



# WE ARE SENT

BOOK OF ACTS: CONTINUING WHAT JESUS STARTED

SUNDAY | MAY 16, 2021 | 9:30AM ONLINE | 10:00AM DRIVE IN  
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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

*"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

ELW 855

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.... Gracious and glorious God,

**you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**JOHN 17:1,6-8,15-19 (NLT)**

After saying all these things, Jesus looked up to heaven and said,

<sup>6</sup>“I have revealed your name to the ones you gave me from this world. They were always yours. You gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything I have is a gift from you, <sup>8</sup>for I have passed on to them the message you gave me. They accepted it and know that I came from you, and they believe you sent me.

<sup>15</sup>I’m not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to this world any more than I do. <sup>17</sup>Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. <sup>18</sup>Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.

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

## SECOND READING

## ACTS 1:3,6-14 (The Message)

<sup>3</sup>After [Jesus'] death, he presented himself alive to [the disciples] in many different settings over a period of forty days. In face-to-face meetings, he talked to them about things concerning the kingdom of God.

<sup>6</sup>When they were together for the last time they asked, "Master, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now? Is this the time?"

<sup>7-8</sup>He told them, "You don't get to know the time. Timing is the Father's business. What you'll get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world."

<sup>9-11</sup>These were his last words. As they watched, he was taken up and disappeared in a cloud. They stood there, staring into the empty sky. Suddenly two men appeared—in white robes! They said, "You Galileans!—why do you just stand here looking up at an empty sky? This very Jesus who was taken up from among you to heaven will come as certainly—and mysteriously—as he left."

<sup>12-13</sup>So they left the mountain called Olives and returned to Jerusalem. It was a little over half a mile. They went to the upper room they had been using as a meeting place.

<sup>14</sup>They agreed they were in this for good, completely together in prayer.

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

## SERMON REFLECTION

Pastor Kelly Nieman Anderson

## REFLECTION HYMN

*"Son of God, Eternal Savior"*

**ELW 655**

## 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

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, worship 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.

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.**

*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.*

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

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

*"One Bread, One Body"*

**ELW 496**

## **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**

*"He Is Exalted"*

**CCLI# 17827**

## **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:**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**9:30am Online Worship**

**10:00am In Person Worship**

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## Crown Him with Many Crowns



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

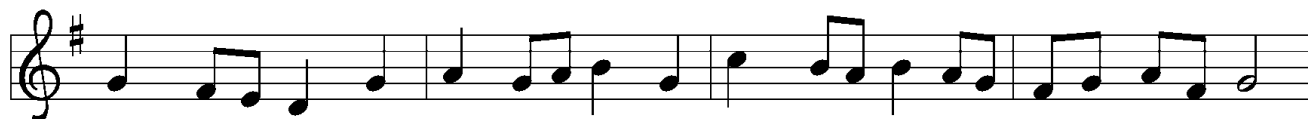


A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

## Son of God, Eternal Savior



- 1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
- 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contradansen*, 1710



# One Bread, One Body

*Refrain*



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
 3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



*Refrain*

wom - an or man, no more.  
 one in the Lord of all.  
 gath - ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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# He Is Exalted

## Verse

He is exalted  
The King is exalted on high  
I will praise Him  
He is exalted forever exalted  
And I will praise His name

## Chorus

He is the Lord  
Forever His truth shall reign  
Heaven and earth  
Rejoice in His holy name  
He is exalted  
The King is exalted on high

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Twila Paris

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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 creation will be renewed and restored. Give us, and all world leaders courage to lead all nations in compassionate care 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; Skip, Gene, Rayann, Scott, Pastor Kara, Mark & Nancy, Bill, Don, Sandy, Earl, 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 Christiansen family as they mourn the loss of Jack.

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.**