



Now they know that
everything you have
given me is from you;
for the words that
you gave to me
I have given to them.

John 17:7, NRSV

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

In today's reading from Acts the disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

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

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: “*Cry out Your Name*”

Verse:

Lord I worship You

With all that I have, with all that I am

Lord I worship You

With all of my strength, with everything

Let it be a sweet aroma to You

As I sing this song with the breath You gave me

Chorus:

And I cry out Your name

That’s why I’m created, that’s why I’m created

And I cry out Your name

As a sign to the ones who don’t believe

And I cry out Your name

So the rocks will be silent, the rocks will be silent

And I cry out Your name unashamed

Repeat Verse and Chorus

WELCOME

Please Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP FOR ASCENSION DAY

– *by Rev. Mindi*

L: A new day has begun.

All: Hope wins!

L: A fresh start is granted.

All: Faith wins!

L: Today you have the opportunity to do something new.

All: Hope wins!

L: Christ is entering your life in a new way.

All: Faith wins!

L: Come, let us worship God, who is inviting us into life in a new way, a way that transcends death, a way of hope and faith.

All: Love wins! Let us worship Christ, who overcame death to give us new life!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: With souls purified by God's redeeming love,

All: let us offer to one another genuine, mutual love, a love planted in the peace of Christ, a love that fills our hearts with peace and joy.

P: The peace of the risen Christ is with you.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR ASCENSION

– by Rev. Mindi

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

P: Almighty God, we confess that we have our eyes set in the clouds instead of on the earth You have given us.

All: We desire heavenly treasure but we keep believing that worldly means will help us attain it.

P: Forgive us for our short sightedness.

All: Draw us away from the temptations to seek worldly power and measures of success,

P: and call us to the down-to-earth message of Your love, to care for the needs of those around us,

All: especially the oppressed and marginalized.

P: You have called us through scripture to care for the widows and orphans among us;

All: help us to see all those who are left out by society and are in need.

P: Help us to break down the dividing walls that we have placed, so that we may truly be one,

All: as You and Christ are one. For it is in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: We were made by God, brought forth from the earth, the earth that was called good when God created it.

All: Our very being is good.

P: Go, know that you are forgiven and loved by the God who made the earth, and made you.

All: We will share the Good News. Amen.

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN: "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

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 OF LOVE: A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: For shepherds and mentors, mothers and guides,

All: we give thanks and praise this day.

L: For friends who care, for families who nurture,

All: we give thanks and praise this day.

L: For this family of faith, for spiritual teachers,

All: we give thanks and praise this day.

L: For the gift of love, both given and received,

All: we give thanks and praise this day.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil.

All: By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Be Seated

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

R: God of light and love,

All: open our hearts to your message of unity.

R: Open our minds to the light of your wisdom.

All: Open our lives to the call of your Spirit.

R: Reveal to us your holy presence,

All: as we listen and learn this day. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

R: The first reading is from Acts, chapter one, beginning with the first verse.

READING: *Acts 1:1-11*

In my earlier account, Theophilus, I dealt with everything that Jesus had done and taught, from the beginning until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After the Passion, Jesus appeared alive to the apostles—confirmed through many convincing proofs—over the course of forty days, and spoke to them about the reign of God.

On one occasion, Jesus told them not to leave Jerusalem. “Wait, rather, for what God has promised, of which you have heard me speak,” Jesus said. “John baptized with water, but within a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

While meeting together they asked, “Has the time come, Rabbi? Are you going to restore sovereignty to Israel?”

Jesus replied, “It’s not for you to know times or dates that Abba God has decided. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; then you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth.”

Having said this, Jesus was lifted up in a cloud before their eyes and taken from their sight. They were still gazing up into

the heavens when two messengers dressed in white stood beside them. “You Galileans—why are you standing here looking up at the skies?” they asked. “Jesus, who has been taken from you—this same Jesus will return, in the same way you watched him go into heaven.”

