

4th Sunday of Easter—May 8, 2022—8:30am



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Our Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

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Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.
+ Please stand as you are able.

+ Gathering +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Praise & Worship

“Celebrate Jesus”

Celebrate Jesus, celebrate, celebrate Jesus, celebrate;
Celebrate Jesus, celebrate, celebrate Jesus, celebrate;
He is risen, He is risen, and He lives forevermore; He is risen, He is
risen, come on and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

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“My Life Is in You”

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You;
My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You;

I will praise You with all of my life, I will praise you with all of my
strength;
With all of my life, with all of my strength. All of my hope is in You.

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“Agnus Dei”

Alleluia, Alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia, Alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia.

Holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb;
Worthy is the Lamb. You are holy. Holy are You, Lord God
Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb; Worthy is the Lamb.
You are holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the
Lamb; Worthy is the Lamb. You are holy. Holy are You, Lord
God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb; Worthy is the Lamb. Amen.

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+ Easter Acclamation

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

+ Gathering Song

“Revelation Song”

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain: Holy holy is He;
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.
Who was and is and is to come;
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
You are my ev'rything, and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color flashes of lightning, rolls of
thunder; Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to
You, the only wise King.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, at the mention of Your
name; Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water, such
a marv'lous mystery, yeah.

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+ Prayer of the Day

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O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+Word+

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Acts 9:36-43

A reading from Acts.

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

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+ Gospel Reading

John 10:22-30

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

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

Young at Heart Message & Sermon

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

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+ Song of the Day

“You Never Let Go”

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
Your perfect love is casting out fear, and even when I'm caught
in the middle of the storms of this life, I won't turn back, I know
You are near.

And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me, and if my God is with
me, whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

Oh no, You never let go, through the calm and through the
storm. Oh no, You never let go in ev'ry high and ev'ry low.
Oh no, You never let go, Lord, You never let go of me.

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on,
a glorious light beyond all compare, and there will be an end to
these troubles, but until that day comes, we'll live to know You
here on the earth.

Lord, You never let go of me. You keep on runnin' and You never
let go. Sing-in'

Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on,
and there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day
comes, still I will praise You, still I will praise You.

Lord You never let go of me

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+ Nicene Creed

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With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the 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.**

* universal

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+ Prayers of Intercession

sung refrain: "I Sing Praise"

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

**Refrain: I sing praises to Your name, O Lord,
praises to Your name, O Lord;
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.
I sing praises to Your name, O Lord,
praises to Your name, O Lord;
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.**

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Gentle Shepherd, enable your church to respond to the voice of Jesus. Give us unfailing trust, unafraid to join in Jesus' work of renewing all things.

Feed your people at the table of creation. Prepare a safe place for those whose environments are dangerous or unhealthy, especially those making difficult journeys. Prosper your creation for the sake of every living thing.

Direct those who are given human authority to lead with humility and compassion. By your Holy Spirit channel their attention toward serving those who are most in need.

Refrain

Seek out those who weep while they await healing or consolation, especially for those listed on our prayer list and those we name now aloud or silently (*pause for names*). Set people in their path who can provide the care they need, and wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Enfold us in the great multitude of saints from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. Wash us in your saving grace every day, guiding us to your waters of life.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Refrain

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+ Peace

+Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able! Electronic donations can be made at

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+ Offering Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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+ Thanksgiving at the Table

All praise to you, glorious God of grace. Throughout the ages you have blessed us with foremothers of the faith. With Sarah (*Gen. 18:12*), we bless you for your gift of life. With Ruth (*Ruth 4:13*), we praise you for family and food. With Miriam (*Exod. 15:21*), we celebrate our escape from the foe. Remembering Deborah (*Judges 4:4-5*), we honor the words of your prophets. Remembering the woman at the well (*John 4:29*), we laud you for living water. Remembering Junia (*Rom. 16:7*), we thank you for those who minister among your people. One with the daughter of Jairus (*Mark 5:41-42*), we wake to life in you.

Remembering Martha and Mary (*Luke 10:38-39*), we join Jesus at this meal. Living, he healed the bleeding woman (*Mark 5:29*); dying, he cared for his mother (*John 19:26-27*); risen, he sent Mary Magdalene (*John 20:14-18*) in mission.

On the night before he died, he 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.

Mighty God of mercy, as you heard the prayers of Hannah (*1 Sam. 1:27*), so now hear us. Send your Spirit on this bread and wine, that sharing the body and blood of Christ we become his body in the world. Send your Spirit on this assembly, that like Phoebe (*Rom. 16:1*), we serve one another with zeal. Send your Spirit on the church, that like Anna (*Luke 2:38*), we tell others of your mercy. Send your Spirit into our hearts, that like Dorcas (*Acts 9:40-41*), we care for the poor and needy.

All praise to you, powerful God of peace. We adore you, our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you who mother and feed and comfort us, today, tomorrow, and forever. **Amen.**

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+ Lord's Prayer

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

+ Invitation to Communion

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

Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

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Communion Song

“Come to the Table” ELW #481

Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread. All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your souls will be fed. Come at the Lord's invitation; receive from his nail-scarred hand. Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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+ Sending +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

+ Blessing

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Announcements

+ Sending Song

“Glorious Day!”

I was buried beneath my shame. Who could carry that kind of weight? It was my tomb 'til I met You.

I was breathing but not alive. All my failures I tried to hide. It was my tomb 'til I met You.

You called my name (and) I ran out of that grave! Out of the darkness into Your glorious day! You called my name, (and) I ran out of that grave! Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

Now Your mercy has saved my soul. Now Your freedom is all that I know. The old made new, Jesus, when I met You.

I needed rescue. My sin was heavy, but chains break at the weight of Your glory. I needed shelter. I was an orphan. Now You call me a citizen of Heaven. When I was broken, You were my

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healing; now Your love is the air that I'm breathing. I have a future. My eyes are open, 'cause when You called my name, (and) I ran out of that grave! Out of the darkness into Your glorious day! You called my name, (and) I ran out of that grave! Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

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+ Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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