



A Spirit Driven Life



Traditional Service
May 15, 2022

“some of them joined him and became believers”

WELCOME

Pastor Kristin

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

Pastor: To you, O God,

People: **all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Pastor: By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of † Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

People: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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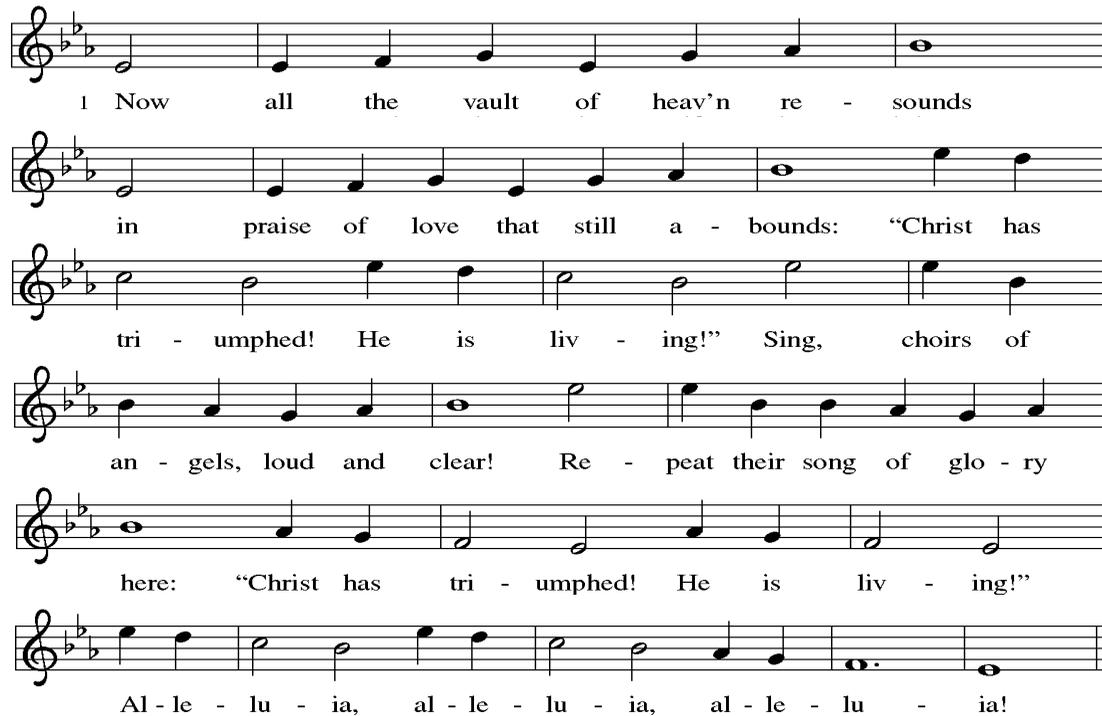
GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Now All the Vault of Heav'n Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: God of all wisdom, Paul knew how to sit with people in their own reality before bringing them along the journey of the story of Christ. Teach us to honor people's journeys with grace and respect.

People: **Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

ACTS 17:16-34

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities." (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) ¹⁹So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means." ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new. ²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is 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 too are his offspring.' ²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." ³²When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, "We will hear you again about this." ³³At that point Paul left them. ³⁴But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them. (NRSV)

Reader: The word of God

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE

Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Pastor: The holy gospel according to John

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 1:16-18

¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known. (NRSV)

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Unleashed

Pastor Kevin

HYMN

**Built on a Rock
(verses 1-4)**

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THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

PRAYERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Each petition ends with *Risen Lord*, and people respond *hear our prayer*.

SHARING THE PEACE

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

CHOIR ANTHEM

We'll Join the Everlasting Song

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

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

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion will be received up front. The pastors will have baskets with individually wrapped wafers, both regular and gluten free. You may then pick up either wine or grape juice. Please return to your pew before consuming communion. There will be trash cans by the doors as you leave worship.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us,
 mer - cy on us, mer-cy on us Lamb of God, you
 take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Have No Fear Little Flock

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: You who have been filled with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus, go now and be his body in the world.

People: **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, bless you now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

God is Here

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Leader: As you go into the world, remember our mission!

All: Live out Servant Love

Show Hospitality

Extend Generosity

Worship the Risen Lord

Leader: Go in peace, a living example of the love of Jesus Christ

All: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE



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