



# THE PARABLES OF JESUS

## **The Parable of the Ten Virgins**

As Christians, we profess, not only to believe and look for, but to love and long for, the appearing of Christ, and to act in our whole [life] with a regard to it.

Matthew Henry

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | APRIL 14, 2024

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The playing of the chimes is a signal that the hour of our corporate worship has begun. During this time, we invite you to silently prepare your hearts to praise our Triune God to whom belongs all glory, power, and majesty.  
(Please silence all phones and non-medical electronic devices.)

*Hearing support is available. Please, ask an usher, audio technician, or Deacon Norm Marks.*

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Welcome

PASTOR EVANS

### **WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

HIGO RODRIGUES,  
Piano

### **❖ GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Call to Worship — Psalm 9:1, 2, 7–10 (adap.)

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the LORD with our whole heart; let us recount all of your wonderful deeds.

**People:** I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

**Pastor:** The LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice,

**People:** and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.

**Pastor:** The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

**All:** And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

PASTOR EVANS

❖ Song — See What a Morning (music next page)

# See, What a Morning

(Resurrection Hymn)

Words and Music by  
Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Victoriously ♩ = 92



1. See, what a morn - ing, glo - rious - ly bright, with the  
2. See, Ma - ry weep - ing "Where is He laid?" As in  
3. One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, through the



dawn - ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem; Fold - ed the grave clothes,  
sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb. Hears a voice speak - ing,  
Spi - rit Who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty. Hon - or and bless - ing,



tomb filled with light, as the an - gels an - nounce "Christ is ris - en!"  
call - ing her name; It's the Mas - ter, the Lord, raised to life a - gain!  
glo - ry and praise to the King crowned with power and au - thor - i - ty.



See God's sal - va - tion plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in  
The voice that spans the years, speak - ing life, stir - ring hope, bring - ing  
And we are raised with Him; Death is dead, life has won, Christ has



sac - ri - fice, ful - filled in Christ the Man, for He  
peace to us, will sound till He ap - pears, for He  
con - quered. And we shall reign with Him, for He



lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead.  
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❖ **PRAYER OF INVOCATION (followed by 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 the evil one. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

❖ **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Westminster Confession of Faith (Ch. 33.3, The Last Judgment)

Christ wants us to be completely convinced that there is going to be a day of judgment, as a deterrent to sin for everyone and as an added consolation for the godly in their suffering. He has also made sure that no one knows when that day will be, so that we may never rest secure in our worldly surroundings, but, not knowing what hour the Lord will come, we must always be alert and may always be ready to say, "Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly." Amen.

❖ **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.

ELDER BRIAN  
WARSHAW

## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Old Testament reading — Isaiah 55:1–9 (Pew Bible, p. 782)

- 1 “Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.
- 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.
- 3 Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.
- 4 Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.
- 5 Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.
- 6 “Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
- 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:1–9

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**  
**(followed by Private Confession of Sin)**

Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements and those when I have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truth I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole.

Assurance of Pardon

In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace. Ephesians 1:4-7 (Pew Bible, p. 1241)

**WE LIVE OUT OUR MISSION and PASTORAL PRAYER**

Reception of New Members

Luke Barber • John Cushing • Luke Halley

Baptism

Rhys Cushing

**WE GIVE TO THE ONE WHO HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING**



You can also give online on our website, through the app Vanco Mobile, or mail a check to the office (if it is for the Deacons Fund, please note on the memo).

OLIVIA MARKS,  
Violin

Offertory Response — O Worship the King  
(LYONS; attr. J. M. Haydn; arr. Timothy Shaw)

❖ Psalm 4 (Psalm 4:1–5, 8)

*Children are welcome to remain in worship with us. Children 2 and 3 years old may go to Beginner Bible in room 100; children 4 years to 2nd grade may depart during the last verse to the Fellowship Hall for Junior Church. Parents please pick up children after the service.*

**Psalm 4**

Psalm 4:1-5, 8

MANOAH  
from Henry W. Greatorex's 'Collection of Church Music,' 1851  
adap. Higo Rodrigues

1 O\_\_ hear my cry, my right - eous God. Re - lieve me; I'm dis - tressed.\_\_\_\_  
2 The\_\_ glo - ry of my name, O men, how long will you de - spise?\_\_\_\_  
3 Know that the Lord has set a - part the\_\_ god - ly as his own;\_\_\_\_  
4 In\_\_ an - ger do not break God's law; con - sid - er and be still.\_\_\_\_  
8 I\_\_ will lie down and sleep in peace; my\_\_ heart will rest se - cure,\_\_\_\_

Dis - play your mer - cy to me now, and an - swer my re - quest.\_\_\_\_  
How long will you de - lude your - selves, still search - ing af - ter lies?\_\_\_\_  
The Lord will hear me when I call and my re - quest make known.\_\_\_\_  
5 Pre - sent a right - eous sac - ri - fice, and wait up - on his will.\_\_\_\_  
For you a - lone, O gra - cious Lord, will keep me safe and sure.\_\_\_\_

## **GOD EXHORTS THROUGH THE WORD AND WE SING**

**The Parable of the Ten Virgins** — Matthew 25:1–13 (Pew Bible, p. 1055)

<sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Matthew 25:1–13

❖ Hymn — Fairest Lord Jesus (music next page)

## **❖ GOD SENDS US OUT WITH HIS BLESSING**

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GRACE & PEACE Choir Rehearsal — 4–5pm  
YOUTH GROUP — 5–7pm



# Fairest Lord Jesus

Lyrics: 'Münster Gesangbuch,' 1677  
Tr. 1850, 1873  
Additional Lyrics by Tommy Walker

CRUSADER'S HYMN  
Silesian folk song  
'Schlesische Volkslieder,' Leipzig, 1842  
Arranged by Tommy Walker



1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,  
2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!