R: Here ends the reading.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

R: The Holy One is with us this day,

All: offering us God’s love and light.

R: The risen Christ is among us,

All: inviting us to share what we have seen and heard.

R: The Holy Spirit guides our way,

All: teaching us to take care of our neighbors,

R: and making sure that all are welcomed and loved.

All: Praise be to God!

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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All: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the seventeenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O God.

GOSPEL: *John 17:6-19*

I have manifested your Name to those you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me; and now they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you've entrusted to me does indeed come from you. I entrusted to them the message you entrusted to me, and they received it. They know that I really came from you; they believe it was you who sent me. And it's for them that I pray—not for the world, but for these you've given me—for they are really yours, just as all that belongs to me is yours, and all that belongs to you is mine. It is in them that I have been glorified. I am in the world no more, but while I am coming to you, they are still in the world. Abba, holy God, protect those whom you have given me with your Name—the Name that you gave me—that they may be one, even as we are one. As long as I was with them, I guarded them with your Name which you gave me. I kept careful watch, and not one of them was lost, except for the one who was destined to be lost in fulfillment of scripture. Now I am coming to you; I say all this while I am still in the world that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I gave them your word, and the world has hated them for it because they don't belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I don't ask you to take them out of the world, but to guard them from the Evil One. They are not of the world, any more than I am of the world. Consecrate them—make them holy through the truth—for your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world; I consecrate myself now for their sakes, that they may be made holy in truth.

P: The Gospel of the risen Savior.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

Gifts for the Women of Our Faith Family



A BLESSING FOR ALL WOMEN WHO NURTURE

P: Gracious God, in love you have given us the gift of mothers and those women who nurture.

All: Grant to each of them your power and grace.

P: Strengthen them in their loving with tenderness and understanding, with compassion and joy.

All: Endow them with wisdom and knowledge so that they might teach all children how to live and love;

P: How to seek and pursue that which is right and true;

All: How to turn away from all that is hurtful and wrong.

P: Deepen their own faith so that they might instill in all a love for you that will sustain and keep them their whole life long.

All: We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Please Stand

PRE-MESSAGE SONG: “*Word of God, Speak*”

Verse 1:

I’m finding myself at a loss for words,
And the funny thing is, it’s okay
The last thing I need.... is to be heard,
But to hear what you would say.
Word of God, speak.

Chorus:

Would you pour down like rain,
Washing my eyes to see
Your majesty, to be still and know
That You’re in this place?
Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness.
Word of God, speak.

Verse 2:

I’m finding myself in the midst of You,
Beyond the music, beyond the noise.
All that I need is to be with You,
And in the quiet, hear Your voice. Word God of speak

Chorus:

Would you pour down like rain,
Washing my eyes to see
Your majesty, to be still and know
That You’re in this place?
Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness.
Word of God, speak.

Would you pour down like rain,
Washing my eyes to see
Your majesty, to be still and know
That You’re in this place?
Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness.
I’m finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is, it’s okay

MESSAGE – Pastor Tim

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

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: *“Let it Rise”*

Let the glory of the Lord

Rise among us

Let the glory of the Lord

Rise among us

Let the praises of the King

Rise among us

Let it rise

Let the songs of the Lord

Rise among us

Let the songs of the Lord

Rise among us

Let the joy of the King

Rise among us

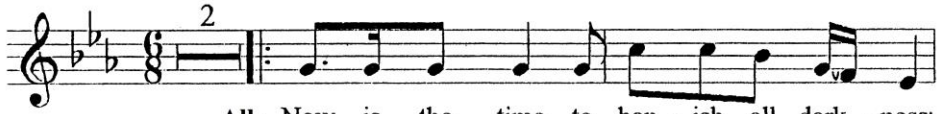
Let it rise

Oh let it rise

Oh let it rise

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



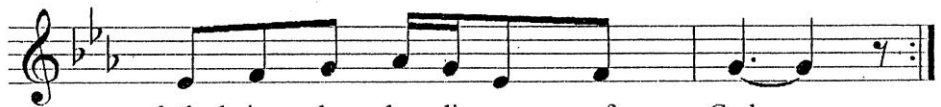
All: Now is the time to ban - ish all dark - ness;
Here we are made to shine in God's glo - ry.



