

Welcome to Church of the Resurrection

Welcome to the Sunday service at Church of the Resurrection. Whether you are here to investigate the Christian faith for the first time, or have been following Christ for years, we hope that this service will encourage you. To maximize protection against the Delta variant, all unvaccinated persons over two years old are asked to wear masks while in the building. If you prefer to sit in a mask only section, seating is available in the right transept or the balcony. All are welcome to gather after the service for fellowship in the Commons, outside, or by the playground. If we can serve you in anyway, please speak with an usher, worship leader, visit our website at resbalt.org, or call the office at 410-560-0456.

Prelude

Welcome and Preparation for Worship



Call to Worship

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth His praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship Him, let us sit or kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by His infinite goodness and mercy.

Confession of Sin (please sit or kneel)

Praying together: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**.

Collect of the Day

(please stand)

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with joy and confidence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

First Reading - Exodus 2:11-22

(please be seated)

¹¹ One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and looked on their burdens, and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people. 12 He looked this way and that, and seeing no one, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. 13 When he went out the next day, behold, two Hebrews were struggling together. And he said to the man in the wrong, "Why do you strike your companion?" 14 He answered, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid, and thought, "Surely the thing is known." 15 When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh and stayed in the land of Midian. And he sat down by a well. 16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came and drew water and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. ¹⁷ The shepherds came and drove them away, but Moses stood up and saved them, and watered their flock. ¹⁸ When they came home to their father Reuel, he said, "How is it that you have come home so soon today?" 19 They said, "An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds and even drew water for us and watered the flock." 20 He said to his daughters, "Then where is he? Why have you left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread." ²¹ And Moses was content to dwell with the man, and he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah. ²² She gave birth to a son, and he called his name Gershom, for he said, "I have been a sojourner in a foreign land."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

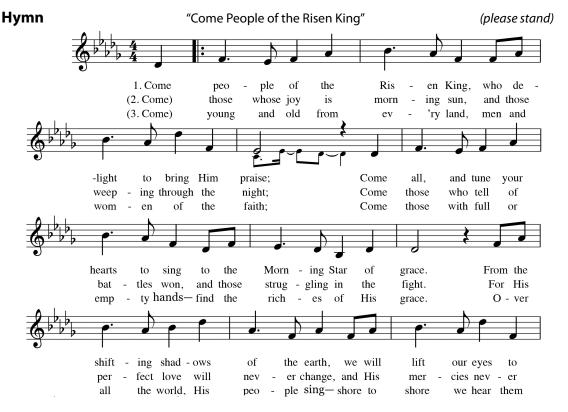
Second Reading - Hebrews 4:14-16

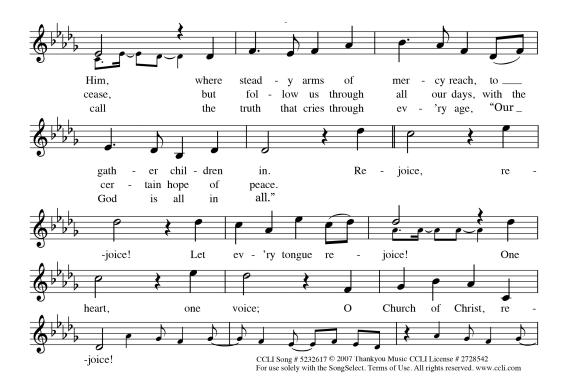
¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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Sermon - Jesse Scharff

Sermon Notes:





The Sacrament of Baptism and Prayer of Dedication

The Baptismal Charge

Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God," and He commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Therefore we will ask our heavenly Father that these children, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received as living members of Christ's holy Church. The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

9am

Parents & Godparents: We present Mercy Lehua Blackwell to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

11am

Parents & Godparents: We present John Vardell Wells to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Today, on behalf of this child, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve Him faithfully. It is your task to see that this child is taught, as soon as they is able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. They must come to put her trust in Jesus, and grow in Him through the Holy Scriptures, prayer, fellowship with other believers, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of their soul. When they have embraced all these, having become disciples of Jesus, they are to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that they may claim the Faith for their own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and His Kingdom. Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Parents & Godparents: I am, the Lord being my helper.

The Dedication Charge (9am only)

The candidate for child dedication will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents: We present Aurielle Naomi Rigos for the prayer of dedication.

Today, you are dedicating your child to the Lord Jesus Christ and committing to bring her up in the fear and knowledge of God. It is your responsibility to provide every opportunity for her to know, hear and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ, to teach her the truth of Holy Scripture, how to pray, the gift of fellowship, and the joy of obedience and service. Today we will pray that she come to know Jesus as her Lord and Savior, be filled with the Holy Spirit and glorify Him with a life of Christian service. And when she has professed faith in Jesus Christ, to be baptized in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Are you willing and able to undertake this?

Parents I am, the Lord being my helper.

For Adult Baptism (9am only)

Sponsors
 We present Frederic Kevin Javad Yeganeh to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
 Minister
 Candidate
 I trust Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and earnestly desire to publicly declare my faith in Him through the Sacrament of Baptism.
 Minister
 Please share with us how you have come to faith in Christ.

