



*A Blessing*  
April 28, 2024  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*



## MEDITATION

Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
Compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.  
Christ has no body now but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
compassion on this world.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

- Teresa of Avila

*These readings are provided as a personal, family, or group worship resource. Use them along with your worship guide as resources for readings, prayers and hymns. Set in the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), a schedule of daily Bible readings in accord with the Church year, these scripture readings are designed around a three-year cycle that will take you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice, and the Psalms frequently.*

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday, April 29	Psalm 80	Isaiah 5:1-7	Galatians 5:16-26
Tuesday the 30th	Psalm 80	Isaiah 32:9-20	James 3:17-18
Wednesday May 1st	Psalm 80	Isaiah 65:17-25	John 14:18-31
Thursday the 2nd	Psalm 98	Isaiah 49:5-6	Acts 10:1-34
Friday the 3rd	Psalm 98	Isaiah 42:5-9	Acts 10:34-43
Saturday the 4th	Psalm 98	Deuteronomy 32:44-47	Mark 10:42-45

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# WELCOME

*Second City Church is a community that exists to worship the Triune God and to celebrate, in word and deed, the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Harrisburg.*

*Thank you for joining us in worship today. We hope this guide will help you participate in our service. If you have any questions about our worship, faith, or how you can be a part of our mission to serve God and neighbor in Harrisburg, be sure to talk to our pastor.*

## *For Parents:*

Children of all ages are welcome to remain with us as we worship. We like the noise; it helps us remember we are alive. The following services are available for you and your children to get the most out of your time of worship:

### *Infant & Toddler Care*

Infant and toddler care is available on the first floor of the east wing of our building. Ask one of our greeters if you need help locating this room. Nursery staff are well-trained, have required background checks, and maintain a safe environment for your child(ren).

### *Children & Worship*

Children & Worship is for children ages preschool through 2nd grade and meets in a worship space below the sanctuary during the sermon. They are dismissed during the announcements and return during the offertory. New families are welcome to tour the space before or after a service if desired.

ADVENT + CHRISTMAS + EPIPHANY + LENT + **EASTER** + PENTECOST + TRINITY

Easter is the greatest festival season of the Christian year. It begins with the feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Sunday) and lasts for 50 days. After the long preparation of Lent, and the cold dreary winter months that accompany it, and the somber preparation of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, Easter Sunday erupts into our hearts and souls as a joyous celebration filled with expectation of Christ's work among us. For 50 days we feast and celebrate Our Lord and his great victory. Easter themes are new life, joy, exuberance, resurrection, hope and love. The liturgical colors for Easter are white and gold.

*Please note that our services are live-streamed.*



## LITURGY OF PREPARATION

### Words of Welcome

### Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope.**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He has brought us out of darkness.**

**He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*based on 1 Peter 1:3-5*

### Gathering Hymn - What A Friend We Have In Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus  
All our sins and griefs to bear  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit  
Oh what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
Jesus, Savior, is our refuge  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
Are we weak and heavy laden  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Jesus knows our every weakness  
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Oh, what a friend  
Oh, what a friend in Jesus  
Oh, what a friend  
Oh, what a friend in Jesus

Blessed Savior, You have promised  
All our burdens You will bear  
May we ever, Lord, be bringing  
All to you in earnest prayer  
Soon, in glory bright unclouded  
Face to face will be our prayer  
Joyful praise and endless worship  
Will be our sweet portion there

Oh, what a friend  
Oh, what a friend in Jesus  
Oh, what a friend  
Oh, what a friend in Jesus

## Confession Hymn - Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy

Holy Spirit rest upon us, lead us in the way of your justice  
Holy Spirit rest upon us, teach us how to serve in our weakness

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy

Holy Spirit rest upon us, teach us how to tend to creation  
Holy Spirit rest upon us, guide us from our path of destruction

## Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## Words of Forgiveness & Peace

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

*Psalm 103:8-14*

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Passing of the Peace**

*[Invitation for congregation to share a sign of peace with one another]*

## **Hymns of Praise and Adoration**

### ***Our Great God***

Eternal God unchanging mysterious and unknown  
Your boundless love, unfailing grace and mercy shown  
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight, around Your glorious throne  
They raise their voices day and night, in praise to You alone

Hallelujah glory be to our great God  
Hallelujah glory be to our great God

Lord we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm  
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms  
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm  
Rise up O Lord and he will flee, before our sov'reign God

Hallelujah glory be to our great God  
Hallelujah glory be to our great God

Let ev'ry creature in the sea, and ev'ry flying bird  
Let ev'ry mountain, ev'ry field and valley of the earth  
Let all the moons and all the stars, in all the universe  
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by His Word

Hallelujah glory be to our great God  
Hallelujah glory be to our great God

## **Blessed Assurance**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission, perfect delight  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blest  
Watching and waiting, looking above  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love

This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **Living Our Faith**

### **Blessing our Children**

Jesus called the children to him and said,

**Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,**

for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

**Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.**

*April Memory Verse*

“The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.”

*Mark 2:10*

### **Psalm Reading**

*Psalm 103:1-5; page 594*

### **Gloria Patri**

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.

