



8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, April 7th

PRELUDE

“Prelude on Kuortane”

arr. John Behnke

Organ

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

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: All of you choirs of angels and saints in heaven before us:

C: Rejoice at Christ’s victory over death.

P: Now, heaven and earth, even all of creation:

C: Rejoice, for the eternal darkness has been defeated.

P: Rejoice, brothers and sisters in Christ both here and around the world!

C: Our Lord has kept all God’s promises!

P: This is the day that the LORD has made;.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

P: As we prepare for our time of confession, let us lift our voices together in song, asking God for His grace and mercy.

CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE “O Jesus, Lamb of God, Thou Art”

P: Let us now confess our sins to God, our Father:

C: Heavenly Father, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. By the things we have done and by what we have failed to do, we have not honored You as we ought, nor have we served others in love. We deserve to be cast from Your presence forever. Yet in Your great mercy, You sent Your Son to die and rise again for us.

Help us to know the power of His resurrection and to share in the joy that His forgiveness brings. Enable us to receive Your mercy and be renewed by Your Spirit that we may honor You as the Lord and God in whom we place our trust. Amen.

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 the sin of the world,

C: Grant us Your peace.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

RESPONSE “Alleluia, Christ Has Risen”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 5:12-21 [ESV]

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.

For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:17-20 [ESV]

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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.

HYMN “All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”

SERMON “SIN”

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

arr. John T. Benson

Marie Rogers, piano

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

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.**

AGNUS DEI

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“My Song is Love Unknown”

Organ

arr. Dale Wood

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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NUNC DIMITTIS

POSTLUDE

“Prelude and Fugue in B-flat”

Organ

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



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