



By this  
**everyone will know**

*that you are my disciples, if  
you have love for one another.*

**John 13:35, NRSV**

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*Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.*

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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 . . . “My Savior Lives”**

*Verse 1:*

Our God who reigns forever  
And all the world will know His name  
Ev’ryone together  
Sing the song of the redeemed

*Chorus:*

I know that my redeemer lived  
And now I stand on what he did  
My Savior, my Savior lives  
Ev’ryday a brand new chance to say  
Jesus You are the only way  
My Savior, my Savior lives

*Verse 2:*

The King has come from heaven  
And darkness trembles at His name  
Victory forever  
Is the song of the redeemed

*Chorus*

My Savior lives, My Savior lives  
My Savior lives  
My Savior lives, My Savior lives  
My Savior lives

*Chorus*

## **WELCOME**

Please Stand

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*P: May the peace of the risen Savior Jesus be with you all.*

**All: And also with you.**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L: Jesus has given us a new commandment:**

**All: we are commanded to love one another.**

**L: Just as Christ has loved us,**

**All: so we ought to have love for one another.**

**L: By this, everyone will know we are Christ's disciples:**

**All: by our love for one another.**

**L: Come, may we join our hearts in worship:**

**All: worship God by loving one another.**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

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

*P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.*

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

*P: 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.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

*P: We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.*

**All: You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;**

*P: You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever.*

**All: You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.**

*P: In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out.*

**All: In lush and barren places, you are with us.**

*P: 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.**

*P: Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.*

**All: Amen.**

## **GREETING**

*P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

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

## **OPENING SONG . . . “Blessed Be Your Name”**

### *Verse 1:*

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

### *Verse 2:*

Blessed be Your name when I’m found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

### *Chorus:*

Ev’ry blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

### *Verse 3:*

Blessed be Your name when the sun’s shining down on me  
When the world’s “all as it should be”  
Blessed be Your name

### *Verse 4:*

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there’s pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

### *Chorus*

### *Bridge:*

You give your love away  
You give your love away  
My heart will choose to say  
“Lord blessed be Your name”  
(Repeat)

### *Ending:*

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

## INVOCATION

*P: 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.**

LITANY . . . “A God Who Makes All Things New” by  
*Christine Jerrett*

L: Living God, Maker of heaven and earth, we come into your presence

**All: and we know ourselves to be recipients of great and wonderful gifts —**

L: the earth, the sky, the waters —

**All: given to us here in such abundance and beauty.**

L: We lead enormously privileged lives.

**All: Don't let our comfort blind us to the newness you are making in our midst —**

L: a newness that is taking us in directions we would not choose on our own;

**All: a newness that moves our safe horizons out beyond what we can control.**

L: This much does not change: You are our God;

**All: we are your people,**

L: bound to you by the love of Jesus Christ and by the call of your Holy Spirit.

**All: Faithful God, hold us deep in that truth even as you move us into your new creation.**

L: Creating and re-creating God, take us in our uncertainties and make us new.

**All: We pray in the name of your Son, who has gone ahead of us into your new future and who beckons us follow. Amen.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing.

**All: Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, 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 first reading is from the book of Acts, chapter eleven, beginning with the first verse.

### **FIRST READING** . . . *Acts 11:1-18*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the

house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader: The second reading is from the book of Revelation, chapter twenty-one, beginning with the first verse.

**SECOND READING . . . *Revelation 21:1-6***

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, the 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,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am



making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then 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 water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

**L:** Holy wisdom, holy word.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

*P:* The holy Gospel according to John, chapter thirteen, beginning with the thirty-first verse.

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

**GOSPEL . . . John 13:31-35**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

*P:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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**CHILDREN’S TIME . . . Pastor Tim**

## **PRE-MESSAGE SONG . . . “Where I Belong”**

### *Verse 1:*

Sometimes it feels like I’m watching from the outside.  
Sometimes it feels like I’m breathing, but am I alive?  
I won’t keep searching for answers that aren’t here to find.

### *Chorus:*

All I know is I’m not home yet.  
This is not where I belong.  
Take this world and give me Jesus.  
This is not where I belong

### *Verse 2:*

So when the walls come falling down on me,  
And when I’m lost in the current of the raging sea,  
I have blessed assurance holding me.

### *Chorus*

### *Verse 3:*

When the earth shakes,  
I want to be found in You.  
When the lights fade,  
I want to be found in You.

### *Chorus*

### *Chorus*

### *Ending:*

Where I Belong,  
Where I Belong,  
Where I Belong,  
Where I Belong.

## **MESSAGE . . . Pastor Tim**

*Love One Another*  
AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. JOHN 13:34

Please Stand

### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**L:** With the whole church let us confess our faith:

**All:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **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.**

Be seated.

### **THANKFUL OFFERING**

## OFFERING SONG . . . “Fill my Cup”

*Chorus:*

Fill my Cup and let it overflow..mmm  
Fill my cup and let it overflow..mmm  
Fill my cup and let it overflow,  
Let it overflow with love

*Verse 1:*

Jesus loves me this I know,mmm  
For the Bible tells me so, oh oh oh  
Little ones to him belong  
I am weak, but he is stro-ng

*Chorus*

*Verse 2:*

Amazing Grace how sweet the sound,mmm  
That saved a wretch like me, oh oh oh  
I was lost, but now I’m found  
Was blind but now I see-ee

*Chorus*

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. Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress. As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. 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.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

P: *Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.*

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."*

*Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.*

*Send your Spirit upon this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.*

All: **Through Christ all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever. Amen.**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*P: 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

*P: The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.*

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

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## DISTRIBUTION

### **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 . . . “Shine on Us”

*Verse 1:*

Lord let Your light,  
light of Your face shine on us.  
Lord, let Your light,  
Light of Your face shine on us  
That we may be saved,  
That we may have life;  
To find our way in the darkest night,  
Let your light shine on us.

*Verse 2:*

Lord, let Your grace,  
Grace from Your hand fall on us  
Lord, let Your grace,  
Grace from Your hand fall on us  
That we may be saved,  
That we may have life;  
To find our way in the darkest night  
Let Your grace fall on us

*Verse 3:*

Lord, let Your love  
Love with no end come over us.  
Lord, let Your love,  
Love with no end, come over us  
That we may be saved,  
That we may have life;  
To find our way in the darkest night  
Let Your love come over us  
Let your light shine on us

## SINGING BOWL

Please Stand





## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*P: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more.*

**All: Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. 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.**

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## BENEDICTION

*P: As you leave this place, know that our worship is only beginning. Go to love others as God has first loved us.*

**All: In all that we see, hear, and take into our hearts, may the love of Christ be with us, now and forevermore. Amen.**



## **SENDING OUT HYMN . . . “I Am Free”**

*Verse 1:*

Through You the blind will see  
Through You the mute will sing  
Through You the dead will rise  
Through You all hearts will praise  
Through You the darkness flees  
Through You my heart screams I am free

*Chorus:*

I am free to run  
I am free to run  
I am free to dance  
I am free to dance  
I am free to live for You  
I am free to live for You

I am free, I am free

*Verse 2:*

Through You the kingdom's come  
Through You the battles won  
Through You I'm not afraid  
Through You the Price is paid  
Through You there's victory  
Through You my heart sings I am Free

*Chorus*

I am free, I am free, Yeah, I am free, I am free

*Chorus*

I am free, I am free, I am free, I am free

## **DISMISSAL**

**L:** Go in Easter peace and joy. Share what God has done.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**