

2nd Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2022 Worship Bulletin

Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

*Introit

#2088, "Lord I Lift Your Name on High," Sing the Faith Hymnal

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus:

You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

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Welcome & Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

Preparing for God's Word

*Call to Worship

[Based on Psalm 118: 1, 5, 14, 17. 22-24]

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

People: His love endures forever.

Leader: In our anguish we cried to the Lord, and he answered by setting us free. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

People: His love endures forever.

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

People: His love endures forever.

Leader: We will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

People: His love endures forever.

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

People: The Lord has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Hymn of Praise

#1, "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God almighty
Early in the morning my song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy
All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be

Holy, holy, holy
Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eyes of sinfulness Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

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Prayer of Confession

[time of silent personal confession]

Leader: Let us continue in prayer.

All: Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we do not always bow before him and are often slow to acknowledge his rule. We too often give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be

governed by your justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim Christ as ruler of all, that we may be his loyal priests, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[based on Revelation 5:5, 9-10]

Leader: Do not weep and Hear the Good News! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. With his blood he has purchased people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

People: He has made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

Leader: In Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

Hearing God's Word

Children's Message

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings, #188, "Jesus Loves Me."

After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

Hymn of Preparation

#260, "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!

His the scepter, His the throne:

Alleluia! His the triumph,

His the victory alone.

Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion

Thunder like a mighty flood:

Jesus out of every nation

Has redeemed us by His blood!

Alleluia! not as orphans

Are we left in sorrow now:

Alleluia! he is near us;

Faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received Him

When the forty days were o'er

Shall our hearts forget His promise,

'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia! Bread of angels

here on earth our food, our stay:

Alleluia! here the sinful

flee to you from day to day.

Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
You, the Lord Omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth your footstool, heaven your throne:
As within the veil You entered,
Robed in flesh, our great high priest;
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast.

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Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading: Revelation 1: 4-8

4 John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father — to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. 7 Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.

8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Sermon

“Rehearsing for Heaven... Made to be a Kingdom”

Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

[The Apostles Creed]

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father

Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

Choral Anthem: "Someday Medley" Boston Church of Christ

*Response

#606, "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

[particular prayers]

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Response

#299, "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaims"

You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad Christ's wonderful name;
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
Whose kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

Ascended on high, almighty to save;
He still remains nigh, His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give Him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing with angels above
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

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*Benediction

*Benediction Response

#276, "Sing a New Song Unto the Lord," vs. 2

Refrain:

Sing a new song unto the Lord
Let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
Singing alleluia.

Rise, O children, from your sleep
Your Savior now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
And filled your soul with song.

*Postlude

*Please Stand if Able