GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The service continues with gathering song. As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly may be sprinkled with water during the singing.

The Day of Resurrection!



Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche, 1833

*GREETING

The grace of the risen Christ, the love of the ever-living God, and the communion of the life-breathing Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE This is the Feast ELW p. 140 Refrain This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Refrain of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, This is the feast al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis-dom, and O bless - ing, and glo - ry are strength, and hon - or, his.



*Prayer of the Day Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

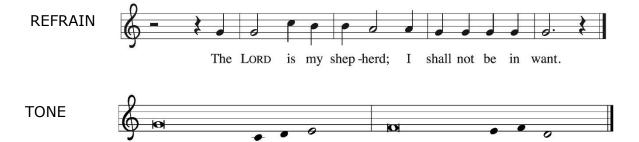
ACTS 9:36-43

A reading from Acts.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23



- ¹The LORD | is my shepherd;
 - I shall not | be in want.
 - ²The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures and leads me be- | side still waters.
 - ³You restore my | soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.
- ⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. R
- ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ¹ of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the ¹ LORD forever. R

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation:

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the

Lamb.

- ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
- They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
- ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The alleluias are introduced by the choir, and then repeated by ALL. The choir sings the proper verse, and then ALL sing alleluias again.



Text: John 10:15

Music: Michael E. Krentz, b. 1954, based on St. Columba

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The Holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

John 10:22-30

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of

Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pr Janet Peterman

A brief silence is kept for reflection, then the assembly stands to proclaim the Word of God in song.

*HYMN of the DAY

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The King of Love My Shepherd Is



- 1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness 2 Where streams of ing flow, liv wa ter my ran - somed
- 3 Per verse and fool ish oft I strayed, but yet in
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear





- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877 Music: St. Columba, Irish tune

NICENE CREED

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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.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the Church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. We remember all who prepare for baptism, here and in every place, and for those who are drawing near to us at Christ Ascension, to join our ministry through an affirmation of their own baptisms. We lift before you especially this day the

Washington family, as they prepare their sons, Gray and Yves, for baptism, the Echols Penn family, and grandma Donna, as they prepare their daughters, Charlotte and Paige, for baptism, and for Rebecca, Andrew, Kari, Kweli, Melissa, as well as the Chara-Bonansco family who prepare to unite with us as a congregation: Deepen their spiritual journey and prepare us also to receive them fully with open hearts, as signs of your very presence, gracious God!

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care (especially: then hold some silence

until people stop lifting up names... then "close with "Hear us, O God.").

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Eternal God: This Mothers' Day, with the sea of carnations throughout our sanctuary, we remember our mothers!

- Hold safe and secure in your bosom, O God, our mothers who have already passed from life to death, before us:
 - We are grateful for their lives, they who have birthed us!
 - We thank you, as well, for nurture that has helped us to feel secure; for the gifts of life that multiply in families. Make of us children capable of passing love and nurture along to others!

pause

- Some among us ache, and we pause to lay that also before you, Healing God, for the absence of our mothers, or for some rupture with our mothers:
 - For conflict that does not easily resolve
 - For difficulties in our past that carry on still, in our present life...
 - For our own difficulties bearing a child; or caring for a child...
 - Some of us long yet for a child that has not yet come
- Hear us, O God.
- Your mercy is great.

Bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints (We name before You, O God, especially, those dear to us, who have died: then hold some silence until people stop lifting up names... then "close with "Hear us, O God."). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

*THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

We greet one another with a greeting of peace. Please be mindful of touch.

