



WE ARE SENT

BOOK OF ACTS: CONTINUING WHAT JESUS STARTED

SUNDAY | APRIL 25, 2021 | 9:30AM ONLINE | 10:00AM IN PERSON
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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God,

In this Easter Season, we remember our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, and the Church celebrates his glorious resurrection. In our celebration, we share in his victory over death as we hear his word and partake of his meal. Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

ELW 502

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.... O Lord Christ,

you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 JOHN 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING

ACTS 4:1-14 (NLT)

¹While Peter and John were speaking to the people, they were confronted by the priests, the captain of the Temple guard, and some of the Sadducees. ²These leaders were very disturbed that Peter and John were teaching the people that through Jesus there is a resurrection of the dead. ³They arrested them and, since it was already evening, put them in jail until morning. ⁴But many of the people who heard their message believed it, so the number of men who believed now totaled about 5,000.

⁵The next day the council of all the rulers and elders and teachers of religious law met in Jerusalem. ⁶Annas the high priest was there, along with Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and other relatives of the high priest. ⁷They brought in the two disciples and demanded, “By what power, or in whose name, have you done this?”

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of our people, ⁹are we being questioned today because we’ve done a good deed for a crippled man? Do you want to know how he was healed? ¹⁰Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene,^[a] the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, ‘The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.’¹²There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.”

¹³The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus. ¹⁴But since they could see the man who had been healed standing right there among them, there was nothing the council could say.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON REFLECTION

Pastor Karen Pahl

REFLECTION SONG

“Find A Hurt and Heal It”

CCLI# 7031615

OFFERING PRAYER

God of Love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we have given and those received. Teach us to continue to be generous, giving fully of ourselves, and sending us in service to a broken world, that we may truly be the body of Christ in this community and beyond.

Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Pause after each prayer for a brief time of reflection.

L: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Please bring out your pre-sealed communion cups at this time...they are bread & grape juice.
Or you can bring out any bread and juice/wine you have at home at this time for our meal.*

Blessed People of God, this isn't my table. It's not your table. It's not our table. But it's Christ's table. And because it's Christ's table all of us are welcome here. At this table, you don't have to look a certain way. You don't have to worship a certain way, look a certain way, or love a certain way. You just have to come, exactly as you are, seeking the one who is seeking you. So come, all of you, not because you must, but because you may, and here find forgiveness, healing and wholeness for your journey.

And so, we remember that on the morning of Jesus' resurrection, the women went to his tomb and they were greeted by a great earthquake that rolled away the stone and an Angel of the Lord with the message that the tomb was empty. There, the women remembered Jesus' words, that: "the Son of man must be crucified and on the third day be raised again." And so, this morning, we remember the story of Jesus' resurrection and the story leading up to it. And remembering this story, we gather around this table, and we break bread and share wine, and we are made whole, and we give thanks that everything Jesus did was for love and for us.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Bless this bread and wine, along with all of us in our eating and drinking at this table, that our eyes may be opened, that we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, and in each other. With great joy this morning, I proclaim in Jesus' name that these are the gifts of God, for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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.

And we will now share in God's Word, Christ's promise, and the blessings and grace of this meal.

COMMUNION SONG

"Commune With Me"

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BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.
The God of life, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Honor and Praise"

CCLI# 1867485

SENDING

Go in peace, as we share the Resurrection by:

Loving Jesus, Changing Lives, and Reaching Out to Serve. Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

We look forward to you and/or your family joining us next week for Worship:

