

Easter 2 Service April 19, 2020

Gathering Rite for the Easter Season

This gathering rite is based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, people's book, page 97.

This form of Gathering — a Thanksgiving for Baptism followed by the sharing of the Peace — is suggested for the Easter season, just as a Penitential Order was suggested for the Lenten season. In this way, the customary order of Confession-and-Absolution may be seasonally replicated: a season of penitence, followed by a season of rejoicing in the peace and absolution of the risen Christ. The Confession-and-Absolution are not used after the Prayers of the People if this form of the Gathering is used, and the Greeting of Peace may be used (as shown here) before the Collect of the Day, or after the Prayers of the People, but not in both places during the same liturgy.

Gathering of the Community

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,

we are raised to new life in the Spirit.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font while the presider gives thanks, saying,

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel
out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,
to lead us, through his death and resurrection,
from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son,
we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism
may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The officiant greets the people:

We are the body of Christ; in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn: CP #379 – Rejoice, the Lord Is King

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2. Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He has purged our stains,
He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3. His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

4. He sits at God's righ hand
Till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command,
And fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

5. Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:
We soon shall hear
The arch – an – gel's voice;
The trump of God
Shall sound, rejoice!

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The Lord is our light and our life.

O come, let us worship.

Christ our Passover *(BAS, p. 50)*

(1 Corinthians 5.7–8; Romans 6.9–11; 1 Corinthians 15.20–22)

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia!

Christ has been raised from the dead, *

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *

so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!

The Proclamation of the Word

Psalm 16 *(BAS, p. 719)*

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *

upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods *

shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, *

nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *

it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *

indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *

my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me; *

because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *

my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, *

nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; *

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 14a, 22-32)

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The word of the Lord. (or Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.)

Thanks be to God.

Canticle: You Are God (*BAS, p. 94*)

You are God: we praise you;

you are the Lord: we acclaim you;

you are the eternal Father:

all creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

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

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise you;

the noble fellowship of the prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

Father, of majesty unbounded,

your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,

and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of Glory,

the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free

you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come, and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,

bought with the price of your own blood,

and bring us with your saints

to glory everlasting.

The second appointed reading is read, the reader first saying

A reading from the first letter of Peter (1 Peter 1:3-9)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith

for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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OR

Une lecture tirée de la première de Pierre (I Pierre 1:3-9)

Béniissons Dieu, le Père de notre Seigneur Jésus Christ ! Dans sa grande bonté, il nous a fait naître à une vie nouvelle, en ressuscitant Jésus Christ d'entre les morts. C'est pour que nous ayons une espérance vivante, en attendant l'héritage que Dieu réserve aux siens. Cet héritage ne peut être ni détruit ni sali et il ne peut pas perdre son éclat. Dieu vous le réserve dans les cieux, à vous que sa puissance garde par la foi, en vue du salut prêt à être révélé au moment de la fin. Débordez de joie, même s'il faut que, maintenant, vous soyez attristés pour un peu de temps par des épreuves de toute sorte. L'or lui-même, qui pourrait être détruit, est pourtant éprouvé par le feu ; de même votre foi, beaucoup plus précieuse que l'or, est mise à l'épreuve afin de prouver sa valeur. C'est ainsi que vous recevrez louange, gloire et honneur quand Jésus Christ se révélera. Vous l'aimez, même sans l'avoir vu ; vous mettez votre foi en lui, même sans le voir encore ; c'est pourquoi vous débordez d'une joie inexprimable, déjà glorieuse, car vous atteignez le but de votre foi : le salut de votre être !

La parole du Seigneur. / Ici se termine la lecture.

Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.

The Song of Zechariah (*BAS, p. 88*)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship him without fear, *

holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

to give his people knowledge of salvation *

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the Apostle John (John 20:19-31)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, 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. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A period of silence may follow.

Reflection

Apostles' Creed *(BAS, p. 66)*

Let us confess our faith as we say,

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
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.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Let us join in prayer with God's faithful people throughout the world, saying "God of Love: hear our prayer."

We pray for the unity of your church, that our life may reflect the love you have shown us.
God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We ask your grace for *N* our bishop, [*N* our priest,] and for all who minister in word and in action, that we may bear faithful witness to your good news.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We seek your peace and justice in our world, our country, and our community, that the needy may never be forgotten.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We ask your blessing on our homes, our friends and family, and on those who live alone, that we may know your presence ever near us.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We name before you all whom you have given us to pray for [especially....], knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can ask or imagine.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to you all who have died [especially....], that our trust in you may deepen as you keep them safe in your care.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We offer our thanks and praise for all you have done for us, rejoicing in the knowledge that you are with us always.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We look for your purposes to be accomplished, and ask you to fill us with the strength and vision to further your reign.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

General Thanksgiving (*BAS, p. 129*)

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise
for all you have done for us.

We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation,
for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life,
and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,
and for the loving care
which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us tasks
which demand our best efforts,
and for leading us to accomplishments
which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures
that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;
for the truth of his word and the example of his life;
for his steadfast obedience,

by which he overcame temptation;
for his dying, through which he overcame death;
for his rising to life again,

in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit,

that we may know Christ and make him known;
and through him, at all times and in all places,
may give thanks to you in all things. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day *(BAS p. 336)*

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

OR

Collecte du jour

Prions.

Dieu tout-puissant et éternel, force de toute personne qui croit en toi et espérance de celle qui doute, fais que nous, qui n'avons pas vu, ayons la foi et recevions la bénédiction du Christ dans sa plénitude, lui qui vit et règne avec toi, un seul Dieu, pour les siècles des siècles.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn: CP #423 – How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God,

When I in awesome wonder

Consider all

The works Thy Hand hath made,

I see the stars,

I hear the mighty thunder,

Thy pow'r throughout

The universe displayed,

2. When through the woods

And forest glades I wander

I hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze, [Refrain]

Refrain:
Then sings my soul,
My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!

3. But when I think
That God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die,
I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross,
My burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died
To take away my sin;

4. When Christ shall come,
With shouts of acclamation,
And claim his own,
What joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim,
"My God, how great Thou art!" [Refrain]

Text: Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989), inspired by Swedish text by Carl Gustav Boberg (1859-1940)

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!