

Worship Guide

8:30 and 10:45 April 21, 2024

Prelude

Announcements & Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

To prepare for this service, please bring the following items to the place where you will be participating in worship:

- A small container of water for remembrance of baptism
- A plate with bread on it. Cover the bread with a napkin or cloth.
- A cup or glass with wine or grape juice. You may have small cups for each of the people who will be participating. You may pour from the one cup into the many cups later during the service.
- A heart, soul and mind open to the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

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

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.

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

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

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more.

Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Amen

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Hymn: “Baptized and Set Free” ELW 453

- 1 We are people created, chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more.
Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing,
and wholeness and more.

- 2 We are fed and we're nourished,
filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.
For whatever the need,
God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper
than all of our need.

- 3 We are nourished by water, all living things,
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home,
may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing,
now carry us home.

- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome!
We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free!
From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water,
baptized and set free!

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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.**

Kyrie – page 213

L: Kyrie eleison: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Christe eleison: **C: Christ, have mercy.**

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Hymn of Praise “*This is the Feast*” ELW page 140

Refrain This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
And honor, blessing, and glory are his. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia. *Refrain*

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Prayer of the Day

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Acts 8:26-40

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

1 John 4:7-21

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation ELW page 142

Alleluia.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

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John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to John the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon - Pastor Susan Haukaas

Hymn: “*Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*” ELW 452

- 1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
 and Christ shall give you light;
 so learn his love, its length and breadth,
 its fullness, depth, and height.

- 2 To us on earth he came to bring
 from sin and fear release,
 to give the Spirit's unity,
 the very bond of peace.

- 3 There is one body and one hope,
 one Spirit and one call,
 one Lord, one faith, and one baptism,
 one God who made us all.

- 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
 who died that he might save;
 with kind and gentle hearts forgive
 as God in Christ forgave.

- 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died,
 and conquered in the strife.
 Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
 and Christ shall give you life.

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Apostles' Creed

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.

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Prayer Song: "Lord Listen to your Children Praying" ELW 752

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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Prayers of the People

L: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer

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Offering of Music: Instrumental

Offertory: “*This Little Light of Mine*” ELW 677

- 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 4 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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Offering Prayer

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

Communion

At this time, please take the bread you have and uncover it.

Do the same with the wine/grape juice and pour it into the cup you will use.

Gathered together into the one body of Christ from the many places where we experience this holy time of worship, we come to the Lord's table:

Great Thanksgiving ELW page 144

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right ... join their unending hymn:

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Holy, Holy, Holy – ELW page 144

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

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**

Distribution

At this time, you may eat the bread and drink the wine, the body and blood of Christ, trusting in faith that Christ is with you.

If you are with other people, you may give them bread and the wine to eat and drink and then receive these gifts of God for yourself.

If you are not partaking in the meal at this time, receive this blessing:
Jesus loves you. This I know.

Lamb of God ELW page 146

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.

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Communion Song: “O Bread of Life from Heaven” ELW 480

1 O bread of life from heaven,
 O food to pilgrims given,
 O manna from above:
 feed with the blessed sweetness
 of your divine completeness
 the souls that want and need your love.

2 O fount of grace redeeming,
 O river ever streaming
 from Jesus' wounded side:
 come now, your love bestowing
 on thirsting souls, and flowing
 till all are fully satisfied.

3 We love you, Jesus, tender,
 in all your hidden splendor
 within these means of grace.
 Oh, let the veil be riven,
 and our clear eye in heaven
 behold your glory face to face.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862-1946, sts. 1, 3; tr. Philip Schaff, 1819-1893, st. 2 Text and music – public domain.

Communion Song: “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” ELW 484

Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.

- 1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
they know and heed his voice;
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord,
we follow and rejoice. Refrain
- 2 With joyful lips we sing to you
our praise and gratitude
that you should count us worthy, Lord,
to share this heav'nly food. Refrain
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share
the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
our oneness in the Lord? Refrain
- 4 The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain
comes in our hearts to dwell. Refrain
- 5 You give yourself to us, O Lord;
then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name
in truth and charity. Refrain

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Prayer After Communion

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

Benediction

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Hymn: “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters” ELW 445

- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,
where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people;
bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;
compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
holy dove and heart’s delight.

- 2 We who bring them long for nurture;
by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast,
partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps;
free from sin and all its snares,
One with Christ in living, dying,
by your Spirit, children, heirs.

- 3 Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
water-washed and Spirit born.
By your grace, our lives we offer.
Recreate us; God, transform!

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Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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