



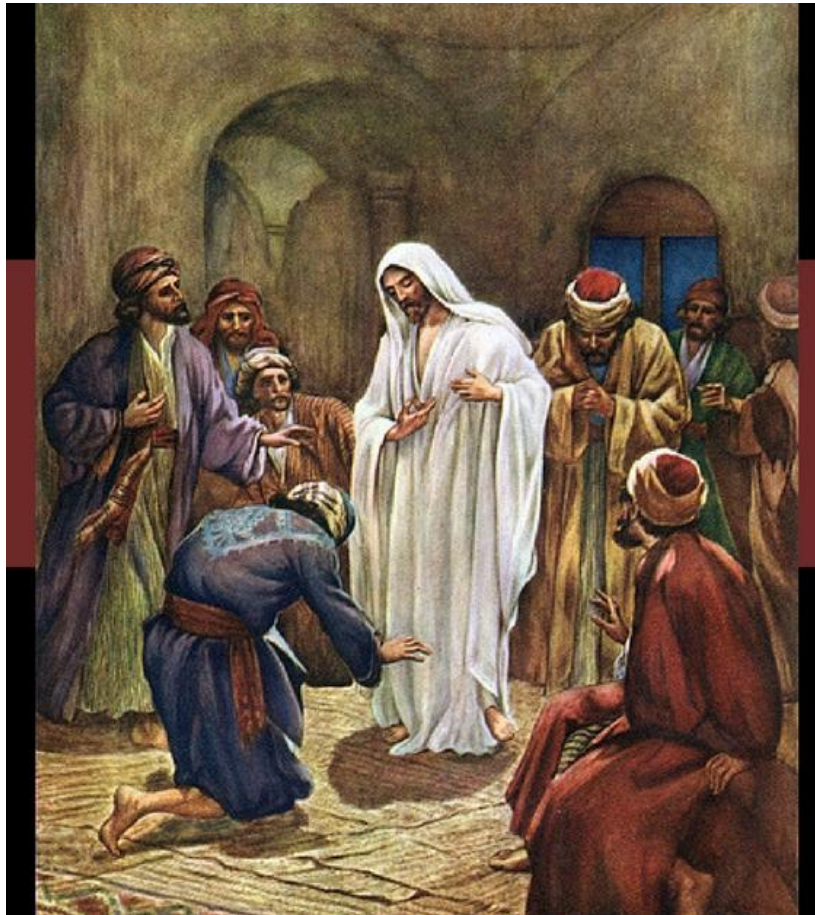
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PRELUDE: John Roessler: Etude in C (Tarrega) / Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**



PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Open Our Eyes (Cull) led by Cindy Day

Words and Music by
Bob Cull

♩=76

D D^{sus}/E D/F# G²(#4) G G/A A Bm⁷ A⁷/C# G/D

O - pen our eyes, Lord, _____ we want to see Je -

7 D A/C# Bm D/A Gmaj⁹ Em A⁷

-sus, _____ to reach out and touch Him, _____ and

13 Bm⁷ A⁷/C# G/D D Dmaj⁷ D D^{sus}/E D/F# G²(#4) G

say that we love Him. _____ O - pen our ears, Lord, _____

20 Em⁷ A Bm⁷ A⁷/C# G/D D A/C# Bm D/A

_____ and help us to lis - ten. _____ O - pen our

26 Gmaj⁹ Em A⁷ G²/B A⁷/C# Em/D D

eyes, Lord, _____ we want to see Je - sus. _____

GREETING

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on — me.



THE GLORIA

Glo-ry to God _____ in the high - est. and _____ peace to his
people on earth. _____ Glo-ry to God _____ in the high - est
and _____ peace to his peo-ple on earth. _____ Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly
Son of the Fa-ther, Lord _____ God, Lamb of God: _____ You take a - way the
sin of the world; have _____ mer - cy on _____ us. You are
seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re - ceive our _____
prayer. _____ Glo-ry to God _____ in the high - est. and _____
peace to his peo-ple on earth. _____ Glo-ry to God _____
in the high - est and _____ peace to his peo-ple on earth. _____



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

PSALM: Psalm 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”**

Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.

⁷You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**



SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

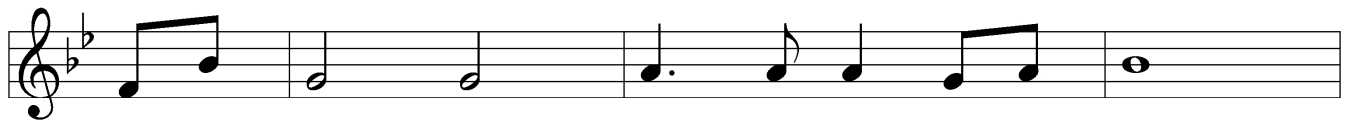
⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

People: Praise to you, O Christ.



HYMN OF THE DAY: Brenda Moderacki Pass It On (Kaiser) led by Brenda Moderacki

Words and Music by
Kurt Kaiser

♩ = 100

VERSE

D F#m G



1. If ___ on - ly takes a spark to get a fire ___
 2. What a won - drous time is spring when all the trees are
 3. I ___ wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi - ness that



go - ing, _____ and soon all those a - round can
 bud - ding. _____ The birds be - gin to sing, the
 I've ___ found _____ You can de - pend on Him, it



warm up to its glow - ing; _____ That's how it is with
 flow - ers start their bloom - ing. _____ That's how it is with
 mat - ters not where you're - bound; _____ I'll shout it from the



God's ___ love, once you've ex - per - i - enced it: _____ You
 God's ___ love, once you've ex - per - i - enced it: _____ You
 moun - tain - top, I want my world - to know: - The



spread His love to ev - 'ry - one, you want to pass it on. ___
 want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on. ___
 Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on. ___



SERMON: Pastor Paul Miller

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC: Dave Johnsrud: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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☒ Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and
 fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a
 har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the
 bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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.**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✠ keep you in peace. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Praise the Lord Together



Praise the Lord to-gether sing-ing: Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.




Go Now
in Peace
