



8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, April 21st

PRELUDE

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

arr. Mark Hayes

Piano

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: 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 Revelation 21:1-8 [ESV]

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:31-46 [ESV]*

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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 “In Christ Alone”

SERMON “HEAVEN & HELL”

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Dan Forrest

Voices of Peace

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

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“I Love You, Lord”

arr. Douglas Wagner

Organ

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