**May 13, 2018**

**EASTER GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**GATHERING SONG** Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (ELW 392) Vs 1, 3, 5

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, The fountain of living water,

The rock who gave us birth, Our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

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Let us come into the light, The revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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God of grace and glory,

**you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus’ resurrection.**

**Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.**

**Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new.**

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**Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,**

**renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness,**

**through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.**

**Amen.**

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Rejoice with all creation around God’s throne!

The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin,

restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace,

and humbles earthly pride.

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Jesus Christ loves you and + frees you from your sins by his blood.

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

**Amen.**

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *Wondrous Love*

*(The reading is read by the lay assistant)*

**tHE lESSON:** **2 Timothy 4:1-8**

A reading from *Second Timothy:*

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: 2proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.

3For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, 4and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. 5As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

6As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. 7I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

8From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

*The reading may be concluded:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to welcome the Gospel.*

**GOSPEL PROCLAMATION**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? (ELW p. 142)

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

*(The second lesson is read by the pastor)*

**The Second Lesson:**  Ephesians 3:14-21

14For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. 16I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit,

17and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. 18I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

20Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, 21to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDEN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** The Head That Once was Crowned (ELW 432, Vs 1, 3, 6)

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;**

**through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary**

**and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand**

**of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church,**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**And the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

*(The pastor reads the introduction and ending; the lay assistant reads the indented petitions.)*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

End divisions within your church, O God. Open us to receive your testimony. Make us one as you are one. Make our joy complete. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Nourish the soil of your earth, holy God. Bless the trees planted by the water, and bless the seeds planted by birds and by our hands. Bring forth fruit in due season. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for warring nations, political refugees, and peacekeepers. Wash away the fear and hatred that tear us apart. Let justice roll down like a might stream. Quench our thirst for peace in every land. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are homeless, naked, hungry, imprisoned, abandoned, or sick *(especially…)*. Send us to shelter, clothe, feed, and visit those in need. Make us your healing and compassionate presence in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for mothers we love and mothers we struggle to love. For adoptive mothers, stepmothers, and foster mothers. For those who long to be mothers. For everyone who has mothered us in the faith. Give rest, healing, wisdom, and strength, mothering God. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

You give us eternal life in your Son. When doubts and fears arise, give us peace in the resurrection promise. Sanctify us in your truth and unite us with all the saints. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** This is the Feast (ELW p. 140)

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy, living, and loving God,  
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,  
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,  
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus  
who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry,  
and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,  
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:  
carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones,   
clothed in the righteousness of Christ who taught us to pray…

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,   
forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The table of life is spread before you.   
Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.   
**Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION**

*(The prayer after communion is read by the lay assistant)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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

Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus’ resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

**Blessing**May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with joy.   
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Song** *Son of God, Eternal Savior (ELW 655) Vs. 1, 2, 4*

*(The dismissal is given by the lay assistant)***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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