



Gathering Song

I bow my knee

Rob and Debbie Eastwood

Resurrection Choir

I bow my knee, I give myself as a living sacrifice for you.
I lay me down before your throne.
Take my past; I will stand for you.
Let your blood wash over me, let your blood wash over me;
You have cleansed my heart and set my spirit free.

You are my Lord, I'll love you more,
I'll follow you, no matter when, no matter where.
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The Word of God

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Song of Praise

Hymnal 1982 – 205

Gelobt sei Gott

Good Christians all rejoice and sing

Courtney Steinberg, soprano

1. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Now is the triumph of our King!

To all the world glad news we bring:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. The Lord of life is risen today!

Sing songs of praise along his way;

let all the earth rejoice and say:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

The Gospel

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 20:19-31

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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Reverend Jim Bernacki

The Nicene Creed

Officiant and People

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

From Praying the Scriptures, by Jeremiah D. Williamson

Intercessor: Brothers and sisters, peace be with you. Let us pray to our merciful Lord, saying, “Our Lord and our God, *have mercy on us.*”

Lord Jesus Christ, you have given your Church the gift of your Holy Spirit. May that same Spirit comfort and strengthen us as we proclaim your resurrection to the world. *Silence*

Our Lord and our God,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Intercessor: God of wisdom, teach and counsel the leaders of the nations. Fill this world, O God, with justice and peace. *Silence.*

Our Lord and our God,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Intercessor: God our provider, you have given us this pleasant earth as a goodly heritage. May we use its resources wisely and always according to your purpose. *The people are invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

Our Lord and our God,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Intercessor: Righteous God, you are pleased when we live together in unity: may the people of this region be at peace with one another. May our work be rewarding and our needs be met. *Silence.*

Our Lord and our God,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Intercessor: Merciful God, you are a strong refuge for those in trouble. Protect all those who suffer various trials. Reveal yourself to those for whom faith is a struggle. Make all your people glad by the living hope that is found in you. *The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.*

Our Lord and our God,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Intercessor: God of life, may the dying and the dead rest in hope. Give us faith that you do not abandon anyone, even to the grave. Preserve us for the great inheritance you give us through the resurrection of your Son from the dead. *Silence.*

Our Lord and our God,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant and People

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

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Unser Herrscher

He is risen, He is risen

Courtney Steinberg, soprano

1 He is risen, he is risen!

Tell it out with joyful voice: he has burst his three days' prison;
let the whole wide earth rejoice:
death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.

2 Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,
with glad smile and radiant brow! Death's long shadows have departed;
Jesus' woes are over now, and the passion that he bore—
sin and pain can vex no more.

3 Come, with high and holy hymning, hail our Lord's triumphant day;
not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray,
breaking o'er the purple east, symbol of our Easter feast.

4 He is risen, he is risen!
He hath opened heaven's gate: we are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state; and a brighter Easter beam
on our longing eyes shall stream.

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Voluntary

Preludium und fugue in F major Vincent Lübeck
Brian Sapp-Moore, organ

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