

Second Sunday of Easter

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PRELUDE

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Gathering

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us

the Kinnickinnic River and the St. Croix River, Bushnell Lake and Pine Lake.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW #379 “Now the Green Blade Rises”

- 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.

**O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.**

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

**I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.**

I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

**My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit it rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.**

For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.

**You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE TFF #95 “He Is Lord”

He is Lord, he is Lord,
he is risen from the dead and he is Lord;
ev’ry knee shall bow, ev’ry tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is love, he is love
he has shown us by his life that he is love.
All his people sing with one voice of joy
that Jesus Christ is love.

He is life, he is life,
Jesus is the Great I AM and he is life.
Ev’ry knee shall bow, ev’ry tongue confess
We have seen the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, **the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ’s blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Word

BIBLE READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

BIBLE READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

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, 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

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Responses: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

OFFERING & HYMN ELW #692 "We Are an Offering"

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you,
we are an offering, we are an offering.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, **maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW #380 "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives"

- 1 Hallelujah! Jesus lives!
 He is now the Living One;
 from the gloomy halls of death
 Christ, the conqueror, has gone,
 bright forerunner to the skies
 of his people, yet to rise.

- 2 Jesus lives! Why do you weep?
 Why that sad and mournful sigh?
 Christ who died our brother here
 lives our brother still on high,
 lives forever to bestow
 blessings on his church below.

- 3 Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,
 life eternal waits for you;
 joined to Christ, your living head,
 where he is, you shall be too;
 with the Lord, at God's right hand,
 as a victor you shall stand.

- 4 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice.
Praise him, ransomed of the earth.
Praise him in a nobler song,
cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the victor king, whose sway
sin and death and hell obey.
- 5 Hallelujah! Angels, sing!
Join with us in hymns of praise.
Let your chorus swell the strain
which our feebler voices raise:
Glory to our God above
and on earth his peace and love!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!