Son of God and Son of Man! Thee will I cher - ish,  
robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,  
and all the twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,  
Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,



thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.  
praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine.



2, 3, 4.

For - ev - er I will cher - ish. I'll cher - ish Thee.



For - ev - er I will hon - or Thee. I'll hon - or Thee.



For - ev - er You shine bright - er, Your love shines bright.



in beau - ty and all maj - es - ty, maj - es - ty.

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**Attendance and Financial Information for April 7, 2024**

SS: 149 - AM: 291 - PM: 124

**General Fund**

Weekly Gifts Received	\$ 20,999.89
Weekly Budgeted Requirements	\$ 22,240.00
Year-to-Date Gifts Received	\$297,707.04
Year-to-Date Requirements	\$311,361.12
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$286,853.16
<b>Slides &amp; Rides Fundraiser</b>	<b>\$17,917.56</b>

**Deacons Fund**

Deacons Fund Receipts (Feb.)	\$ 4,156.32
YTD Deacons Fund Receipt	\$11,813.20
YTD Deacons Fund Expenses	\$30,031.34
Deacons Fund Ending Balance	\$25,871.59



**OUR MISSION** We exist to change lives through sharing Christ.  
We carry out this mission in three ways:

**GATHER — we gather Christians together to worship God through Jesus Christ**

**MORNING WORSHIP**—10:45AM

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**—Sunday, April 21 immediately following the morning service.

**DISCIPLE — we make disciples and grow in our relationship with God and each other**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES**—9:30AM.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP**—Wednesdays at 9:15-11:30AM and 6:30–8:00PM.

Studying “What a Royal Mess” by Susan Tyner.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**—Thursdays from 8:00–9:00AM in Room B202 and online. “Sojourners and Exiles” by Sinclair Ferguson

**YOUTH SPRING RETREAT** - April 19-21 - Meet at EP this Friday at 5:30. Because of the retreat both Youth Sunday School and Youth Group will **not meet** on **April 21st**.

**SEND — we are all Christ's ambassadors that are sent into the world locally and globally**

**MISSIONARIES**—Mark & Marti Mylin —Greater European Missions: Angers, France (see our Missionary Highlight in this week's online EPiC Newsletter)

**LIFE ON BROADWAY III** —April 28, 6pm. After the successes of Broadway I and II, our music ministry has put together another evening of singing with selections from Broadway shows.

**SOUNDS OF HOPE**—May 11, 6pm. A joint concert with choirs from EP and Wilmington Christian School, and chamber orchestra. The concert features Delaware's premiere of Elaine Hagenberg's *Illuminare*.

**YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIPS** - Registration is open until **Sunday, April 28th!** Go to EP website on the youth page for more information and to register.



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BY GATHERING, DISCIPLING AND SENDING**

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**THE SESSION**

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**Missionaries and Benevolent Causes We Support**

**Mission to the World**

Africa - Jim and Karen • Belgium - Jud and Jan Lamos (18.26 Network) • Chile - Verne and Alina Marshall  
Cuba - Richard and Robyn Crane • England - Rob and Jenny Ilderton • France - James and Jacki Gildard  
French Speaking Haiti/Africa - Thomas and Lucy Wright • Japan - Andrew and Megan Nairn • New Zealand - Steve and Rita Williams  
Panama - Scott and Meghan Dillon • Ukraine - David and Jill Martin; Dal and Beth Stanton • Serving in Sensitive Areas - Phil and Barb

**Agencies of the PCA**

Committee on Administration • Committee on Discipleship Ministries • Covenant College • Covenant Seminary  
Mission to the World • Mission to North America • Reformed University Fellowship • Ridge Haven

**Other Christian Organizations**

A Door of Hope • Cru - Katy Thomas (New Hampshire University) • Greater Europe Mission - Mark and Marti Mylin (France)  
Harvest USA - Ellen Dykas • InterVarsity Christian Fellowship - Greg and Sandy Baker (UD) • Love, INC. (In the Name of Christ)  
MNA - Brandon and Rebecca Farquhar (Church Planting in Norwalk, CT) • Navigators - TJ and KyongA Hayes  
Pioneers - Scott and Jessica Weber • Reformed University Fellowship - Daryl Wattley (DSU)  
Reformed University Fellowship International - Graham and Emily Guo (UD)  
Serge (formerly World Harvest) - Josh and Kristi, Jason and Ai Keuh (Japan)  
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