

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER LBW Setting One with Communion Sunday, April 14, 2024

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#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **PRELUDE**

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
- C Amen.
- P Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

- P Look, here is water!
- C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!
- At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection, you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

Stand

#### **HYMN**

# The Day of Resurrection!



## **GREETING**

- P Christ is risen!
- C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P 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.
- A The Risen One has come alongside us on our journey from the empty tomb.
- C He speaks to us with love and encouragement the word that frees us from our sorrows.
- A A guest among us, he becomes the Host.
- C He makes himself known still today in the breaking of bread.
- A Let us celebrate the promise of life, for Christ is risen.
- C Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**





### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray together,
- C Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection 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.

### FIRST LESSON: ACTS 3:12-19

# L A reading from Acts.

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

# **PSALM: 4 (Read Responsively)**

- L <sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- C 2"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"
- L <sup>3</sup>Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; the Lord will hear me when I call.
- C <sup>4</sup>Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- L <sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.
- C <sup>6</sup>Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.
- L <sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.
- C 8In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me rest secure.

## **SECOND LESSON: 1 JOHN 3:1-7**

L A reading from First John.

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no

sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



#### **GOSPEL: LUKE 24:36B-48**

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Twenty-fourth Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still

wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

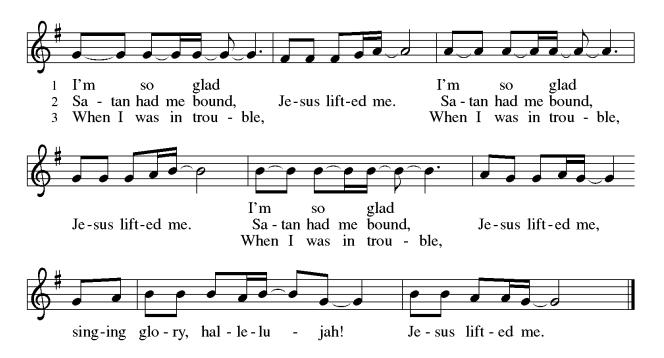
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**SERMON** 

**Pastors Peterson** 

Stand

# **HYMN** I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



Text: African American spiritual Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

### **NICENE CREED**

- P Let us confess our faith together using the Nicene Creed
- C 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

Sit/Kneel

### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

# A brief silence.

- A O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief and illness, hope and uncertainty *especially...* God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.

- A O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- P O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
- C Amen.

#### **PEACE**

- P Peace of the Lord be with you all.
- C And also with you.

Share Christ's Peace with one another.

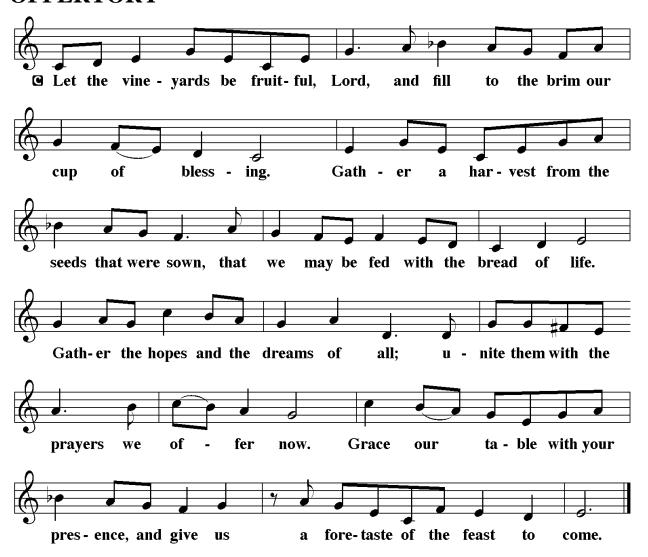
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## **OFFERING**

The Offering is received and presented to the Lord.

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### **OFFERTORY**

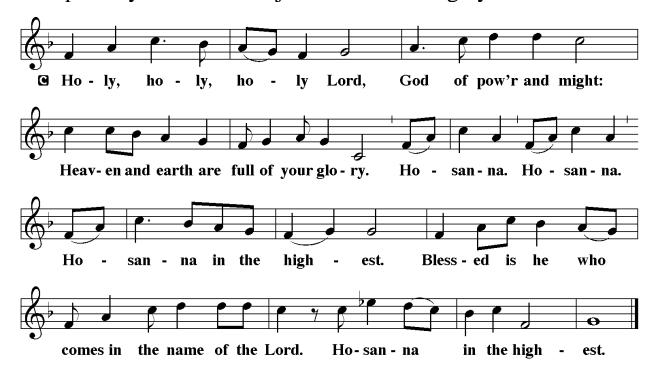


## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- A Let us pray, Risen One,
- C You call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

#### **MEAL**

- 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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving 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:



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.

