

EASTER 4 SUNDAY/

Sacrament of Holy Baptism & Confirmation of Baptismal Vows May 8, 2022

Piano Prelude: Jesu, joy of man's desiring

J. S. Bach

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

Silent Meditation

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The risen Christ calls disciples today just like he called disciples then.

Christ calls us to be his hands, feet and heart in the world.

We come to worship to listen to the voice of Christ, to discern the movement of his Spirit calling to us within our hearts.

We come to discern Christ's voice from the many other voices calling to us in our fear.

We come to grow our faith, hope and love. We come to grow in our freedom from fear.

Let us worship the God who is the foundation of true freedom and the fountain of true love. Let us worship and let us drink, together!

*Hymn: Now there is no male or female

No. 513

1. Now there is no male or female;
now there is now free or slave;
now there is no Jew or Gentile
in the earth Christ died to save.

Christ has set us free for freedom:
we no more sing slavery's creed;
old submissions cannot claim us:
Christ has set us free indeed.

**2. Crucified with Christ the Saviour,
baptized in his holy death,
and as Christ was raised to glory
we have new life on this earth.
Power of water and God's naming
turns from darkness to the light,
joins us to those who, before us,
ran the race and fought the fight.**

**3. Death has no dominion over him,
so for us death holds no power;
life's own waters now have marked us
born to God this very hour.
From this moment and forever
dead to sin, alive in Christ,
born of water and the Spirit,
now in Christ we find our life.**

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace of Christ be with you all;

And also with you.

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Baptismal Vows/Questions to Confirmands:

1) With the enabling of God's grace, do you commit yourself to personal growth in renouncing what is wrong and embracing what is right in your life and in the world?

I do.

2) With the enabling of God's grace, do you commit yourself to becoming a closer follower of Jesus Christ in his ongoing ministry of compassion and healing in the world by the way you care for all life around you?

I do.

3) With the enabling of God's grace, do you commit yourself to the way of forgiveness with an open heart?

I do.

4) With the enabling of God's grace, do you commit yourself to pursuing justice and truth in a spirit of openness to reconciliation rather than retaliation?

I do.

5) With the enabling of God's grace, do you commit yourself to growing spiritually as a part of this congregation, its worship, fellowship and service, offering yourself and your substance, as you are able?

I do.

Question to the congregation:

Do you, on behalf of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Ela, Willy, and Mag-Claire by word and deed, with love and in prayer, encouraging them to follow the way of Christ and to be faithful members of Christ's church?

We do.

Let us, with all the people of God, confess the faith of the church:

Iona Creed

(A Christian Creed based on the Apostles' creed from: Iona, Scotland)

We Believe in God above us,
Maker and sustainer of all life,
Of sun and moon,
Of water and earth,
Of male and female.

We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
Born of a woman's womb, servant of the poor.
He was tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,
And his kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us,
The Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
Life-Giving breath of the church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
Source of resurrection and of life everlasting.
Amen.

Act of Baptizing & Blessing

Aaronic Blessing & Welcome

Children's Theme for Church School

Special Music: Duo Des Fleurs (“The Flower Duet”, from *Lakmé*)

Delibes

Soloists Anna Bateman & Erin Stone

Scripture Reading: John 21: 1-19

Scripture reader, Pam McCarroll

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We will go with you.’ They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, ‘Children, you have no fish, have you?’ They answered him, ‘No.’ ⁶He said to them, ‘Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord!’ When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, ‘Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.’ ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, ‘Come and have breakfast.’ Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ ¹⁶A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ ¹⁷He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ And he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.’ ¹⁹(He said this to

indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.' Amen.

We are listening, O God;
Speak to us!

Sermon: **FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY** Dr. Harris

Special Music: The Rose Amanda McBroom, Arr. Bruce Nasmith
Soloist Gretchen Michelle Helbig with Choir

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

***Hymn: Lord of all Power** **No. 626**

1. Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience
your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom,
your service is song,
and, held in your keeping,
my weakness is strong.

3. Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you
for all you impart:
your love to inspire me,
your counsel to guide,
your presence to cheer me,
whatever betide.

2. Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,
rich truth that surpasses
our knowledge to find.
What eye has not seen
and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit
and shines from your word.

4. Lord of all being, I give you my all.
If e'er I disown you,
I stumble and fall,
but, sworn in glad service
your word to obey,
I walk in your freedom
to the end of the way.

Benediction

***Threefold Amen**

Organ Postlude: "That Easter day with joy was bright"

Michael Praetorius
with variations by Bruce Nasmith

**Remain seated if you are more comfortable*