

## May 3, 2020 ~ Fourth Sunday Of Easter

PRELUDE: "Be Still and Know", arr. by Susan Caudill

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISMS:

Lynn Cameron, May 1

Brent and Charlotte Arbogast, May 8

GATHERING SONG: No. 243 - "Be Not Afraid"

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE: No. 509- "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.

Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.

Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

## ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON):

**Lord, have mercy on us.  
We talk about love,  
but our actions betray us.  
We talk about love,  
but we neglect the poor.  
We talk about love,  
but we fail to love one another.  
Lord, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, and abide in us  
by the power of your Spirit  
so that our lives may show  
our love for Jesus Christ,  
in whose body we live  
and in whose name we pray.**

*Time for silent confession...*

**AMEN.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF RESPONSE: No. 251 – “Christ has Arisen, Alleluia” v. 5 and refrain

Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.  
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.  
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE: “May the peace of Christ be with you!”

## ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 23 | Acts 2:42-47

SERMON: "Fed"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

### RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

"I Can Only Imagine" by Bart Millard - Bryce Hayes

\*DOXOLOGY: - No. 239 - "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!" v. 4

Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Now to Your Table Spread LOVE" – UNKNOWN

Now to your table spread, we come, each one in faith  
that you alone provide the words of life and death:  
In wine and bread, in promised food  
we find your loving heart, O God.

Hands of the world stretch out, your mystery to touch  
in longing to believe a truth beyond our reach,  
to sing in joy, to cry in grief,  
to know your meaning for our life.

Here is our common wealth in sharing what is good,  
As though all humankind around one table stood,  
this bread to break, this wine to taste:  
One people in the name of Christ.

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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*Minister/Leader* *People* S3

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Minister/Leader* *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Minister/Leader*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Isa. 6:3, Rev. 4:8; Ps. 118:25-26

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (UNISON)

**Gracious God, how can we thank you for such a gift?  
 For you have met us, fed us, drawn us to you, and bound us to one another.  
 Now send us out to share your love and proclaim our hope until Christ  
 comes again. Amen.**

\*FINAL HYMN: NO. 526 - "LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY"

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
 bread is broken; the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain:

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves  
abound!

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Christ is able to make us one; at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. (Refrain)

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! (Refrain)

## BENEDICTION

\*SUNG BENEDICTION: "Every Morning is Easter Morning" v. 1 and Coda

Ev'ry morning is Easter morning from now on!  
Ev'ry day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!  
Good-bye guilt, good-bye fear, good riddance! Hello, Lord, Hello, sun!  
I am one of the Easter People! My new life has begun!  
Ev'ry morning is Easter morning from now on!  
Ev'ry day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!  
Ev'ry morning is Easter morning,  
Ev'ry morning is Easter morning,  
Ev'ry morning is Easter morning,  
From now on!

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