



Sunday, April 3, 2016
Second Sunday of Easter
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INTRODUCTION

In spite of all we have heard and all that we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the Lord Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of the holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

A large print version of today's Hymns is located on
the Usher Stands.

GATHERING HYMN

The Day of Resurrection!

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of grace and glory,
**you have brought us into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet we
have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We
are sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our
sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all
things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in
grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ,
our risen Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and
for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained
minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare
to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father,
and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

GREETING

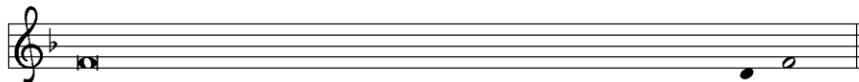
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

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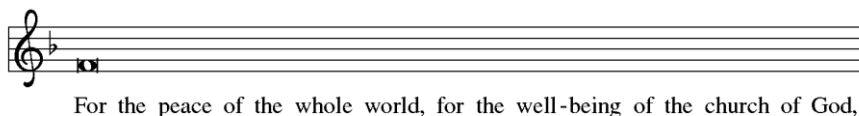
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



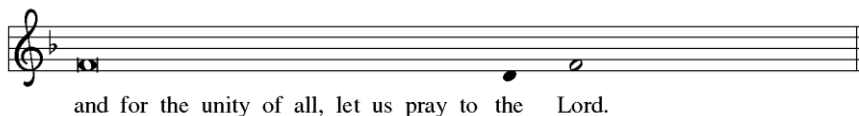
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



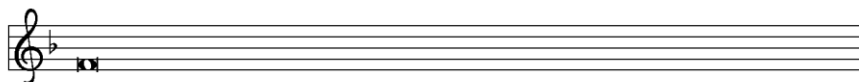
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



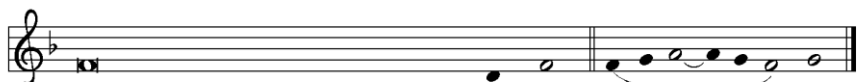
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE


Refrain




This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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




1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb ——— who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you;

And also with you.

Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

we pray that we who have celebrated the significance of the Lord's resurrection, may bring forth its fruits in our life and conversation; through the same, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GOD'S WORD

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

27 And when [the captain and officers] had brought [the apostles], they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, 28 saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to 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."

The word of the Lord. **R: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 150

1 Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

2 Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his excellent greatness!

3 Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

4 Praise him with tambourine and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

5 Praise him with sounding cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

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 kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 7 Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. 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.”

The word of the Lord. R: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

GOSPEL VERSE

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

The holy gospel according to Chapter St. John the 20th Chapter



Gospel: John 20:19-31

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.” 24 Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, 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 in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” 26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, 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; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed.” 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Beautiful Savior*

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CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED ELW p.126

**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 INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

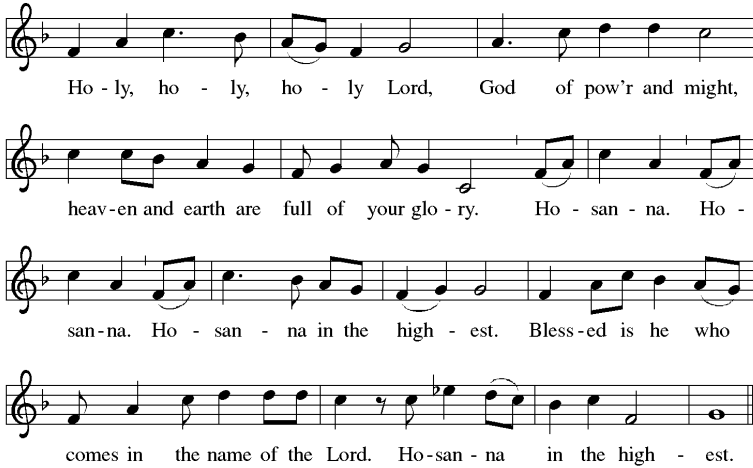
DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in 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:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ELW p. 144

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**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**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *All baptized Christians, who believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament, are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please cup your hands to receive the elements. Gluten-free wafers and juice are available upon request. If not receiving communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms in an "X" before the pastor. Children may also be brought forward for a blessing.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

SENDING

BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,
In the name of the Father, and of † the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

SENDING HYMN *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

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DISMISSAL Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Welcome to worship this morning. May the Lord bless you during this time together. If you have special prayer requests, please give them to an usher. All who are baptized and believe that the Lord is present in the bread and wine are welcomed to the table. Juice is available for the asking.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, April 3

9:00 AM Education
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Fellowship

Monday, Wed., Friday

9:00 AM Exercise

Tuesday, April 5

9:30 AM Bible Study
6:00 PM Music & Worship

Wednesday, April 6

9:30 AM Pastor's Text Study BL
3:30 PM Confirmation (9th graders only)
5:30 PM Choir

Thursday, April 7

9:00 AM Men's Breakfast, JoJo's Café

Friday, April 8

Pastor will be out of town

Next Sunday, April 10

9:00 Education
10:00 Worship with coin clanger, food shelf
11:00 Fellowship

Mike Wardlow will be celebrating his 80th Birthday on April 3rd from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at St. Edward Catholic Church in Henning. Please stop by for cake and coffee to help him celebrate his special day!