



CLASSIC WORSHIP • SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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EASTER LIGHT – GLORIOUS LIGHT

Welcome! We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We come together to be strengthened by His Word to be His witnesses.

Families, if you brought your children with you today, we want you to know that the spiritual well-being of your child is very important to us. Many families wish to teach and encourage their younger child(ren) to be in church and get what they can out of it. If you feel that you need to take your child out for whatever reason; there is a cry room near the back of the sanctuary and a restroom with a baby changing station is located by the elevator (to the left as you exit the sanctuary). **Guests:** we welcome you. If you will, please help us to get to know you by filling out the *Guest* side of our *Welcome Card* found in the pews/chair backs, then place it in the offering plates. **Holy Communion:** Questions, please see purple sheets on *Info Table* or near the bulletins.

As We Gather: "Seeking dedicated worker. Suffering not optional." If we were to read that simple line in a job posting, it certainly would give us pause. People generally want to avoid suffering at any cost. Scripture reminds us that there may be a dynamic of discomfort to faith-filled living that follows the call of the risen Savior. In his hymn text "'Come, Follow Me,' the Savior Spake" from the 1600s, Johann Scheffler concludes, "Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, and take the cross appointed and, firmly clinging to His Word, in suffering be undaunted. For those who bear the battle's strain the crown of heav'nly life obtain" (*LSB* 688:5). The challenges of the twenty-first century may differ from those of the seventeenth, but they are just as real. Our Lord promises that He is always with us on our life's journey. With Easter joy, we travel onward together toward His glorious heavenly kingdom!

WELCOME

Please Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

[People may mark themselves with the cross as a remembrance of baptism.]

OPENING HYMN

490 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

- 1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.
- 2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne, High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.
- 3 Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.

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OPENING SENTENCES

Romans 6:9; John 20:29b; Psalm 145:1, 5, 6b

P Alleluia! We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

C Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

OPENING SENTENCES (cont.)

Romans 6:9; John 20:29b; Psalm 145:1, 5, 6b

P I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

C On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare Your greatness.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Micah 6:6–8

P Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking forgiveness and renewal as we follow the Lord.

C “With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?

Women: “Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

Men: “Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

C “Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

P He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

C Almighty God, we confess that we are indeed sinful. By our very nature we are sinful. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Savior. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we may live out our lives on earth faithfully until that time when we, by His grace, join the company of heaven forever.

P God has promised forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him for grace. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and at His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. May our gracious God, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him eternally, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

HYMN OF PRAISE

490 “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”

4 Jesus lives! I know full well; Nothing me from Him shall sever.
Neither death nor pow’rs of hell; Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense; This shall be my confidence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death; But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath; When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God, we have celebrated the mystery of our Lord’s resurrection from the dead. Help us to show the power of His resurrection in all that we say and do; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be Seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

+ WORD +

FIRST READING

Acts 5:29–42

(The apostles proclaim the Good News about Jesus, the Christ.)

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.” ³³ When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴ But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵ And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶ For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷ After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸ So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹ but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰ and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴² And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN

930 *“All You Works of God, Bless the Lord”*

1 All you works of God, bless the Lord! All you angels, now bless the Lord;
Come, you heavens and pow’rs that be, Praise the Lord and His majesty: *Refrain*

*Ref Raise your voices high, praise and magnify, All you works of God, bless the Lord!
Raise your voices high, praise and magnify, All you works of God, bless the Lord!*

4 Hills and mountains, now sing His worth, All you green things that grow on earth;
Seas and rivers, you springs and wells, Beasts and cattle, you birds and whales: *Refrain*

5 Come, humanity, sing along, Sing, you people of God, a song;
Priests and servants, your Lord now bless, Join, you spirits and souls at rest: *Refrain*

6 Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart; All you humble, His praise impart;
God the Father and Son adore, Bless the Spirit forevermore! *Refrain*

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EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:3–9

(We are born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Christ.)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Taking the cross of grace and peace to form a community of uncommon servants.

VERSE

Romans 6:9; John 20:29b

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

C Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19–31

(Jesus appears to His disciples gathered behind locked doors.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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 any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Be Seated – Children are dismissed for Children's Church.

MESSAGE HYMN

465 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds, In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal is the gift He brings, Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!", Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife. Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Adoring praises now we bring, And with the heav'nly blessèd sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!", Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God, All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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MESSAGE

Please Stand – Children return from Children's Church.

Taking the cross of grace and peace to form a community of uncommon servants.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Prayer response after each petition...)*

P Let us pray to the Lord,

C **Lord, grant our petition.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

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.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P 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.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

688 "Come, Follow Me,' the Savior Spake"

- 1 "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake, "All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate'er betide, Take My example for your guide.
- 2 "I am the light, I light the way, A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show, How you must sojourn here below.
- 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee, What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul, And lead you to your heav'nly goal."
- 5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain, The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

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DISMISSAL

Into the world, making a clear confession of Christ...

HUGE "Thank you" to those that served to make worship happen (virtual & in-person) today...

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