



*Reaching Ocala to Reach the World*

**GRACE**  
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*2017 Verse of the Year:*  
*“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” James 4:8a (NAS)*

**Lord’s Day Resurrection Service**

September 10, 2017

**THE LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

- Pastor: Let us rise to worship the GOD Who calls us to give Him our whole heart: in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!  
**All: AMEN!**

- **Psalm 37:1-7**

Fret not yourself because of evildoers;  
**be not envious of wrongdoers!**  
For they will soon fade like the grass  
**and wither like the green herb.**  
Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
**dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.**  
Delight yourself in the LORD,  
**and He will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the LORD;  
**trust in Him, and He will act.**  
He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,  
**and your justice as the noonday.**  
Be still before the LORD,  
**and wait patiently for Him.**

- **We call on the Spirit and ask the Father for the Kingdom**

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!  
**GLORY FOREVER!**

- **Hymn of Entry “Christ’s Church Shall Glory in His Power”**  
*Tune: “A Mighty Fortress”*

Christ’s Church shall glory in His power  
and grow to His perfection;  
He is our Rock, our mighty Tower,  
our Life, our Resurrection:  
So by His skillful hand  
the Church of Christ shall stand;  
the Master Builder’s plan  
He works, as He began,  
and soon will crown with splendor.

Christ’s people serve His wayward world  
to whom He seems a stranger;  
He knows its evils from of old,  
He shares our joy, our danger:  
So strong, and yet so weak,  
the Church of Christ shall speak;  
His cross our greatest need,  
His Word the vital seed  
that brings a fruitful harvest.

Christ's living lamp shall brightly burn,  
and to our earthly city  
forgotten beauty shall return,  
and purity and pity:  
To give th' oppressed their right  
the Church of Christ shall fight;  
and though the years seem long,  
He is our Strength and Song,  
and He is our Salvation.

### **THE LORD DRAWS NEAR TO INSPECT US**

*You are invited to kneel before God for confession, or you may be seated.*

*Let us pray:*

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide, too deep to undo.**

**Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.**

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace to grow more and more  
in Your likeness and image,  
through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.**

*We pray in silence.*

• **“Christ Is Risen!”**

How can it be, the One Who died  
has borne our sin through sacrifice  
To conquer every sting of death?  
Sing, sing alleluia!

For joy awakes as dawning light  
when Christ’s disciples lift their eyes.  
Alive He stands, their Friend and King:  
Christ, Christ! He is risen!

*Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!*  
*Oh, sing alleluia!*  
*Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed:*  
*Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!*

Where doubt and darkness once had been,  
They saw Him and their hearts believed.  
But blessed are those who have not seen,  
yet sing alleluia!

Once bound by fear, now bold in faith,  
They preached the truth and power of grace.  
And pouring out their lives they gained  
Life, Life everlasting.  
*Refrain*

The power that raised Him from the grave  
Now works in us to powerfully save.  
He frees our hearts to live His grace;  
go tell of His goodness.  
*Refrain twice*

• "Jesus, Master, Whose I Am"



Je - sus, Mas - ter, Whose I am, pur - chased Thine a - lone to  
 Je - sus, Mas - ter, I am Thine: keep me faith - ful, keep me  
 Je - sus, Mas - ter, Whom I serve, though so feeb - ly and so  
 Lord, Thou need - est not, I know, ser - vice such as I can



be; by Thy blood, O spot - less Lamb, shed so will - ing - ly for  
 near; let Thy pres - ence in me shine all my home - ward way to  
 ill, strength - en hand and heart and nerve, all Thy bid - ding to ful -  
 bring; yet I long to prove and show full al - le - giance to my



me, let my heart be all Thine own, let me live to Thee  
 cheer. Je - sus, at Thy feet I fall! O be Thou my all  
 fill. O - pen Thou mine eyes to see all the works Thou hast  
 King. Thou an hon - or art to me: let me



— a - lone. be a praise to Thee.  
 — in all.  
 — for me.



— Let me be a praise to Thee.

**We Offer Up Ourselves and the World  
in the Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**  
*Children age 4-1st Grade may be dismissed for Children's Worship.*

**Offertory Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**  
*Hymnal No. 139*

- *Please rise to bless the Lord:*  
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow!  
Praise Him, all creatures here below!  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host!  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

- **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Self-Offering**

**THE LORD SPEAKS TO US BY HIS WORD**

**Scripture reading: Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 26:3**

Sermon: "Playing Favorites"  
Pastor Carl Brannan, Jr.

**Prayers of God's People**

*United to Christ, Who has sent His healing Spirit among us,  
we pray for those we love, for His Church, and for the world  
in which He has begun to make all things new  
by the power of His love, which is stronger than death.*

## THE LORD SENDS US OUT TO TRUST HIM WHOLE-HEARTEDLY

### • St. Patrick's Breastplate

*All:* I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,  
Through belief in the Threeness, through confession of the Oneness  
Toward the Creator.

I arise today  
Through the strength of Christ with His baptism,  
Through the strength of His crucifixion with His burial,  
Through the strength of His resurrection with His ascension,  
Through the strength of His descent for the Judgment of doom.

I arise today  
Through the strength of the love of cherubim,  
In the obedience of the angels,  
In the service of the archangels,  
In hope of resurrection to meet with reward,  
In prayers of patriarchs, in predictions of prophets,  
In preaching of apostles, in faith of confessors,  
In deeds of the righteous.

I arise today,  
Through the strength of Heaven:  
Light of sun, brilliance of moon, splendor of fire,  
Speed of lightning, swiftness of wind, depth of sea,  
Stability of earth, firmness of rock.

I arise today,  
Through God's strength to pilot me:  
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me,  
God's Word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me,  
God's way to lie before me, God's host to secure me:

Against snares of devils, against temptations of vices,  
Against inclinations of nature, against everyone who shall wish me ill,  
Far and near, alone and in a crowd.

I summon today all these powers between me and these evils,  
Against every cruel and merciless power  
that may oppose my body and my soul,  
Against incantations of false prophets, against black laws of paganism,  
Against false laws of heretics, against craft of idolatry,  
Against spells of witches and smiths and wizards,  
Against every knowledge that endangers body and soul.

Christ to protect me today  
Against poison, against burning, against drowning, against wounding,  
So that there may come abundance of reward.  
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ where I lie, Christ where I sit, Christ where I arise,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.

I arise today  
Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,  
Through belief in the Threeness,  
Through confession of the Oneness  
Toward the Creator.

Salvation is of the Lord. Salvation is of the Lord.  
Salvation is of Christ.  
May Thy salvation, O Lord, be ever with us.

• *Lift your face to receive God's blessing:*  
The LORD bless you,  
and keep you;  
The LORD make His face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you;  
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,  
and give you peace:  
in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!  
**All: AMEN!**  
*Numbers 6:24-26*

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.  
**In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
and He will make your paths straight.**  
*Proverbs 3:5-6*

The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace:  
**Because he trusts in You.**  
*Isaiah 26:3*

• **Departing Hymn "Like a River Glorious"**  
*Hymnal No. 737*

**Go in peace. Glory in the cross.  
Remember the poor.**

**“PLAYING FAVORITES”**  
**Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 26:3**

**Theme: Issues of the Heart**

I. **A Hopeful Heart** (Proverbs 3:5a)

II. **A Hurting Heart** (Proverbs 3:5b)

III. **An Honest Heart** (Proverbs 3:6a)

IV. **A Healing Heart** (Proverbs 3:6b)

V. **A Holy Heart** (Isaiah 26:3)

**Conclusion:**