

POWER & PERSECUTION: LEARNING FROM THE FIRST CHRISTIANS



The Second Week of Easter
SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023



Welcome to Church of the Savior

If You Are Visiting: We'd love to meet you! Please connect with Fr. Kevin and Mtr. Karen after the service, to introduce yourself and learn more about Church of the Savior.

About Our Worship: We use an Anglican liturgy. Liturgy simply means that everyone gets to participate, so please join in as you feel comfortable.

Children's Worship: Nursery is available for children 6 months through 4 years. Children's Worship classes are available for children Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, and 3rd to 5th Grade. You may choose to keep children with your family, and coloring pages will be available to all. The Fireside Room will be open for anyone who needs extra space.

Assisted Listening: Pick up a loop in the livestream booth (the door to the right of the fireplace in the Fireside Room). An usher can guide you there.

Today is the Second Week of Easter: We celebrated Easter last week with bells and dancing, feasting and joyful shouts of "alleluia!" But in the church year, the Easter celebration lasts longer than a single day: we celebrate Easter for fifty days in the season called "Eastertide." During these fifty days, we will begin our services by proclaiming Christ's resurrection and end by setting our hopes on the risen Christ as we go out into lives that have been and are being shaped by the new life Christ gives us.

Want to Stay in Touch? Let us know how at Friends Of The Savior.org/visitor

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE & WELCOME

You may stand.

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

All Thy works with joy surround Thee Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flowery meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

Mortals join the mighty chorus Which the morning stars began Love divine is reigning o'er us Joining all within its span Ever singing march we onward Victors in the midst of strife Joyful music lifts us sunward In the triumph song of life

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul Worship His holy name Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

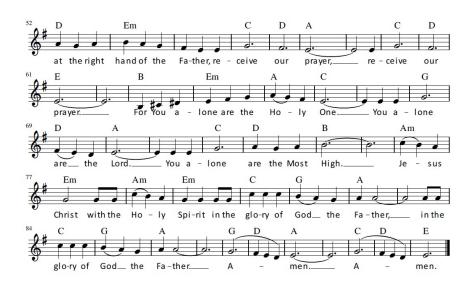
The sun comes up it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Children from kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow the acolyte to Children's Worship during the next song.

GLORIA





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd

²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵ David said about him:

"'I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope,

²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM PSALM 16

¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; * I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

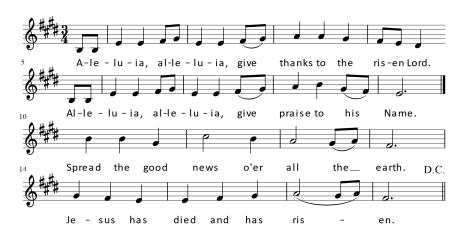
- ² All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble among the people.
- ³ But those who run after other gods * shall have their troubles multiplied.
- ⁴ Their libations of blood I will not offer, * nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- ⁵ O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; * it is you who uphold my lot.
- ⁶ My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- ⁷ I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; * because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope.
- ¹⁰ For you will not abandon me to the grave, * nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- You will show me the path of life; * in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

You may stand.



Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹⁹ That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁰ As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! ²¹ Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." ²² Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. ²⁵ They told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side."

²⁶ Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"

²⁸ "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed.

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."

³⁰ The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ALLELUIA

Please be seated.

3 Gifts Jesus Has for You

Kevin Miller Rector

We take a few minutes of silence to reflect, pray, and listen for what God may be saying.

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THE NICENE CREED

You may stand.

All: 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

The celebrant concludes the Prayers of the People.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please sit or kneel for a time of silence.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

At this time, parents should pick up their children from the nursery and children's worship.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated.

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY

Sing Allelu

Grace pouring forth like a fountain flowing Our hearts open wide to sing Your praise. And our sound becomes sweet With Your anthems ringing Praise to the name of the Lord.

Sing Allelu, sing Allelu, We rejoice in Your love Most High! Sing Allelu, sing Allelu, In Your light You shine forever, Shine in us, O Lord, forever, We're the light to the world, Allelu!

Let us who are afraid find refuge in Christ And redemption assured in His name. By day and by night we delight in Your love And forever Your Word will remain. You may stand.









THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body of your Son, the holy food of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Celebrant: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

All: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant: Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us:



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please join us for Communion: all who are baptized and seeking to follow Jesus are welcome. If that doesn't describe you, simply say "Blessing," or cross your arms, and the minister distributing bread will pray a short prayer for God's favor on your life. The first tray contains wine; the second contains grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Ushers will release you row by row, beginning with the Fireside Room.

If you would like to receive prayer, a prayer minister will be available in the lobby.

O Come To The Altar

Are you hurting and broken within Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin Jesus is calling Have you come to the end of yourself Do you thirst for a drink from the well Jesus is calling

O come to the altar The Father's arms are open wide Forgiveness was bought with The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes Come today there's no reason to wait Jesus is calling Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy From the ashes a new life is born Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior Isn't he wonderful Sing alleluia Christ is risen Bow down before him For he is Lord of all Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown Tell the world of the treasure you've found

This I Believe

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son. I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in One. I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again. For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

Our judge and our defender Suffered and crucified Forgiveness is in You Descended into darkness You rose in glorious life Forever seated high

I believe in You, I believe You rose again. I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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Blessed Be The Name

All praise to Him who reigns above In majesty supreme Who gave His Son for man to die That He might all redeem

Blessed be the name, blessed be the name Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be the name, blessed be the name Blessed be the name of the Lord

His name above all names shall stand Exalted more and more At God the Father's own right hand Where angel hosts adore

His name shall be the Counselor The mighty Prince of Peace Of all earth's kingdoms Conqueror Whose reign shall never cease

You Alone Can Rescue

Who O Lord could save themselves Their own soul could heal Our shame was deeper than the sea Your grace is deeper still

And You alone can rescue
You alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us led us out of death
To You alone belongs the highest praise

You O Lord have made a way The great divide You healed For when our hearts were far away Your love went further still Yes Your love goes further still

We lift up our eyes Lift up our eyes You're the giver of life We lift up our eyes Lift up our eyes You're the giver of life Officiant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Officiant: All our problems

All: We send to the cross of Christ.

Officiant: All our difficulties

All: We send to the cross of Christ.

Officiant: All the devil's works

All: We send to the cross of Christ.

Officiant: All our hopes

All: We set on the risen Christ.

Officiant: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and

remain with you always.

You may be seated for announcements.

RECESSIONAL

Celtic Benediction

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,

Wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness,

Protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you,

May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go forth in the name of the risen Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Journey Into Savior - Sign Up: If you are new-ish to Savior, or want to learn more about the church and about Anglicanism, mark your calendars for our next "Journey into Savior" classes. All sessions are Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00pm via Zoom.

April 26: "Getting to Know Savior"

May 10: "Answering Your Questions about Anglicanism"

May 16: "Taking Your Next Steps to Connect"

For those who then want to be received as new members, that will take place on May 27 or June 3. Contact Kevin@friendsofthesavior.org if you are interested in attending, or have questions.

Good Friday Gift: Right now, our Good Friday Gift total stands at \$11,315. Praise the Lord. There's still time to contribute—through April 30. On our Giving page, click "Choose a Fund" and select "Savior Good Friday Gift." Or by mail: PO Box 507, Wheaton, IL 60187. Please write "Good Friday Gift" on the memo line of your check.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery & Children's Worship: We provide Nursery for children 6 months through 4 years and two Children's Worship classes. Kindergarten through 2nd Grade may attend Young Children in Worship, and 3rd to 5th Grade may attend Following Jesus.

Youth Group: Tonight youth meet after the service--dinner included--6.30-8.30pm. Final meeting of the school year: May 6th.

EASTERTIDE SERMON SERIES

Power & Persecution: Learning from the First Christians

April 15- Kevin Miller, John 20:19-31, "3 Gifts Jesus Has for You"

April 22 - Kevin Miller, Luke 24:13-35, "Why We Don't See Jesus--and How We Do"

April 29 - Kevin Miller, Acts 2:42-47; 6:1, "The Perfect Imperfect Church"

May 6- Kevin Miller, Acts 6:8-15, 7:1, 51-60, "A Christian Got Murdered Today"

May 13 - Sarah Lindsay, Acts 17:22-31

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Have a question about your donation? Or about something in the budget? Email our bookkeeper, Jean Ann Parker: jeanann@friendsofthesavior.org

This Year's Giving Goal: \$365,000 As of April 8:

Budgeted Giving Goal = \$101,467 Actual Giving = \$86,651 Over/(Under) = (\$14,816)

Good Friday Gifts this week = \$11,315 Total to date = \$17,004

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