

04/04/2021

Sunday: Easter Sunday, Year B

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT: In the Cross of Christ I Glory

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

**O God who was, is, and evermore shall be; to you belong all praise and glory. Angels in heaven announce the dawn of your eternal order; trumpets herald Christ's victory as the stone is rolled away; our mouths are opened to proclaim your mercies. We lift up our hearts to you, our Judge and Redeemer. Amen.**

HYMN: Jesus Christ is Risen Today (232)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns, waving*)

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: John 20:1-18

PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: Double Vision

POST-SERMON PRAYER

HYMN: Open My Eyes that I May See (451)

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION:

Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears the Lord and does what is right is acceptable.

**By the grace of God, I am what I am.**

God raised Jesus on the third day and made him manifest to those God chose, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

**By the grace of God, I am what I am.**

God commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that Christ is the one ordained by the Lord to be judge of the living and the dead.

**By the grace of God, I am what I am.**

To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

**By the grace of God, I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

MISSION STATEMENT: **Our mission is to proclaim and demonstrate the inclusiveness of God's Love to the people of the Ozarks and the needy of the world.**

ANTHEM: Crown Him with Many Crowns

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at the table in the kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at the table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to them. Then, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites all those who trust in him to share the feast that he has prepared.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to praise you, O God, creator of the universe. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You formed us in your image to love and serve you and to live in peace with your creation. When we rebelled against you, you did not abandon us, but sent prophets to call us back to your way. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your only Son to redeem us and heal our brokenness. Therefore, we join our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful in every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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

You are holy, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ, who was born of Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of the life that we know. You anointed Jesus Christ with your Spirit to preach good news to the poor, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, to give sight to the blind, and to liberate the oppressed, proclaiming the year of the Lord's favor. In his baptism, suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, and made a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit. Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ and that we may be his body for the world. By your Spirit, unite us with Christ and one another until we feast with him and with all your saints in your eternal realm of justice and peace. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world- because in Jesus Christ you have loved us. **Amen.**

HYMN: God Be with You Till We Meet Again (542)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TRIPLE "AMEN" (601)

POSTLUDE