

HOLY COMMUNION: *Setting Four, April 11, 2021 - modified*

2nd Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

PRELUDE & RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETING

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

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Song:

“You, You, You”

You, you, you, You can trust God.
You can take Him at His word.
And give Him your heart.

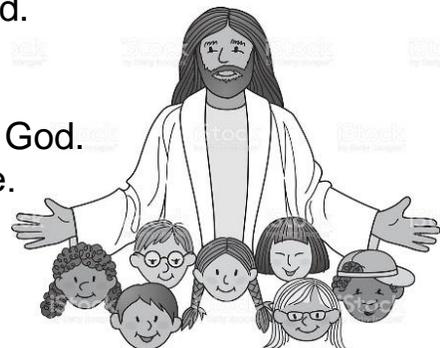
You, you, you, You can trust God.
It doesn't matter who you are.
You can trust God.

You don't have to be the fastest, strongest.
You don't have to hold your breath the longest.
You don't have to be a star.
It doesn't matter who you are.
Raise your hands and repeat after me:
You can trust God-Definitely!
You can trust God-Definitely!

You, you, you, You can trust God.
You can trust Him at His word.
And give Him your heart.

You, you, you, You can trust God.
It doesn't matter who you are.
You can trust God.

(song repeats)



CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS - *responsive*

A As we journey by faith in our world, let us acknowledge our sins and failures before God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

A For our indifference toward His presence in our midst,

C We confess to you, Lord.

A For our desire to control the time and seasons of our own destinies,

C We confess to you, Lord.

For our injustices toward others – those we know and those we don't know,

C We confess to you, Lord.

A For lack of concern for those who will come after us,

C We confess to you, Lord.

A In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all of our sins. To those of us who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on us the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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Crown him with many crowns the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

KYRIE (*following*)

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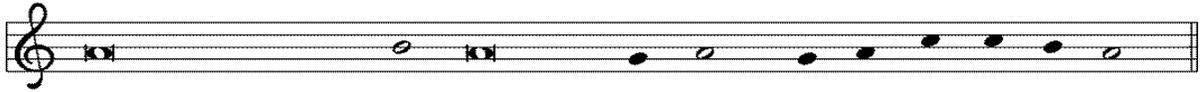
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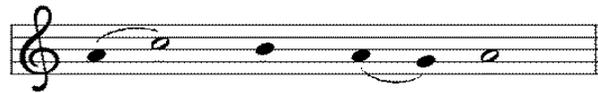
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



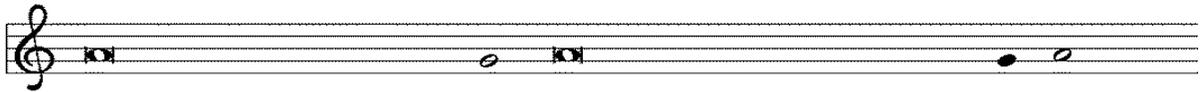
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



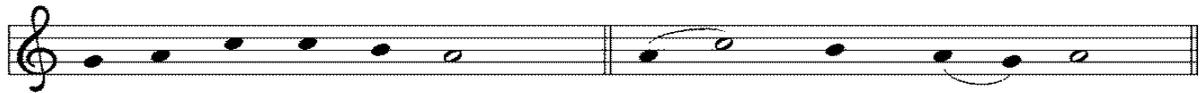
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



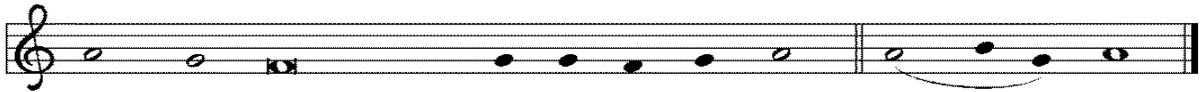
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

(Assisting Minister)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOD'S WORD

HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

¹⁹When 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 for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

The reading is concluded: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

(Assisting Minister)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – April 11, 2021

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! We are 'Easter People'. Because Christ lives, so will we! With grateful hearts, we give thanks to our God for the free gift of salvation given to all who believe, as we pray:

Gracious God, you allowed your Son, Jesus, to die on a cross like a common criminal in order that his sacrifice would save all of your people – past, present and future. He died and rose for us. We humbly thank You and recommit ourselves to You. Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Gracious God, you are the Great Physician in all of our lives. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the corona virus, healing all who are sick with this virus. Give courage and strength to all of us through this time. Lord in Your Mercy...**Hear Our Prayer.**

Gracious God, continue to equip our church council, our church committees and the whole congregation in carrying out the ministries of Your Church. Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for the sick, the homebound, those grieving loved ones who have died, those on our church prayer list and those we lift up this morning, either silently or out loud... Lord in Your Mercy...
Hear Our Prayer.

Faithful God, hear the prayers of your people today and always. **Amen!**

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS

The sick & recuperating:

Ashley Rubert (*Chris Snook's friend*)
Baby Mason (*Brenda Pedersen's friend's infant*)
Camille Miller
Dale Teschler (*Krista's father*)
Diana Gabriel
Don Hinz
Jackie Hicks (*Hartman's neighbor*)
Joe Bokano (*Roger's brother*)
Kassidy Carter (*Tinson's cousin*)
Lind Family
Minister Enoch
Rachel Pedersen (*Brenda's daughter*)
Rosalind (*Hartman's neighbor*)

The homebound: Marie Johansson

The family of: Brent Osborn (*Kathi Bokano's friend/neighbor*)

Thanksgiving: for Kennedy Raine LaPointe (*newborn daughter of Allison & David, sister of Olivia, granddaughter of Paul & Linda Meteyer & great-granddaughter of Lorraine Meteyer*)

Other concerns: *All Medical Professionals, All Caregivers*

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

THE MEAL

(Assisting Minister) **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of love,
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(responsive)*

A God of our ancestors, friend in our midst,
your children come before you.
Here is food! Here is drink!
These things are yours before they are ours.

Now we are making a feast, but it is a thanksgiving:
God, we are thanking you.
With our ancestors in faith and all the hosts in heaven,
O God, we thank you and rejoice.
This food - we shall eat it in your honor!
This drink - we shall drink it in your honor!

A We thank you for giving us life.

C We thank you!

A We thank you for giving us freedom.

C We thank you!

A We thank you for bringing us peace.

C We thank you!

A We thank you for the one who bore our sins upon the cross.

C We thank you!

A We thank you for the one who brought us over from death to life.

C We thank you!

A Father, send the Spirit of life, The Spirit of power and fruitfulness.
With the Spirit's breath, speak your word into these things.
Give us who eat and drink the living body and the lifeblood of Jesus,
life and power and fruitfulness of heart and body.

Give us true communion with your Son.

P On the night of his suffering,
he gave thanks for the bread that he held in his hands.
This bread he shared among his followers, saying:
'All of you, take this, eat this;
it is my body, handed over for you.
Do this and remember me.'

C The body of Christ! Amen.

P Then he shared drink with them, saying:
'All of you, take this, drink this; it is my blood, the blood of the
new covenant that begins now and lasts forever.
This blood is poured out for you and for all people so that sins
may be taken away. Do this and remember me.'

C The blood of Christ! Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Come, for all is prepared.

Amen.

COMMUNION

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen us and keep us in His grace.

Amen.

(Assisting Minister)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with great favor and give... us peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Go Now in Peace”

by Nancy Price & Don Besig

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

Thanks be to God.