9am & 11am: (Baptism Candidate and Parents/Godparents respond to the following questions)

Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God? I renounce them.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior? I do.

Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments? **I do.**

Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life? I will, the Lord being my helper.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their life in Christ? *People*: **We will.**

Baptismal Covenant

(please stand)

Let us also proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed. Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

People: I do. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ? I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by 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.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit? I do. 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.

Prayers for the Candidates

(please sit or kneel)

Let us now pray for Mercy and Fred/John, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Deliver them/him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their/his heart(s) to Your grace and truth. Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them/him, with Your Holy and life-giving Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them/him, to love others in the power of the Holy Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them/him, into the world in witness to Your love. Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them/him, to the fullness of Your peace and glory. Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us now pray for Aurielle, who will be dedicated to the Lord.

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank You for the gift of children. We come to You today to dedicate Aurielle and to ask for your blessing upon her. Give her Your grace to come to know You at an early age, choose to be baptized, grow in wisdom and stature, and fulfill Your purposes for her life. Guide and strengthen her, comfort and encourage her, that she may know and abide in You until she sees you face to face, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Additional prayers will be offered.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ Your Son may live in the power of His resurrection and look for Him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen**.

Prayer in Song

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on us. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on us. Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us, Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on us.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Let us pray. We thank You, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it You led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it 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. Please set apart this water to be for us a sign of Your washing, rebirth and renewal that comes through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The Baptism

Mercy/Fred/John, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**. Mercy/Fred/John, may you be sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen**. Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank You for Mercy and Fred/John who have been baptized today. We ask that You would sustain them/him, O Lord, by Your Holy Spirit. Give them/him, an inquiring and discerning heart, the desire to ask, seek, and knock, the courage to do Your will, the desire to know and love You, and the gift of joy and wonder in all Your works. **Amen**.

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Let us welcome the newly baptized. We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim His resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all His people.

The Dedication (9am)

Lighting of the Candle and Presentation of Bibles

The Peace (please stand)

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

Announcements (please be seated)

Offertory "Let All The World In Every Corner Sing" Geoffrey Shaw

Doxology (please stand)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

On the night He was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given thanks to You, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper He took the cup of wine; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

(please sit or kneel)

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer You these gifts. Sanctify them by Your Holy Spirit to be for Your people the Body and Blood of Your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life we have through faith in Him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve You in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all Your saints into the joy of Your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through Your Son Jesus Christ: By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia!

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

At this time those worshiping online are invited to pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

All those who have received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to partake in Communion, regardless of denominational affiliation. People will be invited to come forward as directed by an usher. At this time, we will intinct the wafer in wine and place it in your hand. Please indicate if you would prefer only bread at this time. Gluten-free wafers are available.

Communion Music



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"Afflicted Saint To Christ Draw Near"

- Verse 1: Afflicted saint to Christ draw near, Your Savior's gracious promise hear His faithful Word you can believe That as your days your strength shall be
- Verse 2: Your faith is weak your foes are strong And if the conflict should be long
 The Lord will make the tempter flee That as your days your strength shall be
- Chorus: So sing with joy afflicted one The battle's fierce but the victory's won
 God shall supply all that you need Yes as your days your strength shall be
- Verse 3: Should persecution rage and flame Still trust in your Redeemer's name In fiery trials you shall see That as your days your strength shall be
- Verse 4: When called to bear your weighty cross Or sore affliction pain or loss Or deep distress or poverty Still as your days your strength shall be (Chorus)

"Mighty to Save"

- Verse 1: Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing Let mercy fall on me, Everyone needs forgiveness The kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations
- Chorus: Savior, He can move the mountains, my God is mighty to save
 He is mighty to save, forever Author of salvation
 He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave
- Verse 2: So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures Fill my life again I give my life to follow Everything I believe in, Now I surrender (Chorus)
- Bridge: Shine your light and let the whole world see
 We're singing For the glory of the risen King
 Jesus, Shine your light and let the whole world see
 We're singing For the glory of the risen King (Chorus)

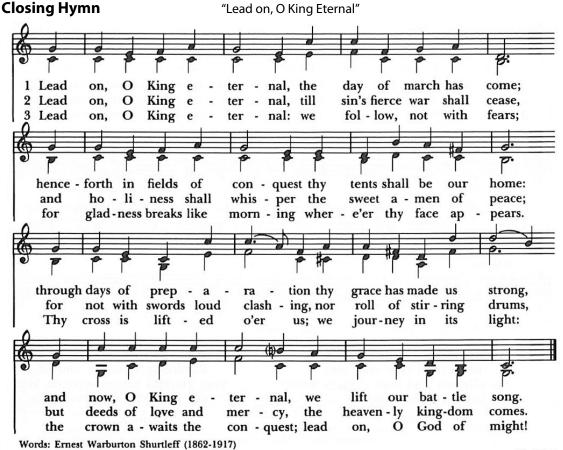
Post Communion Prayer

(please stand)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, You have graciously accepted us as living members of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and You have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve You with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.



Music: Lancashire, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

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Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

All are welcome to gather in the Commons, outside on the porch, or by the playground for fellowship after the service.

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