MEAL

God feeds us with Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church. Our offering at Christ

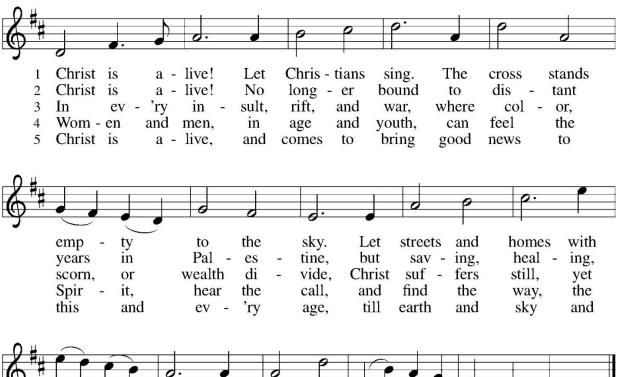
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CHOIR ANTHEM

***OFFERTORY HYMN**

verses 1 & 3 #389

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death. shall nev - er die. here time. and now. and touch - ing ev 'ry place and lives, where hope has died. loves the more, and e ven life, the vealed in Je freed for all. truth, re sus, 0 cean ring with joy, with jus tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

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*Offertory Prayer

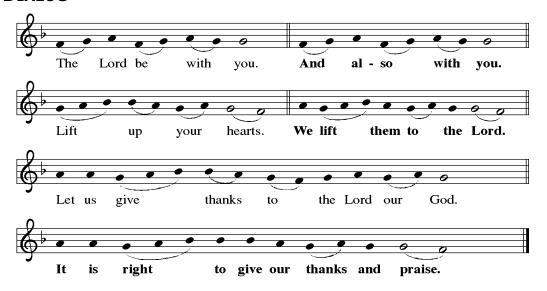
Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept to prepare for prayer.

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

*DIALOG

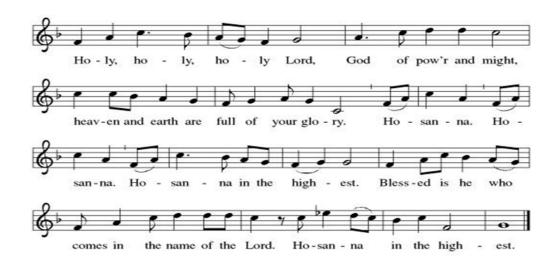


*PREFACE



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*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Presiding Minister, on behalf of all, remembers the ways God has been at work among God's people since Creation. The assembly is invited to join the prayer with acclamations:

...Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

The Presiding Minister continues to gives thanks for all things, in particular the saving work of Jesus:

O God most mighty,
O God most merciful,
O God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise,
call us to your table,
grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child;
When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.
He was born among the poor,
he lived under oppression,
he wept over the city.
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. [Amen.] Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. [Amen.] Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. [Amen.]

- O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
- O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
- O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
- O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.
Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,

life in you, now and forever. **Amen.**

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*Invitation to the table

COMMUNION

This is Christ's Table and Christ himself is present when we share this Meal. All Christians are welcome to receive the bread and wine, Christ's body and blood, given and shed for the sake of the world. Wine, with a grape juice alternative, is offered by pouring chalice. Take a small cup from the tray. Receive the bread in your open palm. Hold your cup steadily for the assisting minister to pour into. You may stand there to drink. When you return to your seat, please dispose of the cup in the bowl provided. For those who desire it, gluten-free bread is available; indicate your desire to the presiding minister. For those who would like to participate, but not to receive bread or wine, please come forward for a blessing. Indicate this desire by crossing your arms in front of you. If you are unable to come forward and would like Communion brought to you in your seat, let the usher know.

Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a ges of your life, not too old, no lon ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold. you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long. I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one, When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es in and you shut your wea-ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell." I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun." I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN #768



* **DISMISSAL** ELW p. 115

The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Share the renewal of Christ! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The carnations are given this week, by Donna Skinner Echols and by Pastor Janet, in memory of their mothers and grandmothers.

Lutheran Day in the Capitol (5/13) 8 am - 5 pm

An Introduction to Dietrich Bonhoeffer by the Rev. Dr. Hoffmeyer, May 15, 7pm at Christ Ascension.

Merri Brown invites you to her **community choir's upcoming concerts** on Sunday, May 18 and Tuesday, May 20. The theme is "Secret Wisdom" and includes a U.S. premiere of a hauntingly beautiful piece by composer, laura Hawley, entitled, "The Secret Wisdom of Flowers" that explores the perspective of flowers and plants.

LEADING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

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ASSISTING MINISTER

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