



8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, May 4th

PRELUDE

“God of Grace”

arr. Paul Manz

Mariano Góngora, guest organist

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “The Day of Resurrection”

OPENING LITURGY

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

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,

C: To receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

P: To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

C: Be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

P: As we gather together in the new life Christ has won for us, we confess our sins to God and ask His forgiveness. We do this regularly so that we might hear again the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul writes, “Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

Moment of Silent Confession

P: Let us confess our sins before God our Father, and Christ, our risen King!

C: Resurrected Lord and Savior, we come before You and acknowledge the darkness that still maintains a foothold in our lives and is evidenced in our thoughts, words, and actions. Our lives do not always bear witness to the victorious power of Your resurrection. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us by the power of Your Spirit, so that we may walk in Your ways and reveal Your resurrection love to the world.

P: Your merciful God is the author and giver of life! He hears your prayers and forgives you all your sins. Through Jesus, He takes your death upon Himself at the cross and, by His resurrection, gives you the free gift of life everlasting. As your pastor, it is my privilege to remind you of this forgiving grace of Jesus and, because He has granted His authority to do so, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Risen Redeemer,

C: Have mercy upon us.

P: Conquering King,

C: Have mercy upon us.

P: Victorious Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: Grant us Your peace.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

RESPONSE “Alleluia! Christ is Risen!”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Esther 4:12-17 [ESV]

And they told Mordecai what Esther had said. Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, “Do not think to yourself that in the king’s palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai, “Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish.” Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL John 14:15-24 [ESV]

R: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

STATEMENT of FAITH from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossian 1:15-20

R: Let us now confess our faith in our risen Lord, from the words of Holy Scripture, the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

C: Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised to life on the third day, according to the Scriptures, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Amen.

SERMON HYMN “For All the Faithful Women”

SERMON “ESTHER”

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns forever as Lord and God, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with Thomas and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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