

The Apostles on Trial Before the Sanhedrin



Second Sunday of Easter

SERVICE OF THE WORD - 27 April 2025

THE GATHERING

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests

{Congregational responses are in Bold/Italics}

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it...Praise the Lord!

The Lord's Name be praised...

Let us pray...Eternal God, in your perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, and there is no strength but the strength of love. So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as your children; to you be dominion and glory, now and forever. AMEN

HYMN

"All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name"

#057

vss. 1, 3, 5,6

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray...

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. AMEN

ABSOLUTION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the GOOD NEWS! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a New Creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that Through the Grace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, freely given, without a cost to you, you are forgiven. Give thanks - and be at peace...AMEN

Holy Scripture

THE APOCALYPTIC LESSON -Rev 1.4-7

John [writes] to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. **AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING - Psalm 150

Praise the LORD!
Praise God in His sanctuary;
Praise Him in His mighty firmament!
Praise Him for His mighty deeds;
Praise Him according to His surpassing greatness!
Praise Him with trumpet sound;
Praise Him with lute and harp!

Praise Him with tambourine and dance;
Praise Him with strings and pipe!
Praise Him with clanging cymbals;
Praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes,
Praise the **LORD!** Praise the **LORD!**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON - Acts 5.27-32

When the [temple police] had brought them, ["the Jewish authorities"] had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name [of Jesus], yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging Him on a tree. God exalted Him at His right hand as Leader and Savior that He might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins, and we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Authority"

Pastor Larry

CONFESSION OF FAITH -

In life and in death we recognize that we belong - totally - to the all-sovereign Triune God. Through the Grace of God, our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Love of our God, our Father, and the communion of our God, their Holy Spirit, we completely trust in the One Triune God, the Holy One of Israel, Whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ Who is both fully human and fully God. We trust in the God that not only we, but Jesus Himself, called Abba, Father. God our Father, in sovereign love, through the Mediation of the Son and with the Power of

The Holy Spirit created the Cosmos - including our planet and all it contains - good. Every human being was made equal in God's eyes before Him, each being made either male or female; this is not to say that human beings are equal to God - far from it! Yet as each one in was created God's own image, of every race and people, to live as one community, we are all equal in God's sight. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the Giver and Renewer of Life. The Spirit justifies us by Grace through Faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to Love God and neighbour, and binds us together with all believers in all times and all places in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the Prophets and Apostles rules our Faith and Life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the Waters of Baptism, feeds us with the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation, and still Calls women and men to all ministries of the church. MARANATHA! AMEN

OFFERING, DOXOLOGY, PRAYER

HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together" #330

The Eucharist

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 Him thanks and praise...

You called us to s as our God. You made the union of husband and wife a sign of Your covenant with Your people. Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your Name: love and serve You, but we turned against You to follow our own ways. Yet You did not forsake us, for Your love is unfailing in every age. You bound Yourself to us with a covenant, claiming us as Your people, and promising faithfulness singing:

All Creatures of our God and King!
Lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam;
Thou silver moon with softer beam,
O-oh praise Him! O-oh praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

and the

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

and

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray...

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; forgive us our
debts, as we forgive our debtors; lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the
Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever. AMEN.
Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

COMMUNION

HYMN "Blessed Assurance" #362

THE DISMISSAL

Go in Peace and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

*Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on Earth, Peace that was meant to be;
With God as our Father, brothers all are we;
Let me walk with my brothers in perfect harmony!*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now;
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally*

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please give any prayer requests to Pastor Larry.

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