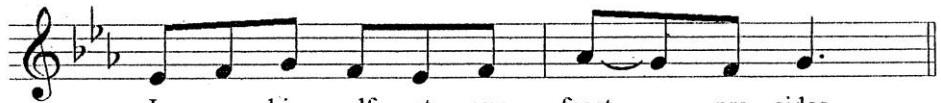
Christ is our way, our truth and light.
Here we're made whole as the bo - dy of Christ.



Come to the Lord's fes - tive ta - ble
Here we be - come a liv - ing of - fer - ing—



clothed in the ho - li - ness of God.
ho - ly com - mun - ion in Christ.



Je - sus him - self at our feast pre - sides.

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: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Your creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those in any affliction. Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings. God of grace,

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 of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Savior.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: All praise to you, glorious God of grace. Throughout the ages you have blessed us with foremothers of the faith.

All: With Sarah, we bless you for your gift of life.

L: With Ruth, we praise you for family and food.

All: With Miriam, we celebrate our escape from the foe.

P: Remembering Deborah, we honor the words of your prophets.

All: Remembering the woman at the well, we laud you for living water.

P: Remembering Junia, we thank you for those who minister among your people.

All: One with the daughter of Jairus, we wake to life in you.

P: With Mary, we magnify your name: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

All: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

P: Remembering Martha and Mary, we join Jesus at this meal. Living, he healed the bleeding woman; dying, he cared for his mother; risen, he sent Mary Magdalene in mission.

On the night before he died, he 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With Mary, again we magnify your name: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

All: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

P: Mighty God of mercy, as you heard the prayers of Hannah, so now hear us. Send your Spirit on this bread and wine,

that sharing the body and blood of Christ we become his body in the world.

All: Send your Spirit on this assembly, that like Phoebe, we serve one another with zeal.

P: Send your Spirit on the church, that like Anna, we tell others of your mercy.

All: Send your Spirit into our hearts, that like Dorcas, we care for the poor and needy.

P: With Mary, once more we magnify your name: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

All: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

P: All praise to you, powerful God of peace. We adore you, our God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, you who mother and feed and comfort us, today, tomorrow, and forever.

All: 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 of our hearts.

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.

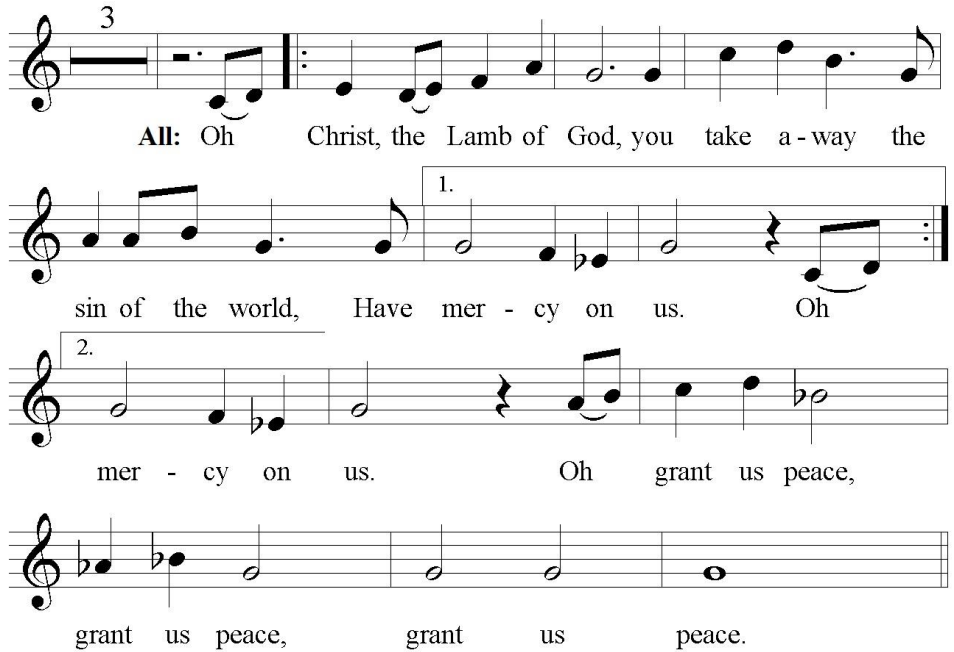
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The disciples knew Jesus in the breaking of the bread!

