



# 11:00 *Our Savior's* *Divine Worship*

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

✠ IN JESUS' NAME ✠

*Pre-Service Music & the Ringing of the Bells*

**CHOIR ANTHEMS**

*“I am Not My Own”  
“I Believe”*

*Words of Welcome*

*New Member Installation*

*Trecia Oster*

*Gathering Song*

*“Alive Forever Amen”*

Let the children sing  
A song of liberation  
The God of our salvation  
Set us free

Death where is thy sting  
The curse of sin is broken  
The empty tomb stands open  
Come and see

He's alive alive alive Hallelujah  
alive praise and glory to the Lamb  
Alive alive alive hallelujah  
Alive forever amen

Let my heart sing out  
For Christ the One and only  
So powerful and holy  
Rescued me

Death won't hurt me now  
Because He has redeemed me  
No grave will ever keep me  
From my King

He's alive alive alive  
Hallelujah  
alive praise and glory to the Lamb  
Alive alive alive hallelujah  
Alive forever amen

alive alive alive  
Hallelujah  
alive praise and glory to the Lamb  
Alive alive alive hallelujah  
Alive forever amen

Worthy is the Lamb  
Worthy of our praise  
Worthy is the One  
Who has overcome  
the grave  
Let the people dance  
Let the people sing  
Worthy is the mighty King

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Alive forever amen  
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Alive forever amen

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### *Invocation, Confession and Absolution*

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: And God said, "Let there be light,"

**C: and there was light.** (*Genesis 1:3*)

P: All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death.

**C: We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.** (*Romans 6:3-4*)  
*(There is silence to call to mind your sins.)*

P: Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

**C: Yes, I do.**

P: Do you renounce the devil?

**C: Yes, I renounce him.**

P: Do you renounce all his works?

**C: Yes, I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce all his ways?

**C: Yes, I renounce them.**

P: Do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserved His wrath and punishment, and do you heartily repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed?

**C: Yes, I do so confess and repent.**

P: "You...must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." (*Romans 6:11*) Therefore, upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto you all. And in the stead and by the command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I therefore, forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### *First Reading*

*Acts 8:26-40*

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## *Epistle*

*1 John 4:1-11*

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood. Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## *Praise Song*

*“Jesus Loves Me”*

I was lost, I was in chains  
The world had a hold of me

My heart was a stone  
I was covered in shame  
When He came for me

I couldn't run couldn't run from His presence  
I couldn't run couldn't run from His arms

Jesus He loves me  
He loves me He is for me  
Jesus how can it be  
He loves me He is for me

It was a fire  
deep in my soul  
I'll never be the same  
I stepped out of the dark  
and into the light  
When He called my name

I couldn't run couldn't run  
from His presence  
I couldn't run couldn't run  
from His arms

Jesus He loves me  
He loves me  
He is for me  
Jesus  
how can it be  
He loves me  
He is for me

He holds the stars  
and He holds my heart  
With healing hands  
that bear the scars  
The rugged cross  
where He died for me  
My only hope, my ev'rything

Jesus He loves me  
He loves me oh  
Jesus how can it be  
He loves me  
He is for me

He loves me  
He is for me  
My God it's amazing oh  
Jesus loves me

## *Holy Gospel*

John 15:1-8

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## *Easter Creed*

I believe as the Bible states that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary. I believe that Christ died for my sins, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day, and that He appeared to Mary Magdalene, and then to His disciples. After that, He appeared to more than five hundred at the same time. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. As the resurrected One, Christ Jesus is my living hope. He now reigns as my King and promises to come again to judge those who do not believe and to give resurrected eternal life to those who do. This is the saving faith that lives in me.

## *Sermon Song*

***“I Believe”***

I believe there is one salvation  
One doorway that leads to life  
One redemption, one confession  
I believe in the name of Jesus Christ

I believe in the crucifixion  
By His blood, I have been set free  
I believe in the resurrection  
Hallelujah, His life is death's defeat

All praise to God the Father  
All praise to Christ the Son  
All praise to the Holy Spirit  
Our God has overcome

The King who was and is and evermore will be  
In Jesus mighty name, I believe

I believe, I believe

I believe in the hope of Heaven  
He's preparing a place for me  
Far beyond what hearts imagine  
Ears have heard or eyes have seen

I believe that a day is coming  
He's returning to claim His bride  
Light the altar, keep it burning  
See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion

All praise to God the Father  
All praise to Christ the Son  
All praise to the Holy Spirit  
Our God has overcome

The King who was and is  
and evermore will be  
In Jesus mighty name, I believe  
Oh, I believe in You

No, I'll never be ashamed  
of the gospel of Jesus Christ  
How could I ever walk away  
from the One who saved my life?

No, I'll never be ashamed  
of the gospel of Jesus Christ  
How could I ever walk away  
from the One who saved my life?



Oh, no, I'll never be ashamed  
of the gospel of Jesus Christ  
How could I ever walk away  
from the One who saved my life?

