

The Third Sunday of Easter Sunday, April 16, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.



Welcome!

To our guests and visitors:

We are glad that you are here with us today!

If you have no church home, why don't you consider joining us? Please speak to Pastor Parrish after the service and enjoy a special gift for visiting with us today!

O Christ Be Magnified

Were creation suddenly articulate
With a thousand tongues to lift one cry
Then from North to South and East to West
We'd hear Christ be magnified

Were the whole Earth echoing His eminence
His name would burst from sea and sky
From rivers to the mountain tops
We'd hear Christ be magnified

Oh! Christ be magnified
Let His praise arise
Christ be magnified in me
Oh! Christ be magnified
From the altar of my life
Christ be magnified in me

When every creature finds its inmost melody
And every human heart its native cry
Oh then in one enraptured hymn of praise
We'll sing Christ be magnified
Oh, be lifted high, Jesus

Oh! Christ be magnified
Let His praise arise
Christ be magnified in me
Oh! Christ be magnified
From the altar of my life
Christ be magnified in me

I won't bow to idols, I'll stand strong and worship You
And if it puts me in the fire, I'll rejoice 'cause You're there too
I won't be formed by feelings, I hold fast to what is true
If the cross brings transformation then I'll be crucified with You
'Cause death is just the doorway into resurrection life
And if I join You in Your suffering, then I'll join You when You rise

And when You return in glory with all the angels and the saints
My heart will still be singing, my song will be the same

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Baptism of Alexandria Rae Fairbanks

Covenant Child

Covenant child, water comes as a sign of the washing and cleansing
renewing your mind.

Covenant child, you are claimed as God's own.

You are one of His people.

His church is your home.

Covenant child, you are here by God's grace,
by the work of our Savior, Who died in your place.
Covenant child, you are living in Christ.
Buried with Him in suffering, with Him you will rise

Covenant child, we are praying for you.
May you stay close to Jesus in all that you do.
Covenant child, grow strong in the faith.
Seek after God's wisdom and walk in His way.

P: Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me—
C: **Let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”**

P: For whoever would save his life will lose it—
C: **But whoever loses his life for Jesus will find it.**

P: Therefore, I consider my life worth nothing.
C: **If only I may finish the race—**

P: And complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me.
C: **The task of testifying to the gospel of God’s amazing grace!**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Magnificent and merciful Father,
C: **Hear my sorry story of sin and rebellion.**

P: I have grown used to my spiritual emptiness and deadness.
C: **I have grown content with my stubborn attitude and my hard heart.**

P: I have settled for something less than being Christ’s passionate disciple.
C: **I have sunk deeper and deeper into sin and selfishness.**

P: My spiritual zeal and zest have dried up like a desert.
C: **I have succumbed to a mediocre life and a lackluster faith. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on me!**

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus bled for you, Jesus died for you, Jesus lives for you and Jesus is coming for you. Jesus loves you, and Jesus forgives all your sins. In Holy Baptism, you were crucified with Christ.
C: **It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me! I now live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord Jesus Christ, we do not select you. Instead, you select us to follow in your steps, walk in your way, take up our cross, and transform the world. Here we are Lord. Send us again to be your living presence in our world of darkness and death. We pray in your name, Jesus,

C: Amen.

The Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.” ² But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.” The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’”

³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.” ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

⁵ Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.”

⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.”

⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” ¹¹ So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.” Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one." ¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading

Galatians 1:11-16

¹¹ I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. ¹² I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. ¹³ For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it.

¹⁴ I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵ But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased ¹⁶ to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:1-4

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Let It Be Said Of Us

Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,
That with gladness we bore ev'ry cross we were given;
That we fought the good fight, that we finished the course
Knowing within us the pow'r of the risen Lord.

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,
By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song
'Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.

Let it be said of us: we were marked by forgiveness,
We were known by our love and delighted in meekness.
We were ruled by His peace, heeding unity's call,
Joined as one body that Christ would be seen by all.

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,
By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.
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Sermon Developing Passionate Disciples of Jesus Matt 10:1-4

The Offering

Prayer of Blessing

P You have called us and empowered us for a mission to the whole world. You have gathered us as a church, washed us in grace, united us in faith and given us the Holy Spirit. We are joined to believers around the globe who offer our lives and our resources to be used in the world of Your Kingdom on earth.

C Amen.

