

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Prelude

God's Flame of Love

God's flame of love is shining in you
God's flame of love is shining in everyone
Thank you for the gift of God shining in you
Thank you for the gift of God shining in you

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

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought,
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world, he shines in all that's fair,
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me not forget,
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring, God reigns, let the earth be glad.

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

Precious One, Paul was excited about you and told everyone who would listen about your love.

Let everyone who we meet with this week know that we follow Jesus by our love.

Amen.

Reading

Philippians 4:4-13

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you. I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need, for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through the One who strengthens me.

Message

Hymn of the Day

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

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

On Eagles Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Chorus:

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
Though thousands fall around you, near you it shall not come. (*Chorus*)

For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways,
Upon their hands they will lift you up lest you dash your foot against a stone, (*Chorus*)

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,
Cheryl Wog & Deanna Nelson (sisters of Elvina Nelson),
Sara Baluski (currently deployed in the U.S. military)

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