



*(ending)*

**Jesus who died, now glorified,  
King of all kings.**

**\*GREETING**

℟ *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**

**ELW 157**

℟ *In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

☩ **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

℟ *For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,  
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

☩ **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

℟ *For your people here who have come to give you praise,  
for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.*

☩ **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

℟ *Help, save, and defend us, O God.*

☩ **Amen.**

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** *O God,*

**G** **your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!**

**ANTHEM**

**"Prayer of St. Francis"**

Alan Pote

Chancel Choir

Jim Pierce, soloist

**FIRST READING**

**Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

*Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>36</sup>"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

**Reflection**

*This text is a continuation of Peter's sermon on Pentecost. (verse 14) What is his proclamation? (verse 36—If you want to get the flow of the sermon, rather than chopped up, as the lectionary does it, go back to verse 14 and read through verse 36) Remember who he is preaching to? (verse 14) What does "Messiah" mean? (verse 36—remember that Christ is the same word in Greek that Messiah is in Hebrew.) What was the response of those who heard Peter preach? (verse 37) What is Peter's response? (verse 38) What is the promise in verse 39? (See verses 38-39) Who is included in this promise? How many were baptized that day? (verse 41) Does this surprise you? How did the people who were baptized live out their baptism in their daily lives? (verse 42) What do you expect to happen when the word of God is preached? How have our lives been changed through hearing the Gospel?*

**PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19**

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,  
<sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given | ear to me

**whenever I called.**

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;  
I came to | grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:**

**“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.”**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I re- | pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has | done for me?

<sup>13</sup>**I will lift the cup | of salvation  
and call on the name | of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God’s people.

<sup>15</sup>**Precious in your | sight, O LORD,  
is the death | of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I | am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name | of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God’s people,

<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of | the LORD’s house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!**

### **Reflection**

*What is the situation of the psalmist at the beginning of the psalm? (verses 1-4) What has happened in the life of the psalmist? (verse 3) What did the psalmist do? (verse 4) As a result of what God has done, what is the psalmist’s response? (verses 12-14) I note that the alternate “translation” in the notes of the Lutheran Bible of verse 15 is, “Grievous in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.” Does that change your understanding of this verse? How does the psalmist feel, having been healed by the Lord? (verses 16-19) Has there ever been a time when a personal crisis kept you from attending worship? What happened to make it possible to return?*

## **SECOND READING**

### **1 Peter 1:17-23**

*The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

### **Reflection**

*What do you think the “futile ways inherited from your ancestors” might be for us? Many of us have received the testimony of faith from our parents, our “ancestors.” But I also know that those “futile ways” that I struggle with came from somewhere! I think of Paul’s discussion in Romans of being enslaved to sin. This is a different way of talking about what binds us in our “futility.” Another way of speaking of it is being “in exile.” (verse 17) What has ransomed us from exile, from futility, from being enslaved to sin? (verse 19) The author of this letter says that Christ was destined before the world was even formed of our sake. What does that mean to you? What is the saving gift that Christ gives us? (verse 21) What does it mean to you to know that trust in God is a gift to us through Christ? How does that trust enable us to love one another? (verses 22-23)*

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**☩ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Give the Glory and the Honor to the Lord!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Give the Glory and the Honor to the Lord!**

**\*GOSPEL**

**Luke 24:13-35**

*The colorful story of Jesus’ appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed,

and he has appeared to Simon!”<sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**Reflection**

*This story takes place on “that same day,” that is, the day of the Resurrection. Who is there at the beginning of the story? (verse 13) What were they doing? (verses 13-14) Who joins them? (verse 15) Have you ever been in a situation where you were unable to recognize someone you knew well? (It has happened to me—I was not expecting to see them, and so I couldn’t!) What does he ask them? (verse 17) What do they tell him? (verses 18-24) What does he explain to them? (verses 25-27) What is their response to this? (verses 28-29) What happens when he blessed the bread and broke it and gave it to them? (verses 30-31) What is their response to this? (verses 32-35) What happens to us when the bread is broken and given to us? How do we recognize Jesus?*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Kris Langdon

**SERMON**

***“Living On a New Road”***

Rev. Roger Lenander

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***“Baptized in Water”***

**ELW 456**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our king:  
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;  
joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

**\*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!**

**\*PRAYER SONG            "Open Our Eyes, Lord"**

**Open our eyes Lord  
We want to see Jesus  
To reach out and touch Him  
And say that we love Him  
Open our ears Lord  
And help us to listen  
Open our eyes Lord  
We want to see Jesus**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Remove all that hinders us from sharing your love. Raise up faithful preachers and teachers to lead your people. Heal our divisions. Unite us at your table. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the earth. Protect animals whose environments are endangered. Bring bountiful sunshine and sufficient rainfall for fields, pastures, and orchards. Bless those whose labors bring food to our tables. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the nations. Give all leaders wisdom and courage to work for the common good. Strengthen disaster relief workers, peacemakers, and all whose contributions to society go unnoticed. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For those in need. Draw near to those who have lost hope. Provide food for the hungry and shelter for those who need safe housing. Comfort the grieving and heal the sick *especially Peggy Ann, Owen, Gerald, Dave, Trisha, Louie, Samantha, Bob, Sheylin, Terry, Stephanie, Dorothy, Linda, Scott, Alva*. We also pray for those we name before you aloud or silently in our hearts (*pause for 10 seconds*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad. We especially lift up to you, Jason Shields. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face

the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For this assembly. Empower our ministries of outreach and hospitality. Strengthen the newly baptized and those who mentor them. Bless those who set the table for the holy meal. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died in faith especially Virginia Whitmore, Cathy Dunning's mother. Bring us with them to the fullness of your glory with all your saints. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen!**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

- ☞ The peace of Christ be with you always.
- ☞ **And also with you!**

**OFFERTORY**

***"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"***

Mark Hayes

Praise Band

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" ELW 674**  
*vs. 1 and refrain*

**Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

- ☞ *Be known to us, O Lord,*
- ☞ **in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen!**

**\*DIALOGUE**

- ☞ *The Lord be with you.*
- ☞ **And also with you.**
- ☞ *Lift up your hearts.*
- ☞ **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**G** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **\*PREFACE**

**P** *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

### **\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**G** **Holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of hosts  
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the lord  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!**

### **\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**P** *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.*

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**G** **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!**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** *Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. Hallelujah!*

**COMMUNION**

**\*BLESSING**

**P** *The body and blood of our lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

**G** **Amen!**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** *Life-giving God,*

**G** **in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen!**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**P** *May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.*

*Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.*

**G** **Amen!**

**\*SENDING SONG**

**"I Will Sing, I Will Sing"**

*vs. 1, 3, 6*

**I will, sing I will sing  
a song unto the Lord.  
I will, sing I will sing  
a song unto the Lord.  
I will, sing I will sing  
a song unto the Lord.  
Alleluia, glory to the Lord.**

***Refrain***

**Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord.  
Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord.  
Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord.  
Alleluia, glory to the Lord.**

**If the Son, if the Son  
shall make you free,**

**If the Son, if the Son  
shall make you free,  
If the Son, if the Son  
shall make you free,  
you shall be free indeed. *Refrain***

**In His name, in His name  
we have the victory.  
In His name, in His name  
we have the victory.  
In His name, in His name  
we have the victory.  
Alleluia, glory to the Lord. *Refrain***

**\*DISMISSAL**

**P** *Alleluia! Christ is risen.*

**G** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**P** *You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.  
Go in peace. Share the good news.*

**G** **Thanks be to God!**