

I seriously doubt that...



April 27, 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter



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Welcome to all God's guests, especially those who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community**, **communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshipping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

Children are always welcome in worship services;
however please know the cry room at the back of the sanctuary is available for
parents who need to tend to their little ones.

Please silence your cellphone at this time

Welcome to Worship

Opening Song

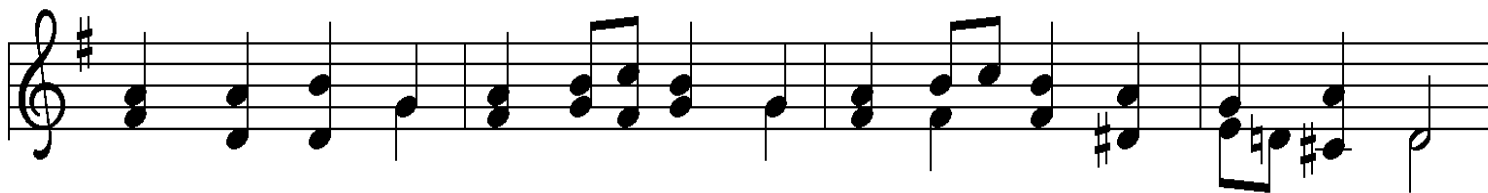
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Call to Worship

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All Amen.

P In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

WA We thank you, God, for your river of life,
flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth,
through the city,
through every living thing.
You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.
You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

P In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
You call us forth and send us out.
In lush and barren places, you are with us.

WA You have become our salvation.
Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more.
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

P To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
now and forever.

All Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Greeting

P The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love and wisdom of God,
and the light and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

P In peace, in peace,

Pastor: *Congregation:*

Let us pray_ to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is for the Pastor, and the second and third staves are for the Congregation. The lyrics are: 'Let us pray_ to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final long note on 'mer - cy'.

P For the reign of God and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all...(Refrain)

P For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word...(Refrain)

Pastor: *Congregation:*

Help, save and de - fend us, _____ O God.
A - - - men.

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff is for the Pastor, and the second staff is for the Congregation. The lyrics are: 'Help, save and de - fend us, _____ O God. A - - - men.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final long note on 'men'.



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Prayer for This Day

WA Let us pray:

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son.

All By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

You may be Seated

A Reading from Acts, the 5th chapter

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles], they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Acts 5:27-32

WA Word of God, Word of Life!

All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from the Revelation, the 1st chapter

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him,
and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.
So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 1:4-8

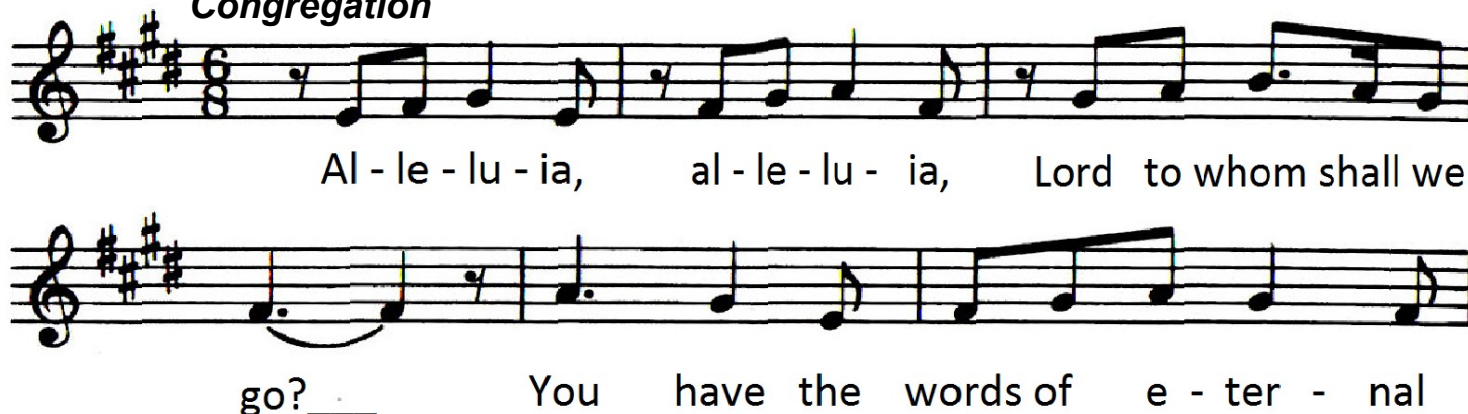
WA Word of God, Word of Hope!

All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregation





Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:19-31

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be Seated

Children's Sermon & Noisy Offering

Sermon

Pr. Gordon Young

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

I Believe In Jesus Words and Music by
Marc Nelson



I _____ be - lieve _____ in _____ Je - sus. _____
I _____ be - lieve _____ in _____ You Lord. _____



I be - lieve He is the Son of _____ God. I be - lieve He died and
I be - lieve You are the Son of _____ God. I be - lieve You died and

rose a - gain. I be - lieve He paid for us all.
 rose a - gain. I be - lieve You paid for us all.

I be - lieve He is here now, stand - ing in our midst.
 I be - lieve You are here now, stand - ing in our midst.

Here with the pow - er to heal now, and the grace to for - give.
 Here with the pow - er to heal now, and the grace to for - give.

and the grace to for - give. give.

