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**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 16, 2023**

***“Jesus said to them, “Peace be with You!”***

**HE IS RISEN! CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!**

## Gathering Music

### Welcome & Easter Lítany

In the Name of the Father, our Creator, in the name of Jesus, our Risen Savior, and in the name of the Spirit, our Comforter, we have come to worship the Lord..

**We are the Easter people who have been to the tomb and proclaim that it is empty indeed. He is Risen!**

He is Risen, indeed!

**We are the Easter people who have met Him by the roadside and recognized Him as the son of God – risen from the dead – and living in this world and the next. He is Risen!**

He is Risen indeed!

**We are the Easter people who have placed our hand in His side and felt His wounds. He was once dead but is now alive. He has been raised by the triumphant power of the Almighty God...He is Risen!**

He is risen, indeed! We worship a Risen Lord.

## Songs of Praise

### Lord I Lift Your Name On High

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*Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us*

*Chorus: You came from heaven to earth to show the way  
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave from the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your name on high*

*(Repeat all)*

*Chorus: You came from heaven to earth to show the way  
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave from the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I lift Your name on high*

## Because We Believe

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*Men:*

*We Believe in God the Father,  
We believe in Christ, the Son;  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
We are the Church and we stand as one.*

**Women (echo):**

**We believe in God the Father,  
We believe in Christ, the Son;  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
We are the Church and we stand as one.**

**All: Holy, holy, holy is our God;  
Worthy, worthy, worthy is our King!  
All glory and honor are His to receive;  
To Jesus we sing because we believe.**

*Men:*

*We believe in the Holy Bible,  
We believe in the virgin birth;  
We believe in the resurrection,  
That Christ one day will return to earth.*

**Women (echo):**

**We believe in the Holy Bible,  
We believe in the virgin birth;  
We believe in the resurrection,  
That Christ one day will return to earth.**

**All: Holy, holy, holy is our God;  
Worthy, worthy, worthy is our King!  
All glory and honor are His to receive;  
To Jesus we sing because we believe.**

*Men:*

*We believe in the blood of Jesus,  
We believe in eternal life;  
We believe in His blood that frees us;  
To become the Bride of Christ.*

**Women (echo):**

**We believe in the blood of Jesus,  
We believe in eternal life;  
We believe in His blood that frees us;  
To become the Bride of Christ.**

**All: Holy, holy, holy is our God;  
Worthy, worthy, worthy is our King!  
All glory and honor are His to receive;  
To Jesus we sing because we believe.  
... because we believe.  
... because we believe.**

## Confessing Our Sin

God of Easter, and God of Good Friday,

**We see in Your death the good news of our own Resurrection.**

We have felt the despair of our own Good Fridays, wondering if Easter would ever come.

**We need to be resurrected, Lord.**

We need the promise of new life and the hope of conquered death.

**As we lift up this Easter experience, break through the barriers of our sin and shame and bring your peace to our troubled hearts.**

## Experiencing God's Grace - The Good News

Today brings the best news of all...Jesus lives! Jesus died on the cross – a cruel death – for the sin of the whole world. He was placed in a borrowed tomb and on the third day – came back to life to defeat death for all time and offer to us this new life as our very own. Our sin is forgiven because Jesus lives. We no longer need to fear death as we look forward to living for all eternity with Him. Jesus lives!

**Praise God for the good news of Easter.**

## Sharing the Peace

### Thought for the Day

**Drama**

**"I Do...Don't I"**

**Scripture**

**John 20:19-31**

**Message**

**Pastor Bill Peters**

**Song**

**You Are My King (Amazing Love)**

*I'm forgiven because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted, You were condemned  
I'm alive and well, Your spirit is within me  
Because You died and rose again*

*I'm forgiven because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted, You were condemned  
I'm alive and well, Your spirit is within me  
Because You died and rose again*

*Chorus: Amazing love, how can it be. That You, my King, would die for me?  
Amazing love I know it's true. It's my joy to honor You,  
Amazing love, how can it be. That You, my King, would die for me?  
Amazing love I know it's true, It's my joy to honor You, in all I do I honor You*

*I'm forgiven because You were forsaken  
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Amazing love I know it's true, It's my joy to honor You, in all I do I honor You*

*You are my king, You are my king, Jesus  
You are my king, Jesus, You are my King*

*Chorus: Amazing love, how can it be. That You, my King, would die for me?  
Amazing love I know it's true. It's my joy to honor You,  
In all I do I honor You  
In all I do I honor You*

## Prayers of the Heart & The Lord's Prayer

*We will sing this refrain once and then after each petition.*

### **Lord, Listen to Your Children**

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**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

## Statement of Faith

**I believe in a great God ... who created the world in power and love ... and whose character is reflected in all of creation.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man. His life, His teachings, His miracles, His death and His resurrection combine to provide true forgiveness of sin and life for all eternity. His strength bolsters my weakness. His love covers my failures. His sacrifice forgives my sin. I trust Him as a friend and brother, a Savior and Lord.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, God at work in and among us. I believe that God is present and active in today's world and that I can know some of the joy of heaven right now. I believe that the church of Christ is the people of God, and that in prayer, the sacraments, and the fellowship of the church we can experience true meaning and everlasting love in our lives.**

## Sharing of Gifts

*"We Will Glorify" – Sung by the music team while the offering is gathered.*

## Holy Communion – Words of Distribution and Invitation

All who have gathered in Jesus' name and believe in his "real presence" in the bread and wine are invited to commune.

