

**Sunday, April 15, 2018**

Season of Easter  
Worship at 9:30 AM

**GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*In this season of Easter, we gather as people who are broken, yet not defeated, as people who were once dead in sin, yet we are alive again.*

*Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another, so that we might receive God's marvelous word of forgiveness...*

*God of new life, when our faith  
stands at the grave,  
grieving for a stone that's rolled away,  
**forgive us.***

*When our faith is short of understanding  
though the truth is there to see,  
**forgive us.***

*When we choose our own comfort over your justice,  
When we keep your gifts to ourselves rather than sharing your grace with  
others,  
**Forgive us.***

*When our faith is clothed in doubt,  
when we hide behind locked doors rather than sharing our faith with others,  
**Forgive us.***

*Bring to our lips  
the cry of the disciples,  
'We have seen the Lord!'  
**Breathe your life and your hope into us again.***

*The Lord Jesus Christ comes to you this day and says Peace be with you.  
In the name of Jesus+, your sins are forgiven.*

*Blessed are you who have not seen and yet have come to believe!  
Blessed are you because you are Christ's Easter people!  
Blessed are you, and Christ's peace be with you.*

**Amen**

## **Gathering Song**

Allelujah! Jesus is Risen!

Hymnal #377

- 1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

### Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

- 2 Walking the way, Christ in the center  
telling the story to open our eyes;  
breaking our bread, giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*
- 3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches;  
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,  
gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*
- 4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:  
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*
- 5 City of God, Easter forever,  
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
river of life, saints and archangels,  
sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

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## **Greeting**

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

*Let us pray*

*Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **Scripture Reading**

1 John 3:1-3

Bible, pg. 989

*God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.*

*A reading from First John:*

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*Word of God, Word of Life*

**Thanks be to God**

## **Children's Message**

*Please stand, as you are able*

**Gospel Acclamation Alleluia**

Hymnal #170



*Alleluia.* Our hearts | burn within us\* while you open to | us the scriptures.  
*Alleluia.* (Luke 24:32)

**Holy Gospel**

Luke 24:36b-48

Bible, pg. 861

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter:

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

The Gospel of our Lord:

**Praise to you, O Christ**

*Please be seated*

**Message**

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song*

## **Hymn of the Day**

We Walk by Faith

Hymnal #635

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight;  
with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:  
"My peace be with you here."
- 2 We may not touch your hands and side,  
nor follow where you trod;  
but in your promise we rejoice,  
and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
and may our faith abound  
to call on you when you are near  
and seek where you are found:
- 4 For you, O resurrected Lord,  
are found in means divine:  
beneath the water and the word,  
beneath the bread and wine.
- 5 And when our life of faith is done,  
in realms of clearer light  
we may behold you as you are,  
with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

## **Nicene Creed**

Hymnal pg. 104

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**

Hymnal #178

*At the end of each petition, the assembly sings:*

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:  
 peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.  
 God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

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## **Peace**

*The peace of the Lord be with you always*

**And also with you**

*Please share the peace of our Risen Christ with your neighbors*

## **MEAL**

### **Offering**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

### **Anthem during the offering**

Beyond the Cross

Mary McDonald

### **Offertory**          For Such a Time as This

Could it be that we are called for such a time as this?  
Could it be that we are called for such a time as this?

Other verses:

... that you are called  
... that I am called

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### **Offering Prayer**

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,  
as you were made known to the disciples.  
Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives,  
that we may be your risen body in the world.

**Amen.**

### **Words of Institution**

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."

### 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.**

Now let us feast this Easter day  
on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

### Music during Communion

#### Lamb of God

Hymnal pg. 154

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

### Anthem

Behold What Manner of Love

Patricia Van Tine

*Behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us  
That we should be called the children of God*

**Hymn**      Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether      Hymnal #470

- 1      Draw us in the Spirit's tether,  
for when humbly in your name  
two or three are met together,  
you are in the midst of them.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Touch we now your garment's hem.
  
- 2      As disciples used to gather  
in the name of Christ to sup,  
then with thanks to God the giver  
break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
so now bind our friendship up.
  
- 3      All our meals and all our living  
make as sacraments of you,  
that by caring, helping, giving,  
we may be disciples true.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
We will serve with faith anew.

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**Hymn**

We Come to the Hungry Feast      Hymnal #479

- 1      We come to the hungry feast  
hungry for a word of peace.  
To hungry hearts unsatisfied  
the love of God is not denied.  
We come, we come to the hungry feast.
  
- 2      We come to the hungry feast  
hungry for a world released  
from hungry people of ev'ry kind,  
the poor in body, poor in mind.  
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

3 We come to the hungry feast  
hungry that the hunger cease,  
and knowing, though we eat our fill,  
the hunger will stay with us; still  
we come, we come to the hungry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

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### **Table Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

### **Prayer after Communion**

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

## **SENDING**

### **Announcements**

### **Benediction**

*Peace be with you.*

*Behind doors closed & locked in fear,  
May God's love dwell with you.*

*On this path where the footing is tricky,  
May Jesus, himself, walk with you.*

*In every breath, in each moment, in every day,  
May the Spirit's peace be alive in you.*

*Peace be with you.*

**Amen.**

## **Sending Song**

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Hymnal #535

### *Refrain*

Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness. *Repeat*

1 Christ the Lord to us said:  
I am wine, I am bread,  
I am wine, I am bread,  
give to all who thirst and hunger. *Refrain*

2 Now he sends us all out,  
strong in faith, free of doubt,  
strong in faith, free of doubt.  
Tell to all the joyful gospel. *Refrain*

Text: South African, tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984  
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## **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.  
Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

Musicians:

Tapestry