



8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, April 27th

PRELUDE

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

arr. Mark Hayes

Piano

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: **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 Ruth 1:15-22 [ESV]

And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, “Is this Naomi?” She said to them, “Do not call me Naomi; call me *Mara*, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. I went away full, and the Lord has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the Lord has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?”

So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

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. Matthew:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

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 “RUTH THE MOABITE, CHILD OF GOD”

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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.

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Piano

arr. Handel/Halverson

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