

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Prelude

Come to the Table of Grace

Come to the table of grace,
Come to the table of grace,
This is God's table, it's not yours or mine,
Come to the table of grace.

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

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

Living Lord,

During this Easter season, we celebrate the empty tomb, the doorway standing wide open that releases your living spirit into the world. We are sorry for our words, actions and inactions that limit the power of Easter. We are sorry for our words, actions, and inactions that keep people from hearing the promise of new life for all. We are sorry for our words, actions, and inactions as we too readily criticize others, not realizing the harm we cause. Forgive us for our failures, and remind us that the cross will never be the end. Amen.

Beloved Children of God,

Hear the good news! With a deep sense of peace and hope, we acknowledge that the cross was not the end. Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

Come to Me All Pilgrims Thirsty

1. "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty, drink the water I will give.
If you knew what gift I offer, you would come to me and live."

Refrain:

Jesus, ever flowing fountain, give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer, there is joy no tongue can tell.

2. "Come to me, all travelers weary, come that I may give you rest.
Drink the cup of life I offer, at this table be my guest." *(Refrain)*
3. "Come to me, believers burdened, find refreshment in this place.
Come, receive the gift I offer, turn to me and seek my face." *(Refrain)*
4. "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned, lonely ways no longer roam.
Come and take the gift I offer, let me make in you my home." *(Refrain)*

Invocation

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

An Easter Litany

The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
which shines brighter and brighter until the full day. (Proverbs 4:18)

Lord, we lift your name on high.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. (Isaiah 9:2)

Lord, we lift your name on high.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. (Isaiah 60:1)

Lord, we lift your name on high.

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory
to your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

Lord, we lift your name on high.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:5)

Lord, we lift your name on high.

Do all things as children of God in which you shine like stars in the world. (Philippians 2:14-16)

Lord, we lift your name on high.

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us. (Psalm 67:1)

Lord, we lift your name on high.

Liturgy

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord I lift your name on high,
Lord I love to sing your praises,
I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky,
Lord I lift your name on high.

Opening Prayer

You changed the heart of the one who persecuted your followers, God. Be in our hearts;
change and guide our hearts to help us follow your commandments. We need your love in our lives.

Amen.

Reading

Acts 9

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and

lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Message

Susan Engholm

Hymn of the Day

Here I Am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Chorus:

Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them, whom shall I send? (*Chorus*)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them, whom shall I send? (*Chorus*)

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.

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

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Closing Prayer

Risen Lord, death could not contain you, your power of life has been set free, and we are now your Easter people. Let us draw strength from this worship, for we are ready to walk with you into the world, ready to be used by your Spirit, and ready to set love free for the good of all. The tomb is empty, and your light now shines in the world. Alleluia.

Amen.

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.

Benediction

May Almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Comforter, keep you in God's light, God's truth, and God's love, now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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In Our Prayers this Week:

Lyle Kuntz (father of Kim Kuntz), Roger Kamann, Denice Widmer, Glen Sandquist,
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