Nicene Creed

P Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
 the Father, the 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 became truly human.

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 worshiped 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.

Prayers of the People

WA God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the
church, the world, and all who are in need.



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

(each prayer petition ends with)

L: Hear us, O God.

***All:* Your mercy is great.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.

Offertory

Please stand in body or spirit.



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

Offertory Prayer

P Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.

All Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live and serve others as your risen body in the world.
Amen.

Holy Communion

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation.

And so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
 might; — Heav - en and earth are filled with your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
 One who comes in your name. — Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

P On the night of his betrayal 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 for the remembrance of me.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

P Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

All 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.

The Invitation

P Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,
offers everyone a place of welcome at His table of grace.
Come to the feast.

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant

Communion Songs

Because He Lives William J. Gaither and Gloria Gaither



1. God sent His Son—

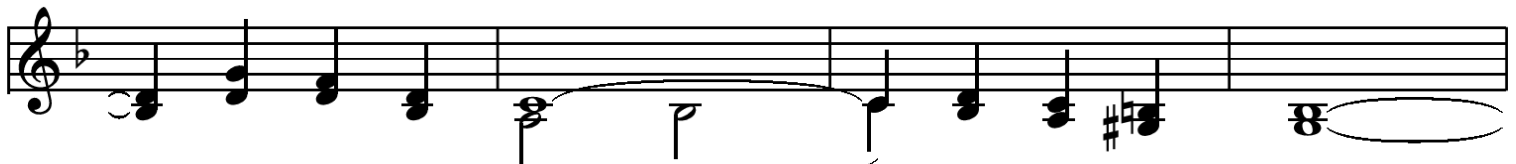
They called Him Je - sus;

2. How sweet to hold

our new - born ba - by,

3. And then one day

I'll cross that riv - er;



He came to love,

heal and for - give.

and feel the pride

and joy he gives;

I'll fight life's fi

nal war with pain.

He bled and died to buy my par - don;
 But great - er still the calm as - sur - ance:
 And then, as death gives way to vic - t'ry,

An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
 This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause Christ lives.
 I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He reigns.

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

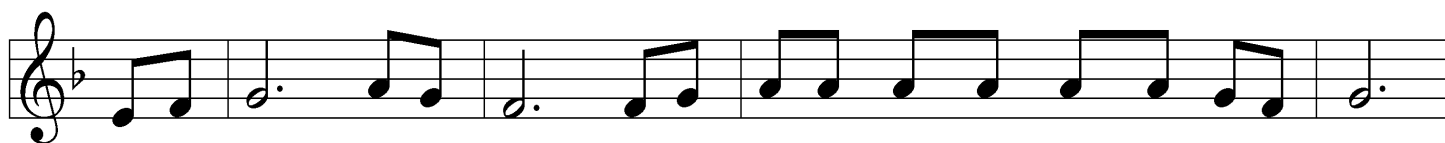
Be - cause He lives, all fear is gone.

Be - cause I know He holds the fu - ture,

and life is worth the liv - ing

just be - cause He lives.

He Is Lord



He is Lord, he is Lord, he is ris-en from the dead and he is Lord;



ev-'ry knee shall bow, ev-'ry tongue con-fess that Je - sus Christ is Lord.

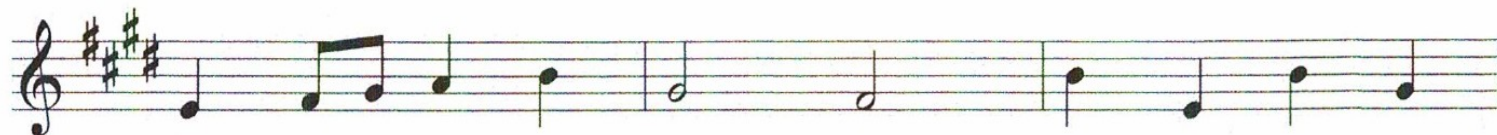
Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All Amen



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:



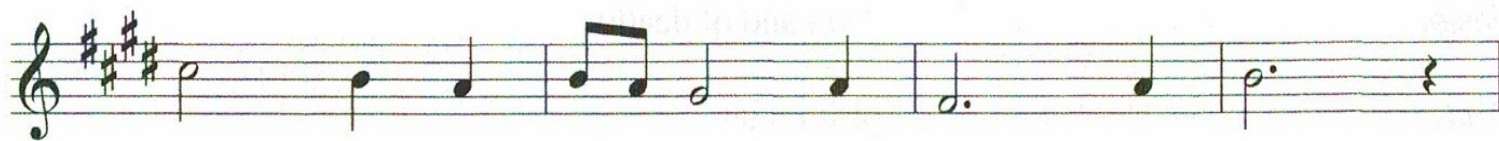
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



3. Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

*Please be seated for
Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements*

Benediction and Sending Song

Please stand in body or spirit.

(Cantors sing each line, the congregation repeats.)

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make His face to shine on you.

And be gracious to you.

May the Lord lift His countenance on you.

May the Lord lift His countenance on you.

May He keep you in perfect peace.

Dismissal

WA Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

WA Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God.



Readings for next Sunday,
May 4th

First Reading:

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Psalm:

Psalm 30

Second Reading:

Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel:

John 21:1-19

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