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Worship Gathering  
4th Sunday of Easter  
April 22, 2018

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*Gathering as the Body*

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## Announcements and Welcome

### Opening Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

There is one Body and one Spirit;

**There is one hope in God's call to us;**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**One God and Father of all.**

### Song: 10,000 Reasons

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing your song again

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

*Bless the Lord, bless the Lord, oh my soul*

*Oh my soul, worship his holy name*

*Sing like never before, oh my soul*

*I'll worship your holy name*

You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger

Your name is great, and your heart is kind

For all your goodness i will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore

## The Collect

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Blessing of the Children

Let's bless one another as we continue to worship:

Adults: **The Lord be with you as you worship**

Kids: **And also with you.**

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*Listening for the Word*

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## Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your gospel is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

## Scripture Reading *Acts 4:5-12*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Bless the Lord, bless the Lord, oh my soul*

*Oh my soul, worship his holy name*

*Sing like never before, oh my soul*

*I'll worship your holy name*

## Responsive Psalm Reading *Psalm 23*

The Lord is my shepherd,

I lack nothing.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures,**

**he leads me beside quiet waters,**

**he refreshes my soul.**

He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

**Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.**

**+ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## Scripture Reading *1 John 3:16-24*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Bless the Lord, bless the Lord, oh my soul*

*Oh my soul, worship his holy name*

*Sing like never before, oh my soul*

*I'll worship your holy name*

## Gospel Reading *John 10:11-18*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

...The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of Response

Father, thank you for showing me that real love looks like Jesus.  
Help me to live into this real love identity when \_\_\_\_\_.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

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*Communing at the Table*

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## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him all creatures here below

Praise him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen

## Prayers Around the Table

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!**

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*(sung together)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died!**

**Christ is risen!**

**Christ will come again!**

... + Sanctify us also, that we may faithfully receive...

...Because you are one with us, O Christ,  
make us one with you as we pray the prayer you taught us:

*(sung together)*

**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.**

...Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*All are welcome to come to the Lord's table. Come with open hands to receive the bread, dip it in the wine, and feed on Christ's presence, with thanksgiving.*

*If you are not a baptized Christian, you may come with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing (and let us know if you'd like to be baptized).*

## Song: Remembrance

Oh, how could it be  
That my God would welcome me  
Into this mystery  
Say take this bread, take this wine  
Now the simple made divine  
For any to receive

*By Your mercy we come to Your table  
By Your grace You are making us faithful*

*Lord, we remember You  
And remembrance leads us to worship  
And as we worship You  
Our worship leads to communion  
We respond to Your invitation  
We remember You*

See His body, His blood  
Know that He has overcome  
Every trial we will face  
None too lost to be saved  
None too broken or ashamed  
All are welcome in this place

Dying You destroyed our death  
Rising You restored our life  
Lord Jesus, come in glory

## **Song: I Am Set Free**

You broke my chains of sin and shame  
And You covered me with grace  
You mend my life with Your holy fire  
You cover me with grace

And You are the hand that reaches out to save

*I am set free, oh - I am set free, oh  
It is for freedom that I am set free*

Yes Lord we are grateful for Your grace and for Your love

## **Song: Open Up**

You heard the cry of our hearts  
And You came down  
Freely You gave us Your love  
Showing us how

Make me an instrument of Your peace  
Where there is hatred let me sow love  
Where there is darkness let me shine light and

May Your love cause us to open up  
Cause us to open up our hearts  
May Your light cause us to shine so bright  
That we bring hope into the dark

All that we do without love  
It means nothing  
Grant us the courage to give  
As You're calling

Hope for the hopeless, Your love is  
Strength in our weakness, Your love is  
May we love, as You love

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Sending

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Sending and Blessing

The worship is over! The service has begun!  
Receive the benediction:

Go now with your trust in the good shepherd,  
and let us love, not just in words,  
but in truth and action.

Believe in the name of Jesus Christ,  
and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

And may God be at your side, even in valleys of death.  
May Christ Jesus be the cornerstone of your life.  
And may the Holy Spirit abide in you  
and tend you with love and mercy all the days of your life.

+ In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