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Genesis 12:1-3; page 10*

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

### **New Testament Reading**

*Colossians 3:1-4; page 1169*

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**



## Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:  
**Glory to you, O Lord!**

*Luke 24:50-53 - 1052*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

## Sermon

Pastor Peter Rowan - *A Blessing*

## Creed

Let us affirm the faith of the Church:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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;**

**on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended to heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

- *The Apostles' Creed*

## Offering of Prayers of the People

God of life, we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, his defeat over death, and his gift of new life. We praise you for the reflections of that new life in creation, in the world about us here in Harrisburg and beyond, in the life of your church both here and abroad, in the community of Second City Church. In the new life that is brought about in the resurrected Christ, we bring to you our praises ....

To you, as the giver of new life and the renewer of our hope, we bring before you our prayer for creation and its care, for the needs of the nations of the world, for our own leaders in our land, for the community of Harrisburg and the the community of Second City Church and the churches of our city. We bring to you our prayers believing that you are the God who is there and loves when your people come before you in faith ....

We pray all this in the name of the Lord and giver of life, Jesus. **Amen.**

## Offering of Gifts

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

*Romans 8:32*

*Friends and members of Second City Church support the extension of God's Kingdom with gifts of bread, wine, talents and resources. Guests are not expected to contribute. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering plates, boxes on the wall as you leave, or can be made electronically. Instructions for setting up online giving are available at the donation boxes.*



## Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen.



## LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

#### Invitation

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

#### Praise God for His Mighty Acts

It is good and it is right to give you thanks and praise at all times and in all places for your mercy endures forever. You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom you sent to save us. He came with healing in his touch and was wounded for our sins. He came with mercy in his voice and was mocked as one despised. He came with peace in his heart and met with violence and death. By your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb, and at his command the gates of hell were opened. The one who was dead now lives. The one who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation, the Lamb upon the throne. The one ascended on high is with us always, as he promised. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

#### Sanctus

Holy God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Holy God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory

## **Praise for Christ's Sacrifice**

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

## **Calling on the Holy Spirit and Lord's Prayer**

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us:

**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, the power and the glory,**

**for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## **Invitation to the Table**

Jesus ate and drank with sinners!

**Therefore let us keep the feast!**

## **Sharing Holy Communion**

*Second City Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ in a Christian church to join us in this sacrament. Non-communicants can come forward and ask for a blessing. If you need to receive communion in your seat, ask a fellow worshiper to let the communion servers know. If you are unable to receive wine, you will find a chalice containing non-alcoholic grape juice at the station the pastor is serving. The communion bread is gluten-free.*

## **Closing Prayer**

**O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding; Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Benediction**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

- Hebrews 13:20-21

## **Closing Hymn - Barocha**

The Lord bless you and keep you  
The Lord make His face shine upon you  
And give you peace, and give you peace  
And give you peace, forever

The Lord be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His face, toward you  
And give you peace, and give you peace  
And give you peace, forever

The Lord bless you and keep you  
The Lord make His face shine upon you  
And give you peace, and give you peace  
And give you peace, forever  
And give you peace, and give you peace  
And give you peace, forever

## **Dismissal**

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

**Hallelujah! Amen.**



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Sabbatical Celebration Today After Church!**

Today is Pastor Peter's last Sunday before his Sabbatical. We are so happy that he is going to have this time of rejuvenation. Please join us in the Social Hall after the service to show your support for Pastor Peter. We'll have cake to eat and note cards available to write well-wishes for him and his family. We hope to see you then!

### **Children's Summer Celebration June 3**

There will be a children's summer celebration for children ages 3 - 12 on June 3 from 5:00 - 7:30 pm. Dinner will be provided, and there will be time for a story, songs, crafts, and games.

Please email [hannah@secondcitychurch.org](mailto:hannah@secondcitychurch.org) to sign up your children, or if you are interested in volunteering to help with this event. Anyone can volunteer (not just parents) to help with food, set up and tear down, supervising kids, and helping with activities.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

### **Verbeke Street Median Cleanup and Mulch Project Sunday, May 5 After Church**

Next Sunday, May 5, right after our worship service, we'd love to have a few volunteers for the Verbeke Street Median cleanup and mulch project.

Our church has participated in prior years as a way to help some of our neighbors make our street a little more beautiful. Please consider helping for 15 to 30 minutes after church if you can. Thanks!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for the following people:

Mary Watts  
Christine Zubrod Perrin  
Chuck & Michelle Bagley

Clair Webster  
Barb Koller  
Joe Sawanowich  
Darwin Leshner

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Please consider liking, following and subscribing to our social media! Also, when you see, read or watch something you like, share it with your friends. It's a helpful way to let others know we are here!

Facebook



Instagram



YouTube



## Your contact information

If you are our guest and would like to indicate your presence with us, or if you'd like to make us aware of a change in your contact information, fill out this form and place it in the offering plate.

\_\_\_\_\_ Visitor  
\_\_\_\_\_ Regular Attendee  
\_\_\_\_\_ Member

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