

**Sunday, April 24, 2022**

**Prelude**

***Lord, Be Glorified***

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In my life, Lord, be glorified, today.

In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In our song, Lord, be glorified, today.

**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**

***In the Garden***

1. I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses

2. He speaks and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing (*Refrain*)

*Refrain:*

And He walks with me, And He talks with me  
And He tells me I am His own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known

3. I stayed in the garden with Him  
Though the night all around me is falling  
But He bids me go, through the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling (*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

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Reading

### **John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## Message

Jacob Ulland

## Hymn of the Day

### *We Walk by Faith*

We walk by faith and not by sight;  
With gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:  
"My peace be with you here."

We may not touch your hands and side,  
Nor follow where you trod;  
But in your promise we rejoice,  
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
And may our faith abound  
To call on you when we rejoice,  
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

## 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**

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 and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn**

#### ***The Lord Now Sends Us Forth***

The Lord now sends us forth, with hands to serve and give  
To make of all the earth, a better place to live. *(repeat)*

The angels are not sent into our world of pain  
To do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;  
That falls to you and me and all who are made free.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today. *(repeat)*

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,  
Carl Endres (father of Elvina Nelson's daughter-in-law), Glen Sandquist,  
Mary Jech, Sara Baluski (currently deployed in the U.S. military)