

# Second Sunday of Easter

## April 19, 2020 – Online Worship Service

Congregation parts are printed in **bold**.

*Please make sure you have the following items on hand and ready for communion:*

- *Bread on a small plate. You may put a cloth or napkin on top if you like.*
- *Wine or grape juice (or some other beverage) and small glasses to drink from.*

### GATHERING

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PRELUDE

Ruth Bills, Musician

WELCOME AND GREETING

GATHERING HYMN

ELW Red Hymnal 389

**Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing**

*(verses 1, 3 & 5)*

- 1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.***
- 3. In ev'ry insult, rift and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.***
- 5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and ev'ry age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.***

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L:** Lord Jesus, after your death and resurrection you sent your followers into the world to proclaim your resurrection to the entire world. Send us into the world to bear witness to all you have done in our lives.

**C:** Amen.

# WORD

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## FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-14

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:7-13

P: Hear now the Holy Gospel according to the sixth chapter of Mark:

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

He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

Pr. John Strommen, Preacher

## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Red Hymnal 377

**Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen**

*(verses 1-2)*

**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!***

**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]**

# MEAL

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*If you are alone, don't worry! I will say the words of distribution for you, and you can commune yourself.*

*Checklist for communion:*

- *Your hands are clean.*
- *You've appointed someone to be the main server, and someone to serve the server.*
- *There is bread on hand on a small plate. You may put a cloth or napkin on top if you like.*
- *There is wine or grape juice ready (or some other beverage if wine or grape juice is not available).*
- *That you have small glasses of some kind to drink from. The wine can either be poured ahead of time or at the time of serving.*
- *Don't worry if it doesn't go perfectly! Remember what the meal means: God's grace for imperfect people.*

*After I say the words of institution and the Lord's Prayer, you will administer to each other saying these words: Extending the bread, you say, "This is the body of Christ, broken for you." Offering the wine, you say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you."*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

HOLY, HOLY  
You Are Holy

ELW Red Hymnal 525

*You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more than we understand.  
You are always at hand. Blessed are you coming near.  
Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread,  
raised from soil, raised from dead.*

*You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present.  
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord! Sing hosanna in the highest!  
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!*

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 for the 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

L: *(to those who are single)*

This is the body of Christ, broken for you.

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

RECEIVING THE MEAL

LAMB OF GOD  
ELW, Setting Three

Red Hymnal p 146

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

BLESSING

- P: May the body and blood of our crucified and risen Lord strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: **Amen.**
- P: And now let us respond to the receiving of God's gifts to us by offering our gifts and our prayers to God.

# RESPONDING

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We will do the prayers like we normally do, where you can offer petitions. some of you have already sent prayers by email. I will read those first. Those who want to respond live may do so, and I'll read those also.*

**P:** Let us now enter into a conversation with the living God by offering up what is on our hearts and minds. We begin by praying for those among us who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially for Trish, Kathy, Glenn, Peggy, Dick, Barb and Dale's family.

**P:** Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

*Individual petitions from the congregation, silent and spoken, personal and global, are invited.  
If spoken, end with the words: Lord, in your mercy,*

**P:** Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy and in your grace.

**C:** **Amen.**

# SENDING

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FINAL BLESSING

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

**C:** **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

ELW Red Hymnal 382

**Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**

*(verses 1)*

- 1. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!  
Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears,  
bowing down in joy before him, rising up from griefs and tears.***

*Refrain:*

***Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!***

## DISMISSAL

**L:** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

*Please depart from this time of worship in silence.*

Thank you to Jenni Lathrop for managing our Facebook Live comments and responses and to Paul Lathrop for providing the audio and video support for this worship service.