

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

P: Jesus said, “I am the Resurrection and I am life. Come forth and confess your sins to God and one another, that you may receive forgiveness and the promise of life.

**C: Amen! Let it be so!**

--*Silence for Reflection--*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

P: God of the Living, and not of the dead:

**C: You call us to be your voices in this world**

**and we stay silent.**

**You call us to be your hands in this world**

**and we keep them hidden.**

**You call us to be your feet in this world**

**and we go our own way.**

**When we meet those who are doubting**

**and say nothing, forgive us.**

**When we meet those who need your touch**

**and do nothing, forgive us.**

**When we are called to take up your cross**

**and carry nothing, forgive us.**

**Breathe life into these bones**

**bring freedom to these lives**

**that we might declare**

**with heart and soul and voice**

**that you are our Lord and our God. Amen.**

P:If God kept track of all our mistakes—

the harmful things we say and do,

the callous way we sometimes treat the people around us,

the selfishness that puts our needs ahead of the needs of others—

if God kept track, what chance would we have?

But with unfailing love, God offers us forgiveness—

complete forgiveness that erases our sins completely,

and allows us to begin again.

So be at peace – your sins are forgiven!

**C: Praise be to God!**

**OPENING SONG “You Are My All In All”**

You are my strength when I am weak  
You are the treasure that I seek  
You are my all in all  
Seeking You as a precious jewel  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool  
You are my all in all

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame  
Rising again I bless Your name  
You are my all in all  
When I fall down You pick me up  
When I am dry You fill my cup  
You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your name  
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Worthy is Your name

You are my strength when I am weak  
You are the treasure that I seek  
You are my all in all  
Seeking You as a precious jewel  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool  
You are my all in all…

**GREETING**

A: Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and I am life.

**C: Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.**

A: I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

**C: I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I hold the keys to hell and death.**

A: Because I live,

**C: You shall live also.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE “Now the Feast and Celebration”**

Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joyto the God of life and love and freedom: praise and glory for evermore!Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God.Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ for ever.For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Let us pray:

**C: And also with you.**

A: Almighty God,

**C: your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death.**

**Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit,**

**that we may be raised to new life in Christ**

**and serve you in righteousness all our days,**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,**

**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING**: **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

**16**From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view;[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Corinthians+5&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-28878b)] even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view,[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Corinthians+5&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-28878c)] we know him no longer in that way. **17**So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! **18**All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; **19**that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Corinthians+5&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-28881d)] not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. **20**So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. **21**For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Word of God, Word of Life!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**THE GOSPEL: John 20:1-16**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. 2So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

3So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. 4Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.5He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. 6Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. 8Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) 10Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

11Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb 12and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

13They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” 14At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

15He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

16Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

P: The Gospel of the risen Lord!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON “New Normal”**

**HYMN Step By Step**

Oh God, You are my God

And I will ever praise You

Oh God, You are my God

And I will ever praise You

I will seek You in the morning

And I will learn to walk in Your ways

And step by step You'll lead me

And I will follow You all of my days

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**APOSTLE’S CREED**

**C: 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 into hell.\***

**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,**

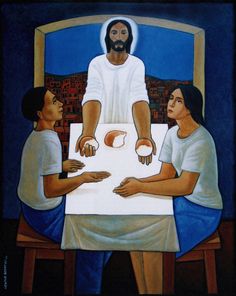
**and the life everlasting. Amen**

**the prayers of the church**

**THE PEACE**

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

**C: And also with you.**



**CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST**

P: 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 in remembrance of me.

P: 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 in remembrance of me.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

P: Source of life, and breath, and being,

**C: breathe into the dry dust of our existence.**

**Nourished in body by bread and wine,**

**may we work to break the barriers**

**that divide us from one another and from you.**

**In the love that sustains us, and the Spirit that animates us,**

**may we give all thanks and praise to you, O God of all.  Amen.**

**DISMISAL AND BLESSING**

P: God invites us into his future,

where the one who makes all things new has made his home among us.

P: We are called and chosen,

together embraced by the God in whom tears,

mourning, crying, pain and even death will be no more.

Remember God’s future, for this is our story.

Our Lord says, “See, I am coming soon!”

**C: Come, Lord Jesus!  Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN Lift High the Cross**

Refrain)  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.  
  
1. Come, Christians, follow where the Master trod,  
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.  
  
2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.  
  
3. Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
  
4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
your death has brought us life eternally.  
  
5. So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory!

**DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

