



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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10:00am

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Introduction

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

THE PRELUDE

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving Mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come. We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood. You opened wide the sea for the Israelites, Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us.. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst, cleanse our hearts, wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

***THE GATHERING HYMN:** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today,*
Alleluia #369

*** THE GREETING**

P: 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.**

Let All Things Now Living

Verse one

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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*** THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray:

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Acts 9: 36-43

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 (read responsively)

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

The Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand for the Gospel

* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Sung)

C: Hallelujah! Jesus lives! Christ is risen from the grave! He who died this comfort gives: Lo, he lives, his own to save! Hallelujah! Praises be to our Lord eternally!

* P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter.

* C: **Glory to you, O risen Lord!**

* **The Gospel: John 10: 22-30**

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: *Blessing and Honor* #854

* **THE NICENE CREED**

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.

*** THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

God, in Your Mercy
Hear our prayer

*** THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always,
C: **And also with you.**

THE OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating an earth of splendor
and for making us into a people of your own.
With all the saints who have received your Word
we worship you, holy God.
We worship you, holy God.

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We praise you for your eternal Word,
for conquering the force of death,
and for raising us up through the resurrection of our Lord.
For your Word alive among us,
we praise you, living God.
We praise you, living God.

Breathe the Spirit of the risen Christ on us,
that led by your Word
we may honor your earth and its many peoples
and serve all who are in need.
For your Word animating our Easter life,
we bless you, loving God.
We bless you, loving God.

All worship, praise, and blessing be to you,
Source of life, Ruler of life, and Power of life,
today and forever.
Amen.

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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

THE SENDING

* THE BLESSING

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

* THE SENDING SONG: *Thine is the Glory* #376

* THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SERVICES: Our Sunday morning worship services will continue at 10:00 AM. Services are also streamed live on our Facebook Page.

COVID PROTOCOLS continue to be in place for the safety of those who worship or use the building. Holy Trinity will allow indoor masking to be a personal choice, using good judgement. We continue to social distance and will still have the sign in sheet.

CROSSROADS CAMP: If your looking for a great summer program for your young Christians, please check put Crossroad's camp. The church offers scholarships. For more information please speak to Laura Poethke.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is usually open on Wednesdays and Fridays when Pastor is there. Bonnie will be in the office, Mon 10-2, Tues. 12-3, Wed—Friday 10-2. You can always call and leave a message if you need us.

PLEASE HELP US as we work to update the church directory. Please fill out a Church Member Information form for you and your family with mailing addresses, best phone numbers, and updated Email addresses. You can leave the forms in the bin in the Narthex or mail them back to the church.

SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH continues with our Phillip the Bucket spare change Loud Offering on the first Sunday of each month. Our Offerings have gone to help those in need in our community. We are also continuing to collect nonperishable food items for St. Luke's Food Pantry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is in session every Sunday at 9:00AM. We look forward each week to sharing the good news with the children.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICES: We are excited to be continuing with our Contemporary Services featuring Voices That Reign. May services will be on Tuesdays May 10th & 24th @7pm.

Serving Today: May 8

Acolyte: Heather Stutzenberg

Lector: Stan Blackburn

Serving Next week: May 15

Acolyte: Leo Sanchez

Lector: Hank Bariexca

Communion Assistant: Ferol Howell

Our Church Worship & Picnic is Back!!!

Mark your Calendars for June 12

Location Front Pavilion at Burlington Township Park

Sunday school at 9:00am

Worship Service at 10:00am

Church games and picnic to follow.

Hoagies, water and lemonade provided, please bring side dishes to share. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway.

Remember to bring chairs, blankets etc.

Hope to see everyone there for a great day of worship, fellowship and games.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK!!!!!!!

August 1-5, 2022

We are excited to be bringing back Vacation Bible school this summer. We are currently planning on August 1-5 9am-12noon **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.** Please reach out to Bonnie Mazza and let her know if you are available to help out. Here is a list of the areas you can help

Teacher

Teacher's Assistant

Recreation

Arts n Crafts

Snack

Music

Skits

Set up the week before

Clean up the weekend after