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

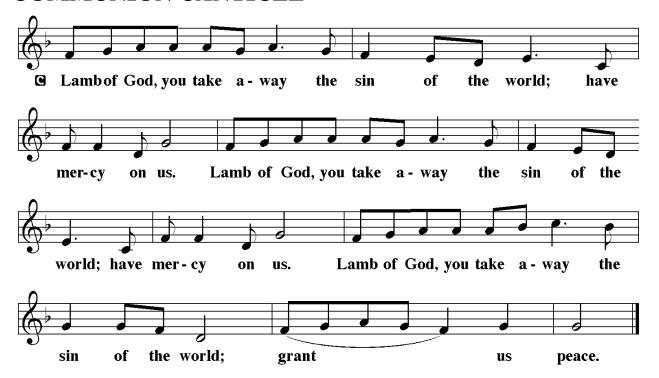
- P Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.
- C Thanks be to God.

Sit

#### **COMMUNION CANTICLE**



#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

will be celebrated today around the altar. Come to the altar and kneel or stand. Receive the host and consume. The assisting minister will offer wine or grape juice, take and consume. After you are finished communing, place your cup in the empty tray provided.

We believe that Christ is present in, with, and under each element. Children who have not received instruction are invited forward for a blessing.

All are welcome to the table of the Lord!

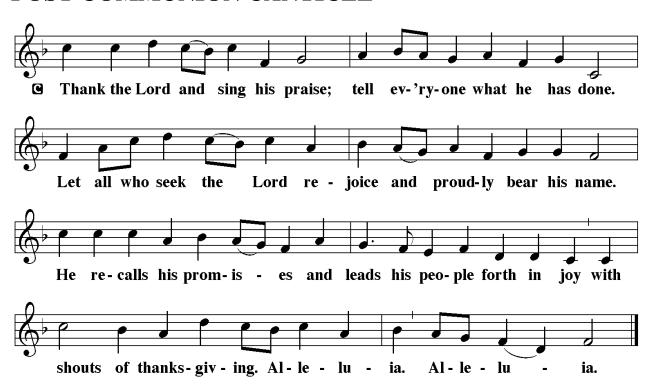
We will sing the following Hymns during Holy Communion: WOV 754 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ WOV 711 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Stand

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

#### POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

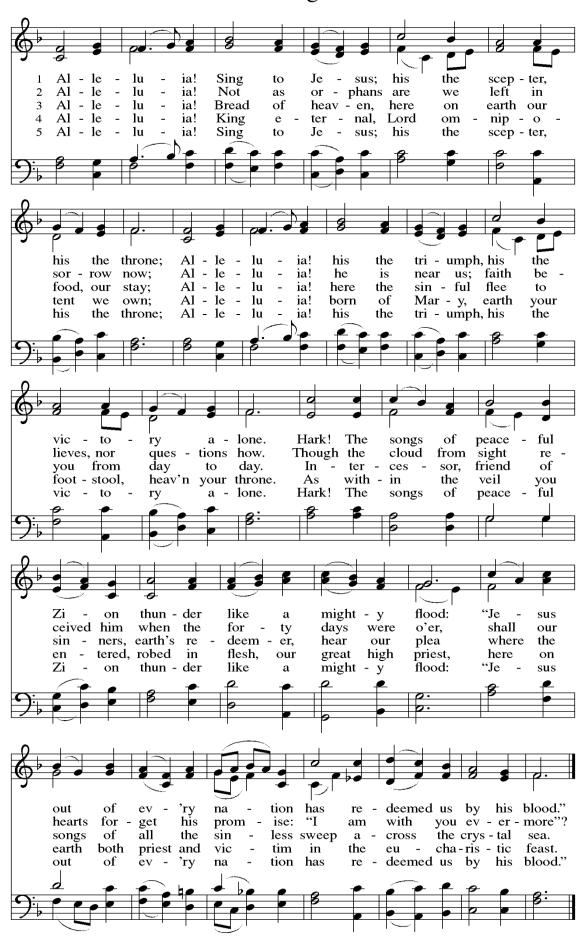
- A Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.
- C Amen.

# **BLESSING**

- P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.
- C Amen

### **HYMN**

### Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



## **DISMISSAL**

- A Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

### **POSTLUDE**

# THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

Today – 10:45am Sunday School; 11am Confirmation 4/16 Tues. – 10 am Crafts and Coffee, 6:30 Ministry Night 4/17 Wed.- 6pm Bell Choir, 7pm Sanctuary Choir 4/20 Sat. – 8am Property; 1pm Youth

# **NOTES**

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

(Galatians 5:22)

# We pray this week that PATIENCE grows in us.

### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

#### **Pastors**

Rev. Andrea Windsor-Peterson & Rev. Jason Peterson

**Guest Organist** 

Justin Hornsby

**Assisting Minister** 

Tom Alderson

**Greeter** 

Noreen Gaynor

**Usher** 

Kevin Ward/Lynn Reed

Lector

Pamela Ward

**Acolyte** 

Crucifer

**Zoom Operator**