



**HOLY COMMUNION
APRIL 16, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
YOUTH SUNDAY**

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

*During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, peruse the bulletin, find the scripture readings in the pew Bible, and focus your thoughts on the Lord. You may pray: **Merciful God, we come to Your table trusting not in our own righteousness, but in Your abundant mercy. Grant us so to eat and drink the body and blood of Your dear Son, that we may live in Him and He in us, now and forever. Amen.***

CHILDREN

We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.

INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gatherings and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

“Christ Arose” (Maj # 256 - Robert Lowry)

1 Low in the grave He lay, Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Wait - ing the
2 Vain - ly they watched His bed, Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Vain - ly they
3 Death could not keep his prey, Je - sus, my Sav - ior! He tore the

1 com - ing day, Je - sus, my Lord!
2 sealed the dead, Je - sus, my Lord! Up from the grave He a - rose,
3 bars a - way, Je - sus, my Lord! He a - rose,

With a might - y triumph o'er His foes; He a - rose a vic - tor from the

dark do - main, And He lives for - ev - er with His saints to reign; He a -

rose! He a - rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

INVOCATION (= *All may make the sign of the cross.*)

A: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whose Spirit we have been reborn to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

C: AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

A: Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God Who calls us to repentance.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.)

A: God of life, **C: in raising Jesus from the tomb, You make everything new. We confess our failure to live the good news of the resurrection. Our hearts are slow to believe Your promises. We shut our doors in fear. We resist the Holy Spirit. Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear the new life You have given us in Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

A: People of God: Christ is alive. Sin and death have lost their power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever.

C: AMEN.

GREETING (*Please rise.*)

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

*With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)*

HYMN OF PRAISE "*This is the Feast*" (ELW p 140)

Refrain

☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

☐ *Refrain*

☐ Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and

strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

☐ *Refrain*

☐ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

☐ *Refrain*

☐ For the Lamb who was

slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

Final refrain

☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together: **C: Almighty and Eternal God,
the strength of those who believe and the hope of those
who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in
You and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, Who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 16:1-10

(congregation: indented)

Keep me safe, O God,

for in You I take refuge.

I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord;

apart from You I have no good thing."

As for the saints who are in the land,

they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight.

The sorrows of those will increase

who run after other gods.

I will not pour out their libations of blood

or take up their names on my lips.

LORD, You have assigned me my portion and my cup;

You have made my lot secure.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

surely I have a delightful inheritance.

I will praise the LORD, Who counsels me;

even at night my heart instructs me.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

*For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the
encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)*

(Please sit.)

FIRST READING....Acts 2:14a, 22-32.....Pew Bible p. 1692

A: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING....1 Peter 1:1-12..... Pew Bible P. 1886

A: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

"Give Thanks" (FC-Henry Smith)

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
 give thanks be-cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
 And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
 rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

A: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELJohn 20:19-31Pg. 1686

A: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON (*Please sit.*) “Eyes of Faith”

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
 (Romans 15:13)*

HYMN OF THE DAY (*Please rise.*)

“It is Well With My Soul” (favorite)..... *Majesty # 524*

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

MISSION MOMENT (*Please sit.*) Bridge of Hope

YOUTH ANTHEM “*Sleep in the Storm*” (*Unspoken*)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Please kneel.*)

(*Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.*)

OFFERING

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Please rise.*)

P: The LORD be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the LORD.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for He is the true Passover Lamb Who gave Himself to take away our sin, Who by His death has destroyed death, and by His rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn: “*Alleluia*” (*Michael W. Smith*)

Piano

Al - le - lu - ia. — Ho - ly, ho - ly

are You, Lord God — Al - might y. Wor thy is the Lamb, wor thy is the Lamb.

You are ho - ly, ho - ly are You, Lord God — Al - might - y.

Wor thy is the Lamb, wor thy is the Lamb. A - men.

PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup; gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death and resurrection until He comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, and into these gifts of bread and wine, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

C: AMEN. Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

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. AMEN.

COMMUNION *(Please be seated)*

P: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Come to the table of the risen Christ.

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. We have returned to kneeling for communion by "tables." People who want to minimize contact and maintain greater physical distance can take a pre-filled glass and stand a foot back from the altar rail. For a gluten-free rice wafer (blue-green) say "Rice." Grape juice (white) is in pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD *(WOV p 25)*

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace."

COMMUNION HYMNS *(sung while others are receiving.)*

1. *“Come to The Table” (Sidewalk Prophets)*
2. *“The Day of Resurrection” (if needed) SBH # 105*

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD’S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please rise.)*

L: Let us pray together: C: **Loving God, by Your Spirit we are born anew, and You nourish us like newborns with this holy food, by which we grow into salvation. Give us grace to live as Your risen daughters and sons, shining in the world with Your marvelous light, until You gather all creation to the heavenly table where Christ reigns in glory forever. AMEN.**

BLESSING

P: The God of all grace, Who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit now and forever.

C: AMEN.

SENDING HYMN *“Because He Lives”*

(Maj # 260 - favorite - Gloria & William Gaither)

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments. Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place. You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.

1 God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus, He came to love,
 2 How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by, And feel the pride
 3 And then one day I'll cross the riv - er, I'll fight life's fi -

1 heal, and for - give; He lived and died to buy my
 2 and joy He gives; But great - er still the calm as -
 3 nal war with pain; And then as death gives way to

1 par - don, An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
 2 sur - ance, This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives.
 3 vic - tory, I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He reigns.

Be - cause He lives I can face to - mor - row, Be - cause He lives

all fear is gone; Be - cause I know He holds the

fu - ture, And life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause He lives.

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETER: 8:30-Youth / 10:45-Youth
SONG LEADER: 8:30-Youth / 10:45-Youth
ASSISTING MINISTER: 8:30-Youth / 10:45-Youth
LITURGIST: 8:30-Youth / 10:45-Youth
LECTOR: 8:30-Youth / 10:45-Youth
PROJECTION: Patty Stein
SOUND SYSTEM: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer
LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker
USHER: 8:30-Jan Stryker / 10:45-Sharon Branigan
COMMUNION: 8:30-Mike & Bella Zyskowski, Josh Miller
/ 10:45-Lyn Stryker
ALTAR GUILD: Alyce and Patty Stein
COUNTERS: Karen Brown / Jan Stryker
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM
(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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