



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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*Welcome!* Words in **bold** are said together.

### *Call to Worship*

*Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Congregation: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

*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.***

### *Thanksgiving for Baptism*

*L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.  
**C: Amen.***

*L: Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!***

*L: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. Look, here is water!*

***C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!***

*L: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.***

*L: Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!***

### *Gathering Hymn [intro] – Spirit of Gentleness #396*

*Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

1. You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing;  
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain.*
2. You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain.*
3. You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;

and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain.*

4. You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain.*

### *Prayer of the Day*

**Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### *Scripture Readings*

Acts 4:32-35 p. 888

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 133 p. 501

<sup>1</sup>How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup>It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

1 John 1:1—2:2 p. 989

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— <sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. **2** My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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The holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 20:19-31

p. 883

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>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." <sup>27</sup>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." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>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." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Children's Message*

*Sermon*

David Ingram

*Hymn of the Day – Shall We Gather at the River #423*

1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

*Refrain:* Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

2. On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. *Refrain.*
3. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain.*
4. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. *Refrain.*

*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 to the dead. 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## *Prayers of God's People*

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

*Sharing the Peace – L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.*

## *Offering*

### *Offering Hymn – We Give Thee but Thine Own #686*

1. We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, oh Lord, from thee.
2. May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.
3. The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,  
to teach the way of life and peace it is a Christ-like thing.
4. And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be;  
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

## *Offering Prayer*

**Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

## *Christ's Words of Institution and Communion*

*L: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.*

## *Post Communion Prayer*

*L: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. C: Amen.*

## *The Lord's Prayer*

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray,

**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.**

## *Announcements*

- Apr-May-Jun devotional books now available – take one!
- April Newsletter in bookrack/on website
- Coming up: April 25 NOLO Mission Fundraiser Dinner (silent auction items welcome!); April 26-28 Synod Assembly; May 10 Agape Dinner

*Closing Hymn – Take My Life, That I May Be #685*

1. Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
3. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
5. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

*Blessing*

*L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

*L: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. C: Amen.*

*Dismissal*

*L: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!*

***Special Thanks to...*** all who offer their precious gift of time

***Birthdays & Anniversaries...***

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