*We will commune by intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine) and use a "walk-thru" style for Communion – please come down the center aisle, receive the sacrament, and return to your seat by going to the left (north) side aisle.*

## Communion Songs

### **Here Is Bread**

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***Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.***

***Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.***

***Refrain In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.***

***In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.***

***Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.***

***Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. Refrain***

***Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.***

***We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. Refrain***

## Above All

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*Above all powers above all kings  
Above all nature and all created things  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man  
You were here before the world began.*

*Above all kingdoms above all thrones  
Above all wonders the world has ever known  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth  
There's no way to measure what you're worth*

*Chorus: Crucified, laid behind the stone  
You lived to die, rejected and alone  
Like a rose trampled on the ground  
You took the fall and thought of me above all*

## Sending Music

## Majesty

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*Majesty, worship His majesty  
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise  
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from his throne  
Unto His own His anthem raise*

*So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus  
Magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus, the King*

*Majesty, worship His majesty  
Jesus who died now glorified  
King of all Kings*

*Majesty, worship His majesty  
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## **BLESSING OF SEEDS AND SOIL**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

*Weather permitting, we will re-gather outside*

### **Litany of Dedication**

Let us give thanks to God: For the beauty of your world, the glory of starlit skies, the wonder of the changing seasons, the ever new miracle of stirring life in field and forest

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For the privilege of sharing with you in the act of creating the good things of earth for your children and for your nearness in all the processes of agricultural life.

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For the Christ of the country road, who walked and served in the pleasant land of Galilee, and who today walks the country roads of the world in partnership with all who till the soil,

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For widening horizons of rural life, the open doors in which entering we may serve the rural peoples of the world, and walk the byways with Christ,

**We give you thanks, O God.**

That it may please you speedily to grant a just and lasting peace in all the earth, that all peoples may again beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, that they may all live together in fellowship and tranquility in the lands you have given them

**We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.**

To the recreation of the beloved community bound together by ties of love in every countryside, in which all people shall share with joy in sowing the seed and reaping the harvest of the Kingdom of God,

**We dedicate our hands and minds, O Lord**

To a renewed appreciation of the Holy Earth and its resources, material and human.

**We dedicate our hands and minds, O Lord.**

**Accept our thanksgiving, hear our prayers and intercessions, graciously use the gifts of mind, body, and life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Litany of Blessing**

Brothers and sisters in Christ; Today we seek God's blessing as we gather with thankfulness for his wondrous creation. We especially seek God's blessing at this time of planting and so we have brought with us signs of this season.

**We dedicate our equipment, our seed, our time, and our selves to the glory of God.**

All your works praise you. O Lord.

**and your faithful servants bless you.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You

make the whole earth for your glory; all creation praises you. We lift our voices to join the songs of heaven and earth. of things, seen and unseen. You stretched out the heavens like a curtain; you divided the day from night; you appointed times and seasons for work and rest, for tearing down and for building up. Be with us now and bless the work of those who labor in the fields. Grant us faith to know your gracious purpose in all things and continue your blessings to us through the bounty of your creation.

**Amen.**

Let the people praise you, O God:

**let all the peoples praise you**

The earth has brought forth her increase;

**may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

May God give us his blessing,

**and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.**

## **Blessing of the Seed**

God you have given us these seeds

**They have a past. They are the fruit of the past. They have a present. They are to be planted into your soil. They have a future. They are to bear fruit for the harvest. May the miracle of life within these seeds burst forth yielding a bountiful harvest. Bless these seeds and those who plant them.**

## **Blessing of Equipment and Tools**

God you have provided us with this equipment and technology

**These machines and this technology empower us to work the land, sow the seed, and harvest its abundance many times one hundredfold. Gracious Lord, be with us now and bless us as we set apart this equipment to your glory and praise. Grant us diligence in maintenance, safety and caution in use, and patience during breakdowns. Give us the faith to know your gracious purpose in all things, give us joy in them, and lead us to the building up of your kingdom. Bless this equipment and those who use these tools and technology.**

## **Blessing of the Soil**

God you have created and given us this soil.

**The soil serves as the medium for the seed to grow, it cleans water, it regulates climate, it provides warmth, nourishment and support so that new life may emerge. Bless this soil that it may feed and nourish the seed. Bless those who work this soil and harvest the produce.**

## **Blessing of the Water**

God, this water is your creation.

**Water gives sustenance and nourishment to the soil and the seed. Bless the soil and the seed with gentle rain. Bless this water. Let it come as rain at the right time, in the proper amount so that the seed may flourish and grow. In your mercy send us favorable weather so that the harvest will be bountiful.**

### **✠ SENDING ✠**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission in the world*

## **Blessing**

May God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless the pastures and meadows, all growing grass and green fields. May the soil be wholesome and the crops good. May the weather be favorable and the workers of good heart. And may God who gives breath and life to the sower, multiply the seed sown and increase its fruits. May God be with us and among us and around us now and forevermore.

**Amen**

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thank be to God**

**“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN ...**

**AND HAVE YET COME TO BELIEVE.”**