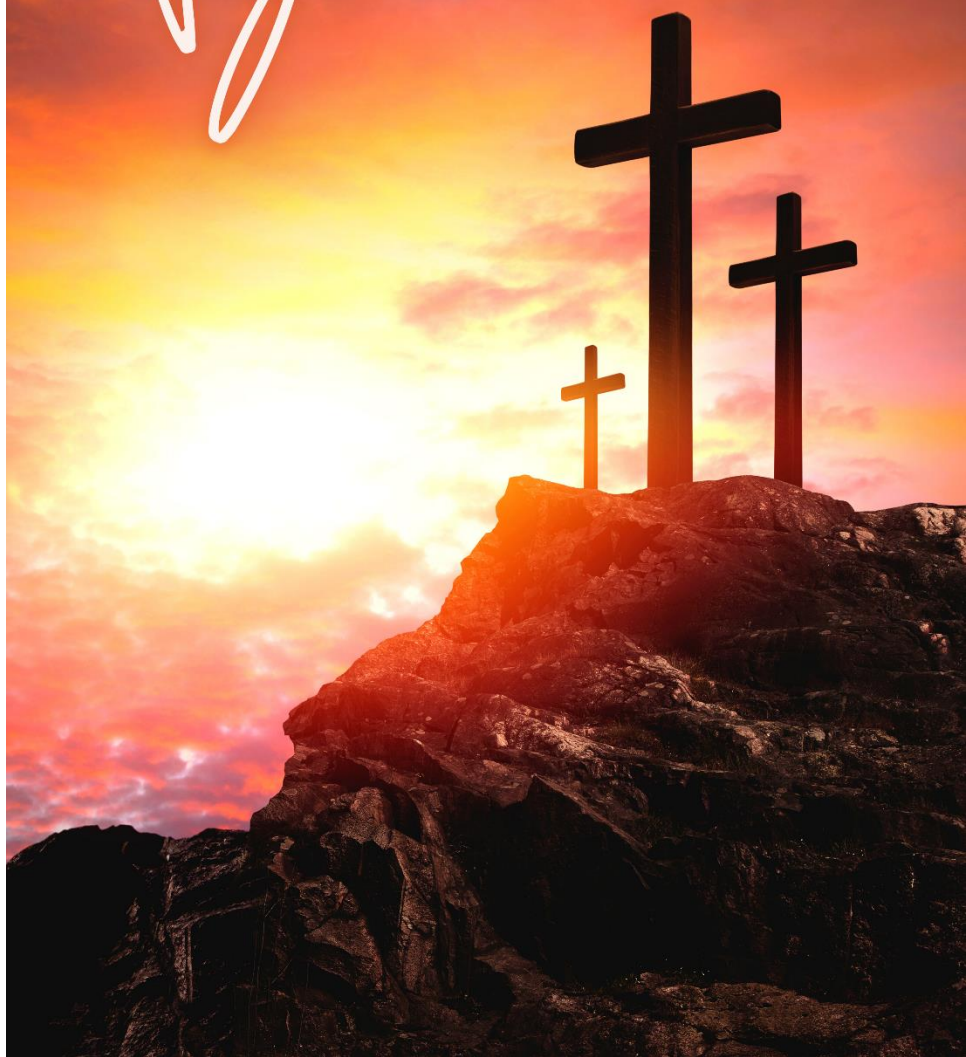


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# Traditional Worship Service

April 11, 2020

## WELCOME

### **INTROIT: *Psalm 105:1-5; antiphon: I Peter 2:2-3***

PASTOR: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered. He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

PASTOR: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

### **Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing** (LSB #475)

Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!

Now is the triumph of our King!

To all the world glad news we bring:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory

That love, that life which cannot die,

And sing with hearts uplifted high:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord,

And sing today with one accord

The life laid down, the life restored:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

# CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen.**

PASTOR: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**ALL: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

PASTOR: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

PASTOR: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

## KYRIE

PASTOR: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

PASTOR: 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.

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

PASTOR: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

PASTOR: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

# **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

PASTOR: Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth.

**ALL: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**In the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

# **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

PASTOR: Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

# **FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35**

The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE LESSON: *1 John 1:1-2:2***

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## ***PLEASE STAND FOR THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL.***

PASTOR: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**ALL: Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL: *John 20:19-31***

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." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 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." 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." 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 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.

PASTOR: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ.

## **APOSTLES' CREED (spoken in unison)**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **He's Risen, He's Risen** (LSB #480)

He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus the Lord;  
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song  
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.

O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.  
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;  
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;  
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.  
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:  
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

## **SERMON**

### **Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me** (LSB #761)

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure: cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

# **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**PASTOR:** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**PASTOR:** Heavenly Father, by the resurrection of Your Son You adopt all who believe in Him. Receive us as Your newborn children and nourish our faith by the pure spiritual milk of Your Word, that we may dwell in Your presence forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

**PASTOR:** Almighty God, You have declared peace between God and man in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Receive our thanks for the authority given to Your Church on earth, and grant that the ministers of Your Church would faithfully carry out their office and pronounce the free forgiveness of sins upon all repentant sinners. Lord, in Your mercy,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

**PASTOR:** Merciful Father, as Your people are united in the common life and love of our Savior, grant that we would share that life and love with those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

**PASTOR:** Heavenly Father, Your peace flows from the risen and glorified wounds of Christ through Your Church and into the lives of all Your faithful people. Bless and direct Christian parents, that Your forgiveness would be freely shared in their homes and that each family would live together in Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

**PASTOR:** Lord God, we praise Your Son's resurrection from the dead and draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. [Especially we pray for...] Graciously receive our prayers of intercession and hear them for His sake. Lord, in Your mercy,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

**PASTOR:** Gracious God, the Word of life was made flesh, suffered death and is risen in victory. Give us His body and blood in the bread and wine, that we may have the forgiveness of sins and fellowship with You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**



**PASTOR:** Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that out of Your indescribable grace and for the sake of Your Son You have given us the Holy Gospel and instituted the Holy Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and the forgiveness of sin. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily believe Your Word, and through the Holy Sacraments establish our faith day by day, until at last we obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**ALL:** Amen.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken in unison)**

**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed by 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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**PASTOR:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**All:** Amen.

## **Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven (LSB #477)**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled –  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

**Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient pow'rs of evil in confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried: now He lives forevermore.  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:  
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia to the triune Majesty!**