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2nd Sunday After Easter

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord.)

GATHERING HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Lives v1,2,4,8 352(G)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned 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. 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.

L: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GREETING

L: 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 ELEISON



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

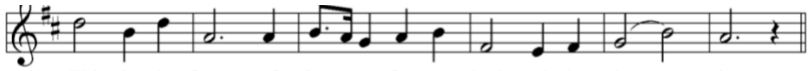


let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

HYMN OF PRAISE

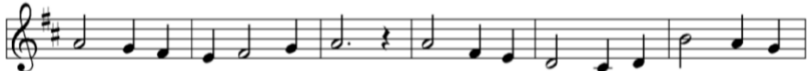
This Is the Feast



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

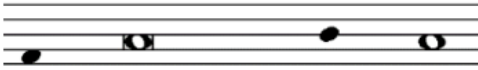


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

GREETING



L: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray...

C: Help us, almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work and conversation. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Acts 5:29-42

L: The First Lesson is from the 5th chapter of Acts.

29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. 30 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might 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, respected by all the people, stood up and ordered the men to be put outside for a short time. 35 Then he said to them, "Fellow Israelites, consider carefully what you propose to do to these men. 36 For some

time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him, but he was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and disappeared. 37 After him Judas the Galilean rose up at the time of the census and got people to follow him; he also 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, because if this plan or this undertaking is of human origin, it will fail; 39 but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them—in that case you may even be found fighting against God!" They were convinced by him, 40 and when they had called in the apostles, they had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus and let them go. 41 As they left the council, they rejoiced that they were considered worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name. 42 And every day in the temple and at home they did not cease to teach and proclaim Jesus as the Messiah.

L: Here ends the reading.

PSALM 148

L: We will read the Psalm responsively.

1 Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

**2 Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!**

3 Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!

**4 Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the heavens!**

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.

**6 He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be
passed.**

7 Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,

**8 fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

9 Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

**10 Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!**

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**12 Young men and women alike,
old and young together!**

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

**14 He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.**

Praise the Lord!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

L: The Second Lesson is from the 1st chapter of 1 Peter.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead 4 and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to

be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 7 so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L: Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

L: Please rise in honor of the Gospel.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with

you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 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 retain the sins of any, they are retained." 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, 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 the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, 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. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt 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 come to believe." 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN

He Is Arisen! Glorious Word! 138(G)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

"I'll Believe It When I See It!"

PRAISE SONG

Glorious Day

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's 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.**

**On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come again 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.**

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERING PRAYER

C: Creator God, your Spirit surrounds and sustains us. As we offer these gifts, stir our quiet faith into confident witness. Replace our hesitant whispers with the courage to speak your truth. Shape our giving into acts of praise. We believe and pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

**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

L: 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

CLOSING SONG (guitar accompaniment)
Every Morning is Easter Morning (sing x2)

Every morning is Easter Morning from now on.
Every day is resurrection day, the past is over and gone.
Goodbye fear, goodbye guilt good riddance,
Hello Lord, Hello Son, now I'm one of the Easter people, my new life is begun.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. He is Risen.

C: He is Risen Indeed!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

April 14- @ 10:30 AM Bible Study at Sunporch and SCHR

@ 6:30 PM - Pastor Ann's Bible Study

April 15 - @ 9:00 AM - Women's Bible Study

@9:00-12:00 - Pastor Ann's Office Hours

@6:00 PM - Confirmation Class

April 16 - @ 1:30 pm - Bible Study at Sunporch

Get Ready for a 6 week Sermon Series on the Book of Acts beginning next week! We will walk through the story of the early church. Acts may have been written two thousand years ago, but God is calling us to be a part of that story today.

New Bible Study - Do you want to dig deeper into the Book of Acts? Join us on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM. In a world that is unsure of where to find truth or purpose, the book of Acts reveals God's plan for global redemption, his purpose for our lives, and the power he has given us to accomplish his mission. Join us!

Keep those extra Bibles and Christian materials coming! Join our Lenten LOVE packages drive and bring your items to our display!

FUTURE EVENTS:

April 25 - Youth Mission at Hastings Crossroads
Leave Smith Center - 8:15 am Return 5:30pm

May 3 - Confirmation Sunday

May 17 - Graduation Sunday

Scriptures for April 19th

1st Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-12

2nd Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Sermon Title: "We the Church Family"

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