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

Be Seated

LAMB OF GOD



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All: Oh Christ, the Lamb of God, you take a-way the

1.

sin of the world, Have mer - cy on us. Oh

2.

mer - cy on us. Oh grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Holy Communion is open to all.

Wine is red, grape juice is yellow, water is in the center of the tray.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

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 host into, then take a cup of wine (red), grape juice (yellow), or water (clear, center) from the assistant's tray, then return to your seat via the side aisles, depositing your empty cup in the provided bowls. You may walk behind the Praise Band.

COMMUNION SONG: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Verse:

Lord I lift Your name on high

Lord I love to sing Your praises

I'm so glad You're in my life

I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus:

You came from Heaven to Earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

Repeat Verse and Chorus

COMMUNION SONG: “*One Bread, One Body*”

Chorus:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Verse 1:

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

Chorus

Verse 2:

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. Refrain

Chorus

Verse 3:

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all.

Chorus

COMMUNION SONG: “*Ubi Caritas*”

Ubi caritas, et amor,
Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: 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 Savior.

All: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people.

All: Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

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

BLESSING

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen, indeed. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: “Thrive”

Intro:

Oh...a oh oh, Oh.. a oh, oh, Oh... a oh oh

Oh...a oh oh, Oh.. a oh, oh, Oh...

Verse 1:

Here in this worn and weary land

Where many a dream has died

Like a tree planted by the water,

We never will run dry

Chorus:

So, living water flowing through,

God, we thirst for more of You

Fill our hearts, and flood our souls with one desire

Just to know You, and to make You known.

We lift Your name on high.

Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide

We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives

It's time for us to more than just survive:

We were made to thrive

Repeat Intro (Ohs)

Verse 2:

Into Your Word we're digging deep

to know our Father's heart.

Into the world we're reaching out to show

Them who You are

Chorus

Bridge (1 time):

Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable,
Love unstoppable, anything is possible
Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable,
Love unstoppable, anything is possible

Just to know You, and to make You known.
We lift Your name on high.
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives
It's time for us to more than just survive:
We were made to thrive

Repeat Intro (Ohs)

We were made to thrive

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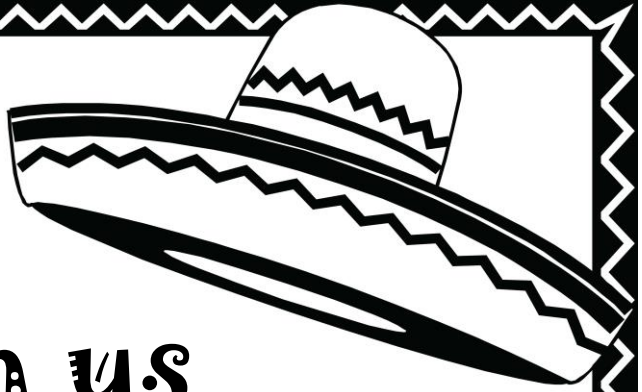
L: Go as witnesses of the Risen Savior.

All: **Christ ascended to bring life to all!**

POSTLUDE



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Join us
after worship
for a
Mother's Day
Fiesta!

