



POWER & PERSECUTION: LEARNING FROM THE FIRST CHRISTIANS



CHURCH OF THE
SAVIOR

The Fourth Week of Easter

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 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 Fourth