heav'n,  
Stop 'n' let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Eight,  
John seen Him standin' at de Golden Gate.  
Stop 'n' let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Nine,  
Lord God turned de water to wine,  
Stop 'n' let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Ten,  
John says He's comin' in de world again.

O my Lord, my Lord, O my Jesus,  
An' I know He is a rock in a weary land, shelter in a time of storm. Amen.

*Colby Morgan, Soloist*

♣CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . SOLID ROCK

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

*On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

**When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.**

*Refrain*

♣PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

♣GREETINGS

# Obeying the Resurrected Lord

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)..... Gabriel C. Statom

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.**

READING FROM THE EPISTLES ..... Ephesians 1:7-10  
(page 976 in pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON                      *The Glorious Plan of Redemption*                      Sanders L. Willson

## PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF JOY: No. 520 "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" ..... GERMANY

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Praeludium, BuxWV 136" ..... D. Buxtehude

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

*We consider it a privilege to have our children in worship with us. If your small children become restless and vocal, we invite you to the children's room especially designed for them at the rear of the Sanctuary. They are also welcome in the nursery. Older children should also be encouraged to come to church prepared to stay in their pew throughout the service.*

*One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you or to offer helpful direction regarding your spiritual life. He will be in the Gathering Room, which is the first room on your left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary (closest to the pulpit). You may also send your confidential email to pastor@2pc.org with questions about your spiritual life.*

## **Sunday Night Worship - 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

We gather each Sunday evening for an informal service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God's Word. Our morning and evening services frame our weekly Lord's Day worship. We invite you to worship with us.