

APRIL 11, 2021 BLENDED

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN – Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia LSB 463

Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead, Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

P: As Jesus greeted His early disciples gathered in the small upper room, He greets us today, gathered in this place of worship: "Peace," He says. "Peace be with you."

C: Sometimes, Lord, our lives seem frustrating and meaningless, and we feel so helpless to do anything about it.

P: We had high expectation, and they've been dashed.

C: We get tired and anxious.

P: We lose the ability to care.

C: Like Thomas, we believe everything is lost. Please forgive us our sins and bless us with faith to see us through our doubts.

P: As a called servant of the Lord, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father, the risen Son and the Holy Spirit. May the Lord use this day to truly open ourselves to Your Word and to experience Your presence and Your power and Your peace.

C: Amen.

RESPONSE – You Are My All in All Celebration Hymnal 583

You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek,
You are my all in all;
Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord to give up I'd be a fool,
You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name;
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

**Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again, I bless Your name.
You are my all in all;
When I fall down, You pick me up, when I am dry, you fill my cup,
You are my all in all.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name;
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name;
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name,
Worthy is Your name, worthy is Your name.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING – 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

⁴Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

⁶And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if He calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for Your servant hears.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING – James 2:14-19

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL – John 20:24-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them, when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him,

C: “We have seen the Lord”.

P: But he said to them,

C: “Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe.”

P: Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, 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; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas answered him,

C: “My Lord and my God!”

P: Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Sunday) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

MESSAGE HYMN – O Sons and Daughters of the King LSB 470
O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav’ly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**When Thomas first the tidings heard that they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**"My pierced side, O Thomas, see, and look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God! He cried.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**How blest are they who have not seen and yet whose faith has constant been
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**MESSAGE – "I Still Believe – Yes, Lord"
Pastor Justin Krupsky**

**RESPONSE - 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.**

**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.**

**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.
Lord, I lift Your name on high.**

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

CLOSING HYMN – Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven LSB 477
Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, alleluia! Death at last has met defeat;
See the ancient pow'rs of evil in confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried: now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia to the triune Majesty!

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia**

POSTLUDE