

Hillcrest Presbyterian Church in America
PM Order of Worship – April 18, 2021

Call to Worship

Psalm 73B

1 Then surely I have toiled in vain
to cleanse my heart from offense,
And vainly from each guilty stain
Have washed my hands in innocence.
Still grievous plagues all day I've borne
And have been chastened every morn.

2 If I would let my thoughts lead me
To speak with doubting words this way,
Behold, the children called by Thee
I certainly would then betray.
But though the facts I tried to see
The problem deeply troubled me.

3 Then came I to God's sanctuary
And there considered well their end.
They're set on slipp'ry ground by Thee
And them to ruin Thou dost send.
How rapidly destroyed are they,
By sudden terrors swept away!

4 As one who from a dream awakes,
Their form, O Lord, Thou wilt despise.
So when my heart with grieving breaks,
And bitter thoughts within me rise,
I senseless am, and blind within;
A beast before Thee I have been.

Invocation and Prayer of Adoration

Hymn #154

Thou Art the Way

1 Thou art the Way: to thee alone
from sin and death we flee;
and he who would the Father seek
must seek him, Lord, by thee.

2 Thou art the Truth: thy Word alone

true wisdom can impart;
thou only canst inform the mind,
and purify the heart.

3 Thou art the Life: the rending tomb
proclaims thy conquering arm,
and those who put their trust in thee
nor death nor hell shall harm.

4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life:
grant us that Way to know,
that Truth to keep, that Life to win,
whose joys eternal flow.

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 9:1-25

Sermon:

“Matters of Life and Death”
Pastor Steve Tipton

Prayer of Application and Submission

Hymn #261

What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on!

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Hymn #266

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

1 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought his Israel
Into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them with unmoistened foot
Through the Red Sea waters.

2 'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ hath burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun hath risen;
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give
Laud and praise undying.

3 Now the queen of seasons, bright
With the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts,
Comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem,
Who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection.

4 Neither might the gates of death,
Nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal
Hold thee as a mortal:
But today amidst the twelve
Thou didst stand, bestowing
That thy peace, which evermore
Passeth human knowing.

Benediction

Hymn #731

Doxology