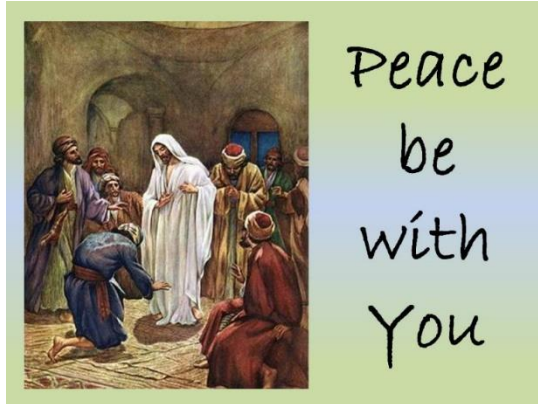


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Opening Litany

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**
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Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. **Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.** Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation. Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need **through this living water**.
Where drought dries the earth, **bring refreshment**.
Where despair prevails, **grant hope**. Where chaos reigns, **bring peace**.
We ask this through Christ, **who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. Amen**.

Opening Hymn

Come to the Water of Life ACS 955

All who are thirsty for mercy, all who are thirsty for love, all who are thirsty for love, for mercy come, come to the Water of life.

All who are thirsty for healing all who are thirsty for touch; all who are thirsty for touch, for healing come, come to the Water of life.

All who are thirsty for beauty; all who are thirsty for truth; all who are thirsty for truth, for beauty come, come to the Water of life

All who are thirsty for justice; all who are thirsty for peace, all who are thirsty for peace, for justice come, come to the Water of life.

Greeting

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

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, **the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

²²"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him

from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

Psalm 16

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord; alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth; Jesus has died and has risen

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Gospel

John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken ACS 966

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore. Jesus Bread of life from heaven, was their food forevermore.

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus feed again your people. Be our host, our life, our Lord.

Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus feed again your people. Be our host, our life, our Lord.

Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here. Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!"

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus feed again your people. Be our host, our life, our Lord.

By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care.

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus feed again your people. Be our host, our life, our Lord.

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

Merciful God, **our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Use them for your glory and strengthen us in the risen Christ. Amen.**

Offertory Response

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious God, **in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Blessing

The God of all, who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Go To the World ACS 991

Go to the world. Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world. Go into every place. Go live the word of God's redeeming grace. Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world. Go struggle, bless, and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day. As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world. Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry, Amen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.