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All praise to the Holy Spirit  
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In Jesus mighty name, I believe

And all praise to God the Father  
All praise to Christ the Son  
All praise to the Holy Spirit  
Our God has overcome

The King who was and is  
and evermore will be  
In Jesus mighty name, I believe  
In Jesus mighty name, I believe  
I believe, I believe  
I believe, I believe

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### ***Kid's Connection***

*Children (3yrs–2<sup>nd</sup> grade) are invited to follow the Cross-to attend our children's church. They will return following the sermon.*

### ***Message***

***“Abide in Me”***  
**John 15:1-8**

# *We Offer Our Thanks To Our Savior*

## *Musical Offering*

***“All To You”***

You called me Lord  
You know my name  
I'm standing now I'm not ashamed

I've searched and came up empty  
This world has nothing for me  
You are my One and Only

I'm living my life for You  
I'm giving ev'rything to You  
Not holding back but ev'ry part  
I'm giving it all to You  
Giving it all to You

You are the Lord of all I am  
I'll never be the same again  
I've searched and came up empty  
This world has nothing for me  
You are my One and Only

I'm living my life for You  
I'm giving ev'rything to You  
Not holding back  
but ev'ry part  
I'm giving it all to You

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I'm giving it all to You

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## *Prayers & Lord's Prayer*

## *Consecration of Holy Communion*

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

C: **And also with you.**

## *Distribution of the Supper*

### *Distribution Song*

#### ***“Resurrection Hymn See What a Morning”***

See what a morning gloriously bright  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem  
Folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light  
As the angels announce Christ is risen

See God's salvation plan wrought in love  
Borne in pain paid in sacrifice  
Fulfilled in Christ the Man for He lives  
Christ is risen from the dead

See Mary weeping where is He laid  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb  
Hears a voice speaking calling her name  
It's the Master the Lord raised to life again

The voice that spans the years  
Speaking life stirring hope  
bringing peace to us  
Will sound till He appears  
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

One with the Father Ancient of Days  
Through the Spirit who clothes  
faith with certainty  
Honour and blessing glory and praise  
To the King crowned with  
power and authority

And we are raised with Him  
Death is dead love has won  
Christ has conquered  
And we shall reign with Him  
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

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## *Distribution Song*

*“All Because”*

Giver of ev'ry breath I breathe  
Author of all eternity  
Giver of ev'ry perfect thing  
To You be the glory.

Maker of heaven and of earth  
No one can comprehend Your worth  
King over all the universe  
To You be the glory.

And I am alive because I'm alive in You  
And it's all because of Jesus I'm alive  
It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ  
Covers me and raised this dead man's life  
It's all because of Jesus I'm alive,  
I'm alive, I'm alive.

Giver of ev'ry breath I breathe  
Author of all eternity  
Giver of ev'ry perfect thing To You be the glory.

Maker of heaven and of earth  
No one can comprehend Your worth  
King over all the universe  
To You be the glory.

And I am alive because I'm alive in You  
And it's all because of Jesus I'm alive  
It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ  
Covers me and raised this dead man's life  
It's all because of Jesus.

Ev'ry sunrise sings Your praise  
The universe cries out Your praise  
I'm singing freedom all my days  
Now that I'm alive.

And it's all because of Jesus I'm alive  
It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ  
Covers me and raised this dead man's life  
It's all because of Jesus.

And it's all because of Jesus I'm alive  
It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ  
Covers me and raised this dead man's life  
It's all because of Jesus.

And it's all because of Jesus I'm alive  
It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ  
Covers me and raised this dead man's life  
It's all because of Jesus I'm alive.

And it's all because of you  
Yeah it's all because of you  
And it's all because of you  
Yeah it's all because of you.

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## *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## *The Blessing*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

## *Sending Song*

## *“Happy Day”*

The greatest day in history

Death is beaten

You have rescued me

Sing it out

Jesus is alive

The empty cross the empty grave

Life eternal You have won the day

Shout it out Jesus is alive He's alive

Oh happy day happy day

You washed my sin away

Oh happy day happy day

I'll never be the same

Oh no – Forever I am changed

When I stand in that place

Free at last meeting face to face

I am Yours Jesus You are mine

Endless joy perfect peace

Earthly pain finally will cease

Celebrate Jesus is alive (Yeah)

He's alive

Oh happy day happy day

You washed my sin away

oh happy day happy day

I'll never be the same

Oh no – Forever I am changed

And Oh what a glorious day  
What a glorious way  
That You have saved me  
And oh what a glorious day  
What a glorious name  
(Yeah)

Oh happy day happy day  
You washed my sin away  
Oh happy day happy day  
I'll never be the same  
Oh happy day happy day  
You washed my sin away

Oh happy day happy day  
I'll never be the same  
Oh no - Forever I am changed  
What a glorious glorious day  
I'll never be the same  
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L: He is Risen!

C: **He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

✘ **ALL GLORY TO GOD ALONE** ✘