

We worship on the first day of the week because our Savior was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

GATHERING

Congregational Responses in Bold Print

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Variations on Duke Street* HOPSON

CONFESSION

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, healer of our every ill, source of unending mercy.
Amen.*

*Embraced in enduring grace and good hope, let us turn again to God, confessing the truth
about ourselves.*

Silence is kept for reflection.

**Merciful God, we come before you, beloved but broken. We have not always treated
others as we would want them to treat us. We have not always called out injustice and
abuse. We have not always been kind to ourselves. We have not always taken care of
the world we share with other living creatures. Remind us of who we are, beloved
children bathed in your love. Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people,
bringing healing to the brokenness around us. Amen.**

*At every moment you are held in existence by the love of God, renewed by the Spirit within
and among you, and made alive again in Christ. Receive this assurance in Jesus' name:
you are ☩ forgiven and freed to live for the healing of the world.*

HYMN #436 *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying* WACHET AUF

GREETING

*Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
And also with you.*



☒ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

II you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM (10:45): *Amen, Praise the lord*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Job 19: 23-27a

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

²³“O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! ²⁵For I know that my redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; ²⁶and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, ^{27a}whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17

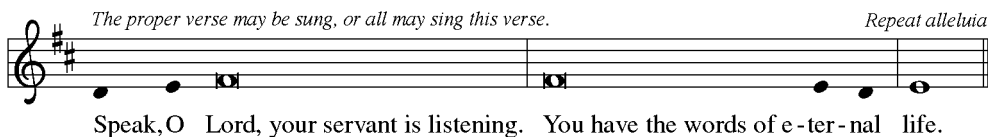
Paul writes to encourage the church at Thessalonica in a time of confusion and opposition. Here, the confusion concerned the return of Christ. Paul writes to those who were allowing their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

¹As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 20th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: Luke 20: 27-38

The Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God, to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

²⁷Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸and asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *Rev. Robert Cochran*

HYMN OF THE DAY #619 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* DUKE STREET

APOSTLES CREED

With voices united, 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.

THE PRAYERS

United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

...Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in hope, we lift our prayers to you, most gracious Lord, trusting that you have received them in your care. Amen.

MEAL

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

*The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.
Share the peace!*

OFFERING *Wachet Auf* FERGUSEN

OFFERTORY



☐ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus' name. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff has a repeat sign at the end. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Detailed description: This block contains five staves of music in G major. The melody is more complex than the first hymn, featuring some dotted rhythms and longer note values. The lyrics are written below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The fifth staff ends with a double bar line.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

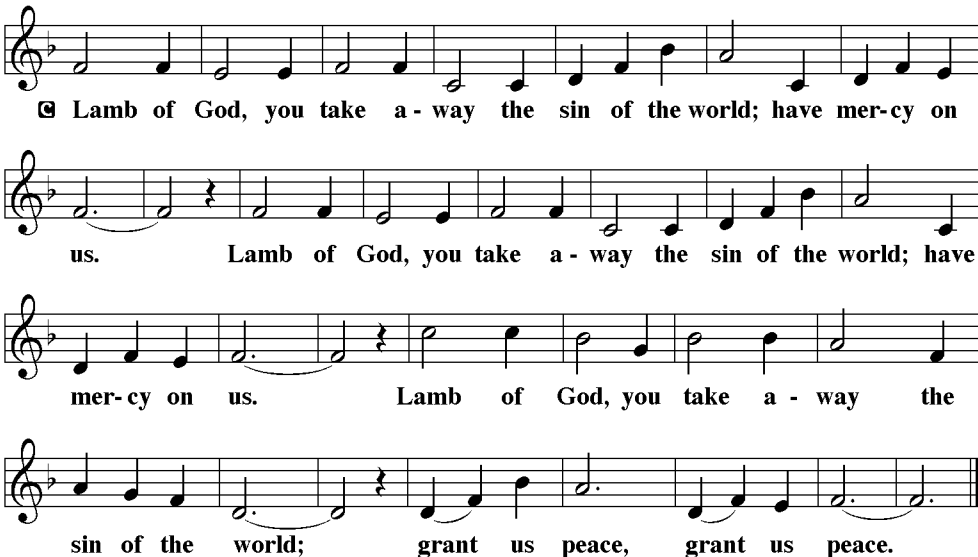
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God keeps adding places to the table. Come to the banquet that has no end!

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

#471 *Let Us Break Bread Together* BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. We thank you, God our host, for inviting us here to taste the future when you will feed all the hungry at your table. Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities, so that we might bring hope to a suffering world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

Signed and sealed by the Holy Spirit, you are Christ's message of love for this troubled world, written by the same Sender. May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ~~+~~ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. Amen.

HYMN: #547 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* THE ASH GROVE

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* KERR

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