

Worship Leader Edition  
Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

8:30 AM

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Rob)*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM *(Rob)*

L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

**C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.**

L: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from our tap, for rain and snow, for our local water sources from Nine Mile Creek to the Mississippi River.

**C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters in this place.**

L: We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

**C: We give you thanks for your salvation through water.**

L: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here; for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

**C: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.**

L: We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit; for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

**C: We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

ELW #384

*Verses 1, 3 & 4*

**Verse 1**

That Easter day with joy was bright;  
The sun shone out with fairer light  
When, to their longing eyes restored,  
The apostles saw their risen Lord!

For you will be our strength and shield  
From ev'ry weapon death can wield.

**Verse 4**

All praise, O risen Lord, we give  
To you, once dead but now alive!  
To God the Father equal praise,  
And God the Spirit, now we raise!

**Verse 3**

O Christ, you are the Lord of all  
In this our Easter festival,

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Assistant*)

L: Mysterious and Divine Presence, too often our hearts burn within us because our bodies know before our minds that you are here working in us and through us in this world. Open our eyes, and help us to recognize you in all places and in all people, for the sake of the one whose presence is never far, Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

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WORD

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FIRST READING (*Beth Angerhofer*)

Psalms 30

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. As for me, I said in my prosperity, 'I shall never be moved.' By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication: 'What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!' You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:13-35

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

Vicar Stephanie Luedtke

**Verse 1**

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,  
Unknown companion walks with his own.  
When they invite him, as fades the first day,  
And bread is broken, Christ is made known.

**Verse 2**

When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,  
Blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,  
Yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting  
Our invitation: Stay, do not part.

**Verse 3**

Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken.  
This is Christ’s promise, this is Christ’s sign:  
When the church gathers, when bread is broken,  
There Christ is with us in bread and wine.

**Verse 4**

Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,  
Bread of compassion, open our eyes.  
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning  
That all creation with you may rise.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (*Assistant*)

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Assistant*)

*After each petition:*

L: Risen Lord,

**C: hear our prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*Assistant*)

**C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## SENDING

SHARING OF THE PEACE (*Rob*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you!**

*Please share of wave of peace with one another.*

## COUNCIL INTRODUCTION – President Paul Klein

BENEDICTION (*Rob*)

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!”

ELW #377

*Verses 1, 2 & 5*

**Verse 1**

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

**Refrain**

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

**Verse 2**

Walking the way, Christ in the center  
Telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread, giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.

**Refrain**

DISMISSAL (*Assistant*)

L: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

**Verse 5**

City of God, Easter forever,  
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life, saints and archangels,  
Sing with creation to God the I Am!

**Refrain**