

## WELCOME

## EASTER PROCLAMATION

Christ is risen!

**He is risen, indeed!**

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Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the waters of baptism...now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SONG

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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: Acts 17:22-31

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **GOSPEL: John 14:15-21**

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

## **SONG**

## **WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**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,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come 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.**

## **ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS**

People of God,

do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.  
**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**  
**Together we will give thanks and praise to God**  
**and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*(Following each petition)*

...hear us O God,

**Your mercy is great.**

... through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who taught us to pray

**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.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERING and SONG**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Generous God, we give you thanks for what you have first given us.  
May these gathered gifts bless, connect, and serve the world around us for the sake  
of him who first gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The God of all, who raised Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.  
**Amen.**

## **SONG**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



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