May 8, 2022 at 9am

Worship Booklet

Fourth Sunday of Easter A Liturgy of the Word

Please join us on **Zoom**



Links for Worship

Zoom Link for Sunday Worship

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Opening | Come and Journey

Come and journey with a Saviour who has called us from our birth, who has washed us in the waters, and who loved us on the earth.

Come and journey, come and journey with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's precious children; in the Spirit we are one.

Come and journey, journey inward, come and seek him deep within, where he meets us in our living, in our striving, in our sin.

Come and journey, come and journey with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's precious children; in the Spirit we are one.

Come and journey, journey outward, telling others of his name, telling others of his glory, of his cross and of the shame.

Come and journey, come and journey with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's precious children; in the Spirit we are one.

Gathering

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ has risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Risen Christ stands among his disciples and says, "Peace be with you."
Let us share Christ's peace with one another, placing our hands on our hearts.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

Acknowledgement

Although we have come together in digital space, we each stand in place on solid ground that is the ancestral territory of Indigenous peoples. I live on the unceded territory of the *Algonquin Anishnaabeg people*. On whose territory do you live?

Silence

Let us pray,

Loving God, help us to live respectfully on these lands, seeking justice and peace. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

In this joyful Easter season, let us give thanks for the gift of new life.

Blessed are you, God of all, to you be glory and praise for ever. You are our light and our salvation. From the deep waters of death you have raised your Son to life in triumph. Grant that we may daily be renewed in your image, walk by the light of faith, and serve you in newness of life; through your Son, Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit we lift our voices to sing.

Gloria

Gloria! Gloria! Glory to God in the highest And on earth peace to people of good will. Repeat

Collect of the Day

Eternal God,

from whose gentle hands none can snatch us away: give us faith to believe that we are known and loved with a passion strong enough to bring the whole world back to you; through Jesus Christ, who is one with you, the Source of life. Amen.

The First Reading | Acts 9:36-43

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles ...

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter

got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want

You make me lie down in green pastures and lead me beside still waters.

You revive my soul and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Gospel | *John 10:22-30*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my

Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of Christ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Hymn | All People That On Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
Serve God with joy, God's praises tell,
Come now before God and rejoice!

The Lord our mighty God is good, God's mercy is for ever sure; God's truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

Affirmation of Faith

Together, let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Mother, 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 for ever. Amen.

Closing

This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Glory to God

whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation in the church and in Christ Jesus.
Amen.

Blessing

May the joy of the resurrection be revealed in your life.

May the peace of the risen Lord live deep inside you.

May you be a sign of God's love to a world in need of hope and rebirth.

And the blessing of God, the Holy Trinity, who creates, redeems, and sustains us, be upon you this day and for evermore.

Closing | Go Make a Difference

Go make a diff'rence
We can make a diff'rence
Go make a diff'rence in the world
Go make a diff'rence
We can make a diff'rence
Go make a diff'rence in the world

We are the salt of the earth
Called to let the people see
The love of God for you and me
We are the light of the world
Not to be hidden but be seen
Go make a diff'rence in the world

Go make a diff'rence
We can make a diff'rence
Go make a diff'rence in the world
Go make a diff'rence

We can make a diff'rence
Go make a diff'rence in the world

We are the hands of Christ
Reaching out to those in need
The face of God for all to see
We are the spirit of hope
We are the voice of peace
Go make a diff'rence in the world

Go make a diff'rence
We can make a diff'rence
Go make a diff'rence in the world
Go make a diff'rence
We can make a diff'rence
Go make a diff'rence in the world

So let your love shine on Let it shine for all to see Go make a diff'rence in the world And the Spirit of Christ
Will be with us as we go
Go make a diff'rence in the world

Go make a diff'rence
We can make a diff'rence
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Dismissal

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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