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"A Fellowship of Hope, Teaching, Serving, and Proclaiming"

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AS WE GATHER

During these great fifty days of Easter, we gather again to hear the risen Lord Jesus as He appears and speaks to us in no less a real way than when He appeared and spoke to the first disciples before His ascension into heaven. As Scripture says, "The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him" (Habakkuk 2:20). So we gather in reverent, holy anticipation as we hear the words of Jesus in John's inspired account, recalling His promise given on Holy Thursday, His word concerning the promise that He would send "another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth" (John 14:16-17). The Holy Spirit is wherever He creates and sustains faith through God's Word. However, our Easter celebration will break forth before the world on the Day of Pentecost.

Jesus says the world cannot receive, see, or know the Spirit. Paul found this to be true in Athens as he noticed an altar dedicated "To the unknown god." Though many in our day certainly have heard about Jesus, they do not know Him apart from faith in His word. But you know Him! Baptized into Christ, His resurrection life has given us new life, which for now is but the beginning to be stretched out into life eternal.



SONG: Goodness Love And Mercy

Oh Lord You're my Shepherd
You make me lie in fields of green
You lead me by the still waters
You restore righteousness to me
Though I walk through the valley
I will fear no evil thing
For You are with me and You comfort me

Though I walk through the valley
I will fear no evil thing
For You are with me and You comfort me

Surely goodness love and mercy will follow wherever I go
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Oh Lord You're my Shepherd
You make me lie in fields of green
You lead me by the still waters
You restore righteousness to me

I'm gonna dwell in the house of the Lord forever
I'm gonna dwell in the house of the Lord forever
I'm gonna dwell in the house of the Lord forever
I'm gonna dwell in the house of the Lord forever

Surely goodness love and mercy will follow wherever I go
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CALL TO WORSHIP / WELCOME

OPENING SONG: Still

I believe that You are God alone
But sometimes I still try to take control
Cause I get scared when I can't see the end
And all You want from me is to let go

You're parting waters making a way for me
You're moving mountains that I don't even see
You've answered my prayer before I even speak
All You need for me to be is still

I bring my praise before I bring my need
Cause there's no fear You've not already seen
I rest my heart on all Your promises
Cause I have seen and know Your faithfulness

You're parting waters making a way for me
You're moving mountains that I don't even see
You've answered my prayer before I even speak

All You need for me to be is -- still

And know that You are God Be still
And know that You, trust that You are parting waters
Lord, You whispered my name
Oh, You answered my prayer
You're moving mountains

You're parting waters making a way for me
You're moving mountains that I don't even see
You've answered my prayer before I even speak
All You need for me to be is still

Be still

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INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor The three sad days have quickly sped,
He rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia! (LSB 464:3)
Christ is risen!

People He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Even as we glory in the gift of eternal life, in that hope we spend our days in joyful repentance and faith. Let us confess our sin, the sin that still so easily entangles us, and receive the full forgiveness our Lord daily provides.

(silence for self-examination and confession)

People Lord God,
though the strife is over, the battle done, and now is the victor's triumph won, sin still hangs on. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

Pastor Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor The Lord be with you.

Congregation And also with you.

Pastor Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 17:16–31

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for

“In him we live and move and have our being”;

as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we are indeed his offspring.”

²⁹Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SONG: You Are My King (Amazing Love)

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your spirit lives within me
Because You died and rose again

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your spirit lives within me
Because You died and rose again

Amazing Love, how can it be?
That You, my King, would die for me
Amazing Love, I know it's true
And it's my joy to honor You

Amazing Love, how can it be?
That You, my King, would die for me

Amazing Love, I know it's true
And it's my joy to honor You

In all I do, I honor You
You are my King
Jesus, You are my King
Jesus, You are my King
Jesus, You are my King

Amazing Love, how can it be?
That You, my King, would die for me
Amazing Love, I know it's true
And it's my joy to honor You

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EPISTLE

1 Peter 3:13–22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

VERSE

Romans 6:9; John 16:33b

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

Death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.

In the world you will have tribulation.

"But take heart," Jesus said, "I have overcome the world." Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15–21

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

People **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁵[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SONG: Blessed Redeemer

Up Calvary's mountain one dreadful morn
Walked Christ my Savior, weary and worn
Facing for sinners death on the cross
That He might save them from endless loss

Blessed Redeemer, precious Redeemer
Seems now I see Him on Calvary's tree
Wounded and bleeding, for sinners pleading
Blind and unheeding, dying for me

"Father, forgive them," my Savior prayed
Even while His lifeblood flowed fast away
Praying for sinners while in such woe
No one but Jesus ever loved so

Blessed Redeemer, precious Redeemer
Seems now I see Him on Calvary's tree
Wounded and bleeding, for sinners pleading
Blind and unheeding, dying for me, dying for me

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Wounded and bleeding, for sinners pleading
Blind and unheeding, dying for me

Oh how I love Him, Savior and friend
How can my praises ever find end
Through years unnumbered on Heaven's shore
My songs shall praise Him forevermore

Blessed Redeemer, precious Redeemer
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SERMON

"The New Obedience"

CATECHISM: First Petition & Meaning

What is the first petition?

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean?

God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy?

God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SONG: *All The Earth Will Sing Your Praises*

You took, You take our sins away, O God
You give, You gave Your life away for us
You came down, You saved us through the cross
Our hearts are changed because of Your great love

You lived, You died, You said in three days
You would rise -- You did, You're alive
You rule, You reign, You said You're coming back again
I know You will

All the earth will sing Your praises
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I know You will, all the earth will sing Your praises

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Go in Peace! Alleluia!

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