Welcoming of New Members

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,
People: **we bring to God our prayer and praise.**

Pastor: For all who find their identity in anything other than Jesus, that they may see the deeds of Jesus and cling to His cross alone. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,
People: **we bring to God our prayer and praise.**

Pastor: For the Word of God to spread to all people from every nation, people, and language, that each person on earth might come to understand that though everything is fleeting and fading, the Word of the Lord endures forever. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,
People: **we bring to God our prayer and praise.**

Pastor: Lord, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially* . . .]. Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,
People: **we bring to God our prayer and praise.**

Pastor: For all of those who are single, whether by choice or circumstance, we pray that the Lord would surround them with friends and community, so that they might know the joys of fellowship and be kept from the agony of loneliness. Equip us as the Church on earth to do better to care for those who are single. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,
People: **we bring to God our prayer and praise.**

Pastor: For those who feel shame and impurity because of abuse, that the Lord would rescue them, comfort them, and remind them of the victory they have in Jesus' resurrection. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

People: we bring to God our prayer and praise.

Pastor: For all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. We ask for the Lord's mercy and healing. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

People: we bring to God our prayer and praise.

Pastor: For all those who are celebrating this week, with birthdays, anniversaries, and other moments of joy, we give thanks to the Lord. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

People: we bring to God our prayer and praise. 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

The Invitation

P: This morning we have another opportunity to encounter God's real, tangible grace for us in this meal; that in, with, and under these simple elements of bread and wine are the true body and blood of Jesus Christ given to us for the forgiveness of sins. And so, we become what we eat. We are the body of Christ to be sent out into the world. So it's necessary and good that we partake of this meal; that we experience God's love for us in this way, that we share this family meal together. So if this is your confession I would invite you to join me as we confess together our faith.

C: I understand and admit that I have sinned against God, that I recognize my sin and humbly ask God to forgive me. I believe that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior and that He is my only hope against sin, death, and the devil. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and under the form of the bread and wine I receive this true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life to the Lord and His Church by faithfully

worshipping Him, cheerfully giving my time and resources, and joyfully sharing the Good News of Jesus with others.

Words of Institution

On the night He was betrayed,
He took the bread, gave thanks, and said,
“Take eat, my friends, this broken bread,
this is my body for forgiveness of your sin.
When you eat, my friends, this meal of love,
remember me and my love for you again.”

On the night He was betrayed,
He took the cup, gave thanks, and said,
“Take drink, my friends, this cup of wine,
this is my blood for forgiveness of your sin.
When you drink, my friends, this cup of love,
remember me and my love for you again.”

**Oh, we are here, to thank You Lord,
for the bread and wine outpoured.
For it is Your body and Your blood
that You so lovingly and freely give to us.
So we praise You holy Lamb of God;
We love You our sweet Jesus.
We love You our sweet Jesus. We love You our sweet Jesus.**

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Distribution

Hymn of Heaven

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven,
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the street;
To look upon the one who bled to save me,
And walk with Him for all eternity.

There will be a day when all will bow before Him.
There will be a day when death will be no more.
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again.
Holy, holy is the Lord.

And ev'ry prayer, we prayed in desperation.
The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear.
In the end, we'll see that it was worth it
when He returns to wipe away our tears.

There will be a day when all will bow before Him.
There will be a day when death will be no more.
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again.
Holy, holy is the Lord.

And on that day we join the resurrection,
And stand beside the heroes of the faith.
With one voice, a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Forever He shall reign.

There will be a day when all will bow before Him.
There will be a day when death will be no more.
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again.
Holy, holy is the Lord.

So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven.
With angels and the Saints we raise a mighty roar.
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave.
Holy, holy is the Lord
Holy, holy is the Lord
Holy, holy is the Lord

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Communion Dismissal

- P: Now may this true body and blood, strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith until life everlasting.
Go in His peace.
- C: **Amen**

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P Blessed are You, almighty Lord, our strong deliverer. You have graciously granted our lives Your presence and protection and Your peace. As we gather at Your Table, grant that we be strengthened in faith toward You and in active love for one another as we await Your final coming in glory. Send Your Holy Spirit upon us to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our thanksgiving.
- C **Amen.**

Benediction

- P: Jesus says—
- C: **Go make disciples of all nations,**
- P: Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Teaching them to obey everything that he has commanded us.**
- P: Christ is with us always—
- C: **To the very end of the age!**

I Will Follow

All Your ways are good
All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone

Higher than my sight
High above my life
I will trust in You alone

Where You go, I'll go
Where You stay, I'll stay

When You move, I'll move
I will follow You

Who You love, I'll love
How You serve, I'll serve
If this life I lose,
I will follow You
I will follow You

Light into the world
Light into my life
I will live for You alone

You're the One I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone
In You alone

Where You go, I'll go
Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move
I will follow You

Who You love, I'll love
How You serve, I'll serve
If this life I lose,
I will follow You

I will follow You

In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy
And I will follow

Where You go, I'll go
Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move
I will follow

Who You love, I'll love
How You serve, I'll serve
If this life I lose,
I will follow

Where You go, I'll go
Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move
I will follow You

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