5th Sunday after Easter

9:30am Online Worship

10:00am Drive In Worship

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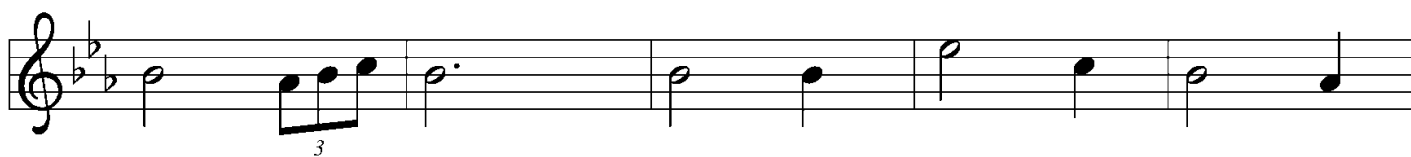
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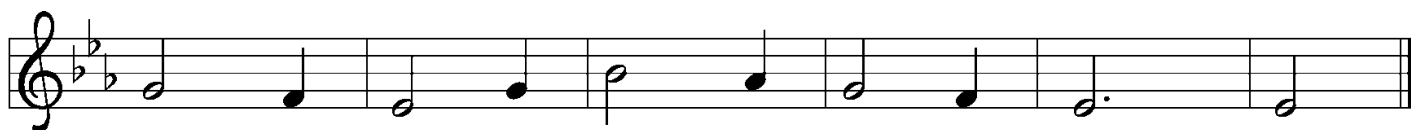
The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877

Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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Find a Hurt and Heal It

Verse

Put your love into action don't just talk about it.
Reach out to help your brother don't just walk on by.
Now I know just one person can't change the whole world,
But you can change the world for someone if you try.

Chorus

Won't you find a hurt and heal it. Show your love, let them feel it.
Be a vessel of compassion to your neighbor day by day.
Find a hurt and heal it. Then don't be surprised to feel
That while you're helpin' your brother, your own hurt has gone away.

Verse

Now do you sit around and wonder why nothin' ever happens.
Grumblin' and complaining 'cause nobody call on you.
Well, you can wait around forever and never get involved,
Or I can tell you something you can do.

Chorus

Verse

Just show them God's love let it flow from you.
It might just make the diff'rence, change someone's point of view.
You'll never really know what the love of God can do,
Until you let His love reach out through you.

Chorus

Commune With Me

Verse

Commune with me commune with me
Between the wings of the cherubim
Commune with me
Commune with me commune with me
Between the wings of the cherubim
Commune with me

Verse

I worship You I worship You
Between the wings of the cherubim
I worship You
I worship You I worship You
Between the wings of the cherubim
I worship You

Verse

I'll meet You there I'll meet You there
Between the wings of the cherubim
I'll meet You there
I'll meet You there I'll meet You there
Between the wings of the cherubim
I'll meet You there

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Honor And Praise

Verse

Righteous and holy in all of Your ways
We come before You with honor and praise
Here to adore You for all of our days
We come before You with honor and praise
Lord of the heavens how faithful You are
Shine down upon us oh Bright Morning Star
Righteous and holy in all of Your ways
We come before You with honor and praise

Verse

Filling the temple the work of Your grace
We come before You with honor and praise
Here to adore You for all of our days
We come before You with honor and praise
Lord of the heavens how faithful You are
Rise in our spirits oh Bright Morning Star
Righteous and holy in all of Your ways
We come before You with honor and praise

Ending

Honor and praise
Honor and praise

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news of Jesus wherever death holds its grip. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life and send us forward in hope to the day when by your mercy all things in your creation will be renewed and restored. Give us, and all world leaders courage to lead all nations in compassionate care of the earth especially on this recognition of Earth Day, and to assist us in the healing of all of creation. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people and leaders of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings centered in peace and justice. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: be with those who are continuing to administer the COVID vaccines, those who are struggling, those who are dying – and those who grieve. We pray today for those in our congregation and beyond who need your healing spirit upon them; Robert, John, Carrie, Gene, Larry, Rayann, Scott, Pastor Kara, Betty, Joyce, Mark & Nancy, Bill, Don, Sandy, Earl & Hazel, Sandy, Jim, Kit, Mel, Jacki, Julie and Shirley. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Praise to you for your faithfulness revealed in the resurrection! Fill us with trust, that we join with all the saints who have gone before us in proclaiming: “your mercy endures forever!” We especially lift in prayer the Schulz family as they mourn the loss of Dave and also the Holter family as they mourn the loss of Frances.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.