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# Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021 | 11 am



St. John's Lutheran Church | Salisbury, NC



# Gathering

*The Holy Spirit gathers us as the people of God*

## Prelude

*Prelude (For Two Cellos)*  
David Kim and Kevin Agner, Cello

by Dmitri Shostakovich

## Prayers of Confession

*We make the sign of the cross as a reminder of our baptism.*

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Gracious and loving God, **Your Holy Spirit is always with us. You encourage and strengthen us, and You send us out to serve You. Your grace is sufficient for every need, yet we often doubt Your presence. We struggle with trusting you wholeheartedly. We fail to keep our hearts and minds focused on the good news of Jesus. Forgive us, rescue us, empower us, and lead us into paths of righteousness for the sake of the world. Amen.**

## God's Promise of Forgiveness

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with his light, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

## Hymn 380

*Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*  
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FRED TIL BOD

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.**

**Kyrie.** *A centering prayer asking for God's mercy and peace as we gather for worship.*  
*Congregation sings the parts in **bold**.*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and  
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Hymn of Praise**

*Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!*

HYFRYDOL

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."

## **Prayer**

Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



## **Word**

*We hear God's word in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

### **Reading: Acts 3: 12-19**

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer

given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.

<sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Word of God. Word of Life! **Thanks be to God!**

### **Instrumental Response**

*Amazing Grace!*

Traditional with Adaptations from Bach; Arranged by Sun Ahn

David Kim and Kevin Agner, Cellos

### **The Holy Gospel: John 21:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

<sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon**

Pastor Rhodes Woolly

**Hymn 793**

*Be Thou My Vision*  
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**Apostles' Creed.** Gathered as God's people across time and space, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' 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 Intercession.** *Each petition ends: Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*



## **Meal**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

**Preparation of the Lord's Table:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Please stand*

### **The 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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise. ... And join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## Eucharistic Prayer

### The 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.

**Distribution of Holy Communion.** *You will be invited forward one row at a time. Please take an empty glass, into which the wine will be poured. Grape juice is available in pre-filled cups. All bread in our communion celebration is gluten-free. Welcome to the Lord's Table!*

### Communion Hymns    154                      *Lamb of God*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

**481**                      *Come to the Table* (See Page 10)  
**Piano Meditation**    Rosemary Kinard  
**494**                      *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* (See page 11)

*Please stand*

### Blessing and Prayer



## Sending

*Forgiven and nourished, we are now sent into the world to share God's love.*

### Benediction

**Sending Hymn    389**                      *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*                      TRURO  
(See Page 11)

**Dismissal**                      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated. During the postlude, ushers will dismiss one row at a time so that good social distancing can be maintained. Thank you for joining us in worship this morning.*

### Postlude

## Worship Participants

**GUEST MUSICIANS:** Kevin Agner, David Kim; Cellists

**SONG LEADERS:** Carol Everhart, Diane Goodnight, Bonnie and David Hord, Fred Krusemark  
Corinne Mauldin, Debbie Purpur, Norman Sloop, Julius Waggoner, Rosemary Kinard

**READER:** Ann Brady

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Elizabeth and Eric Brady

**SOUND:** Mike Agee

**VIDEO:** Taylor Hutchins

## Join Us In Prayer For The Following:

**CONDOLENCES** — Dave Roof and family on the passing of Joyce Roof on April 6.

Tim, Stephanie, Christopher, and Brandon Kafitz on the passing of Paula Kafitz on April 6.

**THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS** — Betty Denker, Dianne Agner

**ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS** — Randy Overcash, Dean Safrit, Rachel Safrit, Fran Lawson, Pat Nelson, Tom and Nancy Austin, Marge Fuertinger, Roger Alexander, David Wilson, Phyllis Edwards, Robin Cohen, Richard (Dick) Petherick, Benny Banks, Karen Shelton, Gerald Jones, John Myers, Jane Shuping, Barbara Rufty, Walter Tatum, Jim Rabon, Matt Stahl, Nancy Parrish, Thomas Livesay, Gene Myers, Kent Brown

**HOMEBOUND** — Anita Foreman, Peggy Taylor, Lois and Paul Carter, Alda Smith, Margaret Ketner, Sonny Allen, Dottie Bedford, Hal Furr, Fran Hoke, Sherry Morgan, Ermine Peeler, Shirley Smith, Peggy Smith

## Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;  
 2 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran-somed of the earth.  
 3 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.

from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con-quer-or, has gone,  
 Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.  
 Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:

bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.  
 Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.  
 Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763–1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.  
 Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887



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## Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.

All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,  
 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,  
 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
 by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
 may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855-1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823-1895

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 3 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

# The Final Stretch

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Informational meetings about our G2G plan:

Sunday, April 18, 1:30 pm

Wednesday, April 21, 5:30 pm

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, April 25, 10:30 am

All meetings in the Faith Center and Zoom.

Access the zoom link online.

Let's connect faith and life. *Together.*

