

Christ Lutheran

May 10, 2020

"Let not your
hearts be
troubled. Believe
in God"

- JOHN 14:1



The Fourth Sunday after Easter

Welcome

Opening Song

"Holy, Holy, Holy" LSB 507

Invocation

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

C: Praise His holy name!

P: God is good, all the time.

C: All the time, God is good!

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Confession and Absolution

P: We pray: Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God...in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Children's Message

The Lessons for the Day

The First Lesson

Acts 7:51–60

“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.” Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 2:2–10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and

“A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

John 14:1–14

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

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C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Message Song

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" LSB 549

The Message

"What? Greater Works Than Jesus?"

The Prayers of the Church

P: Risen Savior,

C: Hear us as we pray!

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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 and Benediction

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. Alleluia!

P: Hear the good words of our Lord...and give you peace.

C: Amen.

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Closing Song

"Spread the Reign of God the Lord" LSB 830



Mother's Day

- ♥ To those who gave birth this year to their first child—we celebrate with you.
- ♥ To those who lost a child this year – we mourn with you.
- ♥ To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains – we appreciate you.
- ♥ To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away—we mourn with you.
- ♥ To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment – we walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it is.
- ♥ To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms – we need you.
- ♥ To those who have warm and close relationships with your children – we celebrate with you.
- ♥ To those who have disappointment, heartache, and distance with your children – we sit with you.
- ♥ To those who lost their mothers this year – we grieve with you.
- ♥ To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother – we acknowledge your experience.
- ♥ To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood – we are better for having you in our midst.
- ♥ To those who are single and long to be married and mothering your own children – we mourn that life has not turned out the way you longed for it to be.
- ♥ To those who step-parent – we walk with you on these complex paths.
- ♥ To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren -yet that dream is not to be, we grieve with you. To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year – we grieve and rejoice with you.
- ♥ To those who placed children up for adoption — we commend you for your selflessness and remember how you hold that child in your heart.
- ♥ And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising –we anticipate with you.

This Mother's Day, we walk with you. Mothering is not for the faint of heart and we have real warriors in our midst. We remember you. - Amy Young

The Hymnal Project

"In early 2017, a group of artists, arrangers, and liturgists, led by Peter Prochnow, were commissioned through the Michigan District, LCMS to create several new hymn arrangements, based on the original music, intended to facilitate enhanced worship in a multitude of modern musical contexts.

The spirit of the project is simple: Hymns are arranged with various instrumentations and made available free of charge, in the form of a lead sheet and reference recording, so whether you learn by reading or by hearing, you can easily implement these arrangements and modify for your context without cost.

We are grateful for the generosity of the donors, Carl and Patsy Fabry, in partnership with the Michigan District, LCMS."

The hymn videos used during worship can be found here:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/6931887>



In my Father's house are many mansions.
I go to prepare
a place for you.

