

**4th Sunday of Lent**  
**March 27, 2022 Worship Bulletin**

**Gathering for God's Word**

Prelude

\*Introit

#2034, "Blessed are the Name of the Lord," vs. 1, 2, Sing the Faith Hymnal

Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord Most High!

The name of the Lord is a strong tower,  
The righteous run into it,  
And they are saved.

Glory to the name of the Lord,  
Glory to the name of the Lord,  
Glory to the name of the Lord Most High

The name of the Lord is a strong tower,  
The righteous run into it,  
And they are saved.

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Welcome & Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

**Preparing for God's Word**

\*Call to Worship

[Based loosely on Psalm 99]

Leader: People tremble and a tremor runs through the whole earth when confronted with the great and majestic power of God.

**People: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord our God and King! Glorious and powerful is the God of all creation!**

Leader: In reverent awe, we gather to worship our God.

**People: The Lord our God is King and the Judge of all things for all eternity, all people and all places.**

Leader: God heard and answered the cries of Moses and Aaron and Samuel, who experienced God's righteousness as both judgment and grace.

**People: In reverent awe, we gather to praise our God.**

Leader: God's word comes to us still, but not in a pillar of cloud, but through the person of Jesus Christ.

**People: We praise God for the Word made flesh, full of grace and truth.**

### \*Hymn of Praise

#233, "The Day of Resurrection!"

The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness,  
the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
from sin's dominion free  
our Christ hath brought us over,  
with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light;  
and listening to his accents,  
may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful!  
Let earth the song begin!  
the round world keep high triumph,  
and all that is therein!  
Let all things seen and unseen  
their notes in gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord hath risen,  
our joy that hath no end.

Text: John of Damascus, 8<sup>th</sup> cent; trans. John Mason Neale, 1862, alt.

Music: Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835

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### Prayer of Confession

[time of silent personal confession]

Leader: Let us continue in prayer.

**All: Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us. We know that you can see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. Lord, you know when we often are indifferent to your Word, both the will of Christ and what is revealed in Scripture; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship. God, you know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and the poor ways we treat our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive sometimes. God, forgive us and make**

**us clean, so that we can obey your call to take up your cross and follow you.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

[based on Colossians 2: 13-14]

Leader: Hear the Good News. When we were still dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of our flesh, God made us alive together with Christ.

**People: He forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.**

Leader: Praise 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

#476, "Crashing Waters at Creation"

Crashing water at creation  
Ordered by the Spirit's breath  
First to witness day's beginning  
From the brightness of night's death  
  
Parting water stood and trembled  
As the captives passed on through  
Washing off the chains of bondage  
Channel to a life made new  
  
Cleansing water once at Jordan  
Closed around the One foretold  
Opened to reveal the glory  
Ever new and ever old  
  
Living water never ending  
Quench the thirst and flood the soul  
Wellspring Source of life eternal  
Drench our dryness, make us whole

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## Prayer of Illumination

### Old Testament Reading: Exodus 14: 10-31

10 As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. 11 They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? 12 Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

13 Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. 14 The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."

15 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. 16 Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. 17 I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. 18 The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen."

19 Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, 20 coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, 22 and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

23 The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. 24 During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. 25 He made the wheels of their chariots come off so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

26 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." 27 Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. 28 The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen — the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

29 But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. 30 That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. 31 And when

the Israelites saw the great power the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

## Sermon

“Flashes of God’s Glory... Turbulent Waters”

## 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: “Down to the River to Pray,” The King’s Singers

\*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: God of grace and 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**

#475, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come Thou Fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson

Music: Folk Tune

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**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

#2270, "He Has Made Me Glad," Sing the Faith Hymnal

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart  
I will enter His courts with praise  
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad

Refrain:

He has made me glad, He has made me glad  
I will rejoice for he has made me glad

He has made me glad, He has made me glad  
I will rejoice for he has made me glad

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\*Postlude

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