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April 27, 2025 – 10:00 AM

Second Sunday of Easter

WELCOME VISITORS! We welcome all who believe in Jesus Christ to the Lord's Supper as we partake in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. For those who would prefer, grape juice is available in the center ring of each serving tray. If you do not wish to receive communion you are invited to come forward for a blessing. God's forgiveness and love is for everyone.

We are honored that you are with us today and we ask everyone to please sign the *Friendship Register* in each pew. Visitors are asked to also complete a *Visitors Card* from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Again, Welcome!

*Invites the Congregation to stand.

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"Now the Feast and Celebration" - Musical Setting by Marty Haugen

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

- *Thanksgiving for Baptism
- [P] Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- [C] Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!
- [P] In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.
- [C] Amen.

- [P] Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.
- [P] Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,
- [C] make us one as you are one.
- [P] We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,
- [C] make us one as you are one.
- [P] We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,
- [C] make us one as you are one.
- [P] Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

[C] Amen.

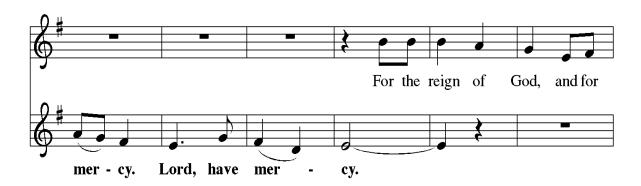
*Gathering Hymn: "The Day of Resurrection" ELW #361
As the hymn begins, the congregation turns toward the entrance to face the processional cross.

*Greeting

- [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.

*Kyrie









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*The Prayer of the Day

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] And also with you.

[P] Let us pray...

Insert

[C] Amen

Children's Message

Vicar James Hilden-Minton

Children's Church (Children are invited to the Fellowship Hall for further worship/education.)

The First Lesson: Acts 5:27-32

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

Psalm: 118:14-29; refrain, Ps. 118:28

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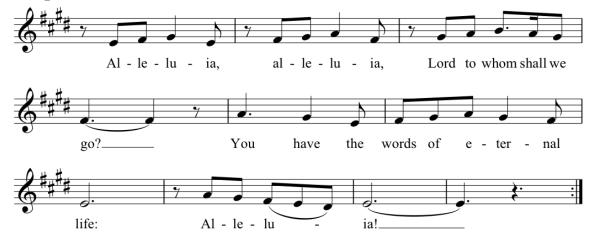
(Congregation sings verses in **bold** print only.)

The Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4-8

Insert

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

*Gospel Acclamation



*The Gospel: [P] The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter.

[C] Glory to you, O Lord.

John 20:19-31

Insert

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

The Sermon

Vicar James Hilden-Minton

*The Hymn of the Day: "We Walk By Faith" ELW #635

*The Nicene Creed

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. *The Prayers

Insert

After each portion of the prayers:

- [A] Hear us, O God.
- [C] Your mercy is great.

*The Peace is shared by all.

- [P] The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- [C] And also with you.

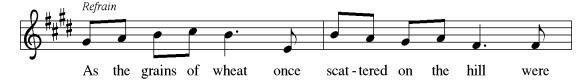
The minister and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.**

The Offering

Choral Offertory: "For God So Loved the World" John Stainer



"As the Grains of Wheat"

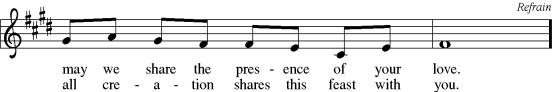




gath-ered in to one to be come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from







*Offering Prayer

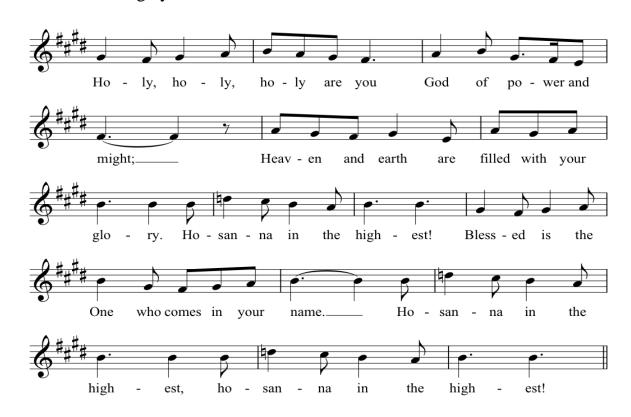
- [A] Let us pray together,
- [C] Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving





[P] It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



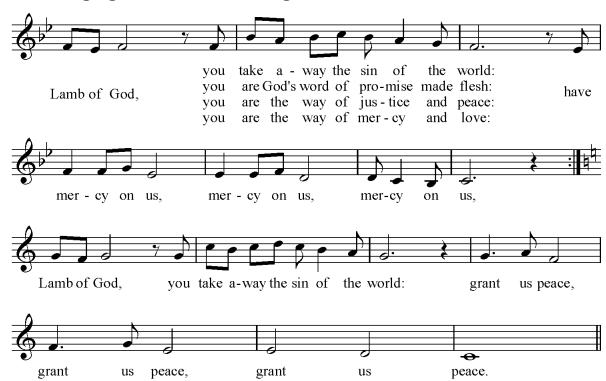
[P] In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: 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.

[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.

The Communion Please follow the instructions of the ushers in coming to receive communion.

"Taste and See the Goodness of The Lord" (Praise Chorus from Psalm 34)

The Congregation is invited to sing "Lamb of God".



Communion Hymns: (1) "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" ELW #860 (2) "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!" ELW #377

*Post-Communion Blessing

[P] Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

[C] Amen.

*Praise to You, O God of Mercy



*Post-Communion Prayer

[A] Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

[C] Amen.

*Benediction (Blessing)

[P] God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.

God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.

God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

The God of all grace

→ bless you now and forever.

[C] Amen.

*Recessional Hymn:

"Day of Arising"

ELW #374

As the cross is carried out during the singing of the hymn, the congregation turns to face the cross.

*Dismissal

[All] Follow Christ, Live Faithfully, Serve All. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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