



“Blessed  
are those who  
have not seen  
and yet have  
come to  
BELIEVE.”

John 20:29, NRSV

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*In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.*

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

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**GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING**

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## **SINGING BOWL**

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

## **PRELUDE . . . *Rise and Sing***

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh  
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh  
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh  
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

If you're alive and you've been redeemed  
Rise and Sing  
Rise and Sing

If you've been touched by the mercy King  
Rise and Sing  
Rise and Sing

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh  
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

If you were bound but now you're free  
Rise and Sing  
Rise and Sing  
Lift up a shout of victory  
Rise and Sing  
Rise and Sing

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh  
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

Our God is risen and reigning  
And we're elevating  
the Glory of our God and King  
Everybody Rise and Sing

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh  
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

If in your heart rings a melody  
Rise and Sing  
Rise and Sing  
If you have tasted and have seen  
Rise and Sing  
Rise and Sing

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh  
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

Our God is risen and reigning  
And we're elevating  
the Glory of our God and King

Our God is risen and reigning  
And we're elevating  
the Glory of our God and King  
Everybody Rise and Sing

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh  
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

Let the redeemed of the Lord sing hallelujah (hallelujah)  
Let the redeemed of the Lord sing our God reigns (our God reigns)

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Everybody Rise and Sing

## WELCOME

Please Stand

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*L: Christ appeared among the disciples with words of greeting and support: "Peace be with you."*

**All: Christ is with us now, offering these same words of greeting and comfort: "Peace be with you."**

*L: Let us share signs of this peace with one another.*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign that is marked at baptism.

*L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.*

**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*L: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation.*

**All: For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.**

*L: We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; you opened wide the sea for the Israelites.*

**All: Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever.**

*L: You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.*

**All: You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out.**

*L: In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more.*

**All: Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.**

*L: To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.*

**All: Amen.**

## **GREETING**

*L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## **OPENING SONG . . . "I'll Fly Away"**

*Verse 1:*

Some glad morning when this life is o'er

I'll fly away

To a home on God's celestial shore

I'll fly away

*Chorus:*

I'll fly away O glory, I'll fly away  
When I die hallelujah by and by  
I'll fly away

*Verse 2:*

When the shadows of this life have grown  
I'll fly away  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown  
I'll fly away

*Chorus*

*Verse 3:*

Just a few more weary days and then  
I'll fly away  
To a land where joys shall never end  
I'll fly away

*Chorus*

*Ending:*

When I die hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away

## **INVOCATION**

*L:     Worship our Creator in the beauty of holiness. Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad. The God who created the world and fills it with life is with you all.*

**All:   And also with you.**

## **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**L:     O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son.**

**All:   By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body 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.**

Be Seated

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GATHERING . . . **WORD** . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

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Reader: The reading for today is from Revelation, chapter one, beginning with the fourth verse.

**READING** . . . *Revelation 1:4-8*

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

*L: The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.*

**All: Glory to you, O God.**



## **GOSPEL . . . *John 20:19-31***

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*L: The Gospel of our Savior.*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME** - *Carmen Blair*

Please Stand

**SONG . . .** "*Spirit in the Sky*"

When I die and they lay me to rest  
Gonna go to the place that's best  
When they lay me down to die  
Goin' on up to the spirit in the sky

*Chorus*

Goin' on up to the Spirit in the sky (Spirit in the sky)  
That's where I'm gonna go when I die (when I die)  
When I die and they lay me to rest  
I'm gonna go to the place that's the best

Prepare yourself, you know it's am ust  
Gotta have a friend in Jesus  
So ya know that when you die  
He's gonna recommend you to the  
Spirit in the sky (Spirit in the sky)

*Chorus*

I've always been a sinner, I've always sinned  
But I've got a friend in Jesus  
So ya know that when I die  
He's gonna set me up with the Spirit in the sky

*Chorus 2x*

I'm gonna go to the place that's the best  
I'm gonna go to the place that's the best

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**MESSAGE . . . “Jerusalem Breaking News”**

*by Kathleen Keating*

Cast:

Anchor: *Kathleen Keating*

Reporter: *Terri MacFarlane*

Mary: *Carmen Blair*

Mary Magdalene: *Rea Ellen Keating*

Joanna: *Leah Keating*

Salome: *Karen Narveson*

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**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**L:** God is our chosen portion, the cup of our salvation, the bread of life.

**All:** **Let us share our gratitude for God’s gift of everlasting presence as we share a portion of God’s many abundant gifts with a world in need of the Easter miracle.**

**THANKFUL OFFERING**

**OFFERING SONG . . . “Of My Hands” vs 1,2,4**

Of my hands I give to you, O Lord

Of my hands I give to you

I give to you as you gave to me

Of my hands I give to you

Of my heart I give to you, O Lord

Of my heart I give to you

I give to you as you gave to me

Of my heart I give to you

Of my gifts I give to you, O Lord  
Of my gifts I give to you  
I give to you as you gave to me  
Of my gifts I give to you

Please Stand

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**L:** Our hearts are glad, O God, as we rejoice in your Easter miracle.

**All:** **We come with gratitude and joy for the many gifts you have given, but most of all for the gift of Christ.**

**L:** Bless these gifts we return to you, that they may become gifts of new life to those who are haunted by signs of death: despair, poverty, sorrow, violence and loneliness.

**All:** **Help us live the Easter miracle that we may ourselves be signs of resurrection hope for the other. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**L:** Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation. Holy One who acts righteously, equip your church as witnesses of your goodness to go and tell others of your abundant love, that they may believe that Jesus is our salvation and life. God, in your mercy,

**All:** **hear our prayer.**

**L:** Renew your people's commitment to use resources responsibly and to live well with your creation. Invite us to recognize and nurture signs of resurrection life in the natural world. God, in your mercy,

**All:** **hear our prayer.**

**L:** Direct those who are given human authority to lead with humility and compassion. By your Holy Spirit channel

their attention toward serving those who are most in need. God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Inspire those who lead your people in worship and praise. With joyful motion and sound, send us forth with praise that we cannot keep to ourselves. God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: God of all, hear the prayers of our heart said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayers.**

L: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**All: Amen.**

## **CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST**

L: God is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

L: Open up your hearts.

**All: We open them to our Creator.**

L: Let us give thanks and celebrate.

**All: It is good to do so.**

*L: Now bread and wine are before us, the memory of our meals, our working, our talking, the story which shapes us, the grieving and the pain; the seeking and the loving. And we give thanks for all that holds us together in our humanity; that binds us to all who live and have lived, who have cried and are crying, who hunger and are thirsty, who pine for justice, and who hold out for*

*the time that is coming. In these elements which were consecrated earlier, we are bound to the life and death and resurrection of Jesus. God, food of the poor; Christ, our bread, give us a taste of the tender bread from your creation's table; bread newly taken from your heart's oven, food that comforts and nourishes us. A loaf of community that makes us human joined hand in hand, working and sharing. A warm loaf that makes us a family, sacrament of your body, your wounded people.*

**All: As we come together to eat at your table, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving for your mighty acts.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation which is most familiar to each of us.*

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*L: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread!*

**All: We come to the table of the risen Christ where we are known and loved.**

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Holy Communion is open to all.

Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

**For walking communion:**

You may come down the center aisle. Hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the wafer into, then take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the assistant's tray, then return to your seat via the side aisles, depositing your disposable cup in the provided bowls.

**For communion at your seat with pre-packaged kit:**

You may come down the center aisle, take a communion kit from the assistant, and return to your seat to partake, or you may remain seated and partake of the communion kit you picked up at the entrance.

The ushers will come around to collect empty kits.

**COMMUNION SONG . . . “Come to the Table”**

Come to the table of mercy  
Prepared with the wine and the bread  
All who are hungry and thirsty  
Come and your souls will be fed

Come at the Lord's invitation  
Receive from his nail-scarred hands  
Eat of the bread of salvation  
Drink of the blood of the Lamb

**COMMUNION SONG . . . “Eat this Bread”**

Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup  
Come to me and never be hungry  
Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup  
Trust in me and you will not thirst

**SINGING BOWL**

Please Stand

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*L: We have tasted your goodness, O God, in your gifts of word and sacrament. May our hearts burn within us, that we may proclaim your mighty acts and joyfully live as your chosen people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**All: Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**L:** Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken.

**All: May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Be Seated

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

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## BLESSING

*L: With Mary and the disciples and all those who live in Christ,*

**All: let us rejoice that we have seen our Savior, who is not dead, but lives.**

*L: In the love of the Creator; in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ; and the power of the Holy Spirit,*

**All: let us go forth to love and serve the world.**



*L: Christ is risen.*

**All: Christ is risen, indeed. Amen.**

**SENDING OUT SONG . . . “Trading My Sorrows”**

I’m trading my sorrows  
I’m trading my shame  
I’m laying them down  
For the joy of the Lord

I’m trading my sickness  
I’m trading my pain  
I’m laying them down  
For the joy of the Lord

*Chorus*

Yes Lord, Yes Lord, Yes, Yes Lord  
Yes Lord, Yes Lord, Yes, Yes Lord  
Yes Lord, Yes Lord, Yes, Yes Lord Amen

I’m pressed but not crushed, persecuted not abandoned  
Stuck down but not destroyed; I am blessed beyond the curse  
For His promises endure  
That His joy’s gonna be my strength  
Though the sorrow may last for the night, joy comes in the morning

*Chorus*

I’m pressed but not crushed, persecuted not abandoned  
Stuck down but not destroyed; I am blessed beyond the curse  
For His promises endure  
That His joy’s gonna be my strength  
Though the sorrow may last for the night, joy comes in the morning  
I’m Trading my sorrows  
I’m trading my shame  
I’m laying them down  
For the joy of the Lord

I’m trading my sickness  
I’m trading my pain

I'm laying them down  
For the joy of the Lord

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For the joy of the Lord

I'm laying them down  
For the joy of the Lord

## **DISMISSAL**

**L:** Go in Easter peace and joy!

**All:** Thanks be to God!

## **POSTLUDE**

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