

Fourth Sunday of Easter
21 April 2024
9:30 AM- Online PDF



**We have this
treasure in
clay jars**

2 Corinthians 4:7

Worship Team- 9:30 AM

Presiding Minister- Pr. Ben Colahan
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& Kim Schweder

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Council Member- Jill Bentler

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Lector- Denise Parkin

Musicians- Contemporary Team, FLC
Sanctuary Choir, & Chamber Ensemble

Sunday School- Melisse Boyd, Alyssa
Manes, Dani Vogel, & Taron Zilch

Ushers- Char Miller & Lynette Stensrud

Welcome Table- Suzie Ernest & Joan
Palmer

Cantor- Luke Nicolay

Thank you!

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

Le Jardin Suspendu JA 71

Jehan Alain

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Welcome

The PRESIDING MINISTER welcomes everyone.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.
Amen.

L: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

L: Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

L: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
 you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
 freeing us to live as Easter people.
 We rejoice with glad hearts,
 giving all honor and praise to you,
 through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
 Amen.

L: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Gathering Song

ELW 392 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

v. 1, 3, 5

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to -
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

Greeting

*Lead the Greeting and Prayer of the Day from the front center of the assembly.
 The PRESIDING MINISTER and assembly greet each other.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

The PRESIDING MINISTER leads the prayer in these or similar words.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, 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.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

First Reading

2 Corinthians 4:7-12

Denise Parkin

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, ⁹persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, ¹⁰always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us but life in you.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand now for the reading of the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW Setting 4, p. 151a



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Luke 7:18-23

The PRESIDING MINISTER proclaims the gospel.

Pr. Ben Colahan

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples ¹⁹and sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to expect someone else?" ²⁰When the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to expect someone else?' " ²¹Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases,

afflictions, and evil spirits and had given sight to many who were blind. ²²And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight; the lame walk; those with a skin disease are cleansed; the deaf hear; the dead are raised; the poor have good news brought to them. ²³And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



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Gospel Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

FLC Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Ensemble

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Sermon

Pr. Ben Colahan

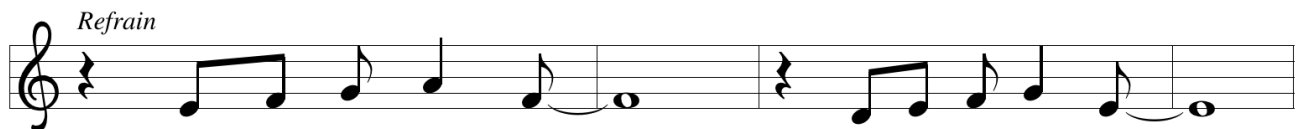
Hymn of the Day

ELW 801 Change My Heart, O God

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953

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Refrain



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

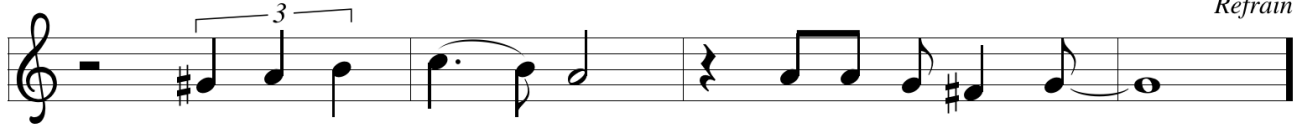


Change my heart, O God; may I be like you. *End*



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

Refrain



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Nicene Creed

Pr. Ben Colahan

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Meridith Mason Woods

Response- VT 713 Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace

Text: based on the Prayer of St. Francis; attr. Francis of Assisi (present-day Italy), 13th c.; trans. Anon., alt.

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Lead the Prayers of Intercession, Peace, and Welcome from the front center of the assembly.

The ASSISTING MINISTER invites the assembly into prayer.

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel.

Sung Response- Make me an instrument of your peace. Make me an instrument of your peace.

Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us.

Sung Response- Make me an instrument of your peace. Make me an instrument of your peace.

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good.

Sung Response- Make me an instrument of your peace. Make me an instrument of your peace.

Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable.

Sung Response- Make me an instrument of your peace. Make me an instrument of your peace.

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins.

Sung Response- Make me an instrument of your peace. Make me an instrument of your peace.

People of God, for what else do we pray or give thanks?

Pause for 15 seconds to allow assembly to speak or type those names.

The person offering the prayer or the ASSISTING MINISTER may conclude each petition:

Sung Response- Make me an instrument of your peace. Make me an instrument of your peace.

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day.

Sung Response- Make me an instrument of your peace. Make me an instrument of your peace.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Pr. Ben Colahan

Dani brings kids back into worship

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Welcoming of Visitors

Pr. Ben Colahan

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering

Pr. Ben Colahan

New Bathroom Project Video

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 our thanks and praise.

Praise upon praise belong to you, God of David,

for through the length of days your goodness faileth never.
 You created a world of verdant pastures
 and streams of living water where we should nothing lack.
 Out of the house of Jesse
 you named a shepherd son to be your people's king.
 With rod and staff you walked with your children
 through the shadow of slavery and the valley of exile
 and every kind of evil.
 When your sheep strayed in sin, you sent your own Son
 to be our shepherd king and to restore our souls.
 He came to lay each one of us across his shoulders
 and bring us home to you.
 He set a table in the face of his enemies
 and laid down his life that you might take it up again in glory.
 And because you promise goodness and mercy to follow us all our days,
 we give thanks with all who dwell in your house forever,
 with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven
 as we join the unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW s. 2, p. 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

And now I invite you to join me in celebrating the mystery of communion, the revelation of Christ physically with us. Please hold your bread and your cup and repeat after me the words that Jesus command us to use in remembrance of him.

On the night he was betrayed,

**our Lord Jesus took bread,
Gave thanks, blessed it, broke it
and gave it to his disciples saying,
“This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”**

**Again after supper,
Jesus took the cup,
gave thanks, blessed it
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.”**

The Lord’s Prayer

Remembering him therefore, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

And now I invite you, in the presence of those in your home, or whomever God may call to pass by your window, lift the bread, break it, and say, “come and see, the body of Christ is here among us.”

And then, share the bread and the cup with the words,
“This is the body of Christ, given for you”
“This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.”

Communion Songs

Every Table Is an Altar

Music by Ben Smith and Jason Upton

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Every table is an altar,
every breath is a gift from you
every moment is a treasure,
every day is a kiss from you.

So let our hearts be awake, be awake.
So let our hearts be awake, be awake. (repeat)

Every stranger has a story,
every story's being told by you.
We're all children on a journey,
Jesus only you can lead us through.

So let our hearts be awake, be awake.
So let our hearts be awake, be awake. (repeat)

Break the bread, pour the wine.
Let our hearts come alive in your presence,
in your presence.
Let our fear fall away,
let our faith rise today in your presence,
in your presence, Jesus. Jesus.

We will shout your name,
King of glory.
We will stand and sing,
you are holy.
We will pour out praise,
you are worthy of our lives,
now and forever. (repeat)

So let our hearts be awake, be awake.
So let our hearts be awake, be awake. (repeat)

Holy Spirit

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There's nothing worth more
that could ever come close.
No thing can compare.
You're our living hope, your presence.

I've tasted and seen
of the sweetest of loves,
when my heart becomes free
and my shame is undone.
Your presence, Lord.

Holy Spirit, you are welcome here.
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
to be overcome by your presence, Lord.
Your presence, Lord.

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that could ever come close.
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You're our living hope, your presence.
I've tasted and seen
of the sweetest of loves,
when my heart becomes free
and my shame is undone.
Your presence, Lord.

Holy Spirit, you are welcome here.
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
to be overcome by your presence, Lord. *(repeat)*
Your presence, Lord.

Let us become more aware of your presence.
Let us experience the glory of your goodness. *(repeat)*
Lord!

Holy Spirit, you are welcome here.
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
to be overcome by your presence, Lord.

Prayer after Communion

The ASSISTING MINISTER leads the prayer.

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness

Meridith Mason Woods

and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

God's Work, Our Hands

Dani Vogel

Sending Song

ACS 1062 Build A Longer Table

v. 1, 3-4

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1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

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Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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Blessing

Pr. Ben Colahan

The assembly stands. The PRESIDING MINISTER proclaims God's blessing to the assembly.

Receive God's blessing:

A brief silence is kept.

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,

the Christ of unending joy,

and the Spirit of Easter hope

✝ bless you now and always.

Dismissal

Meridith Mason Woods

The ASSISTING MINISTER sends the assembly into mission.

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Hosanna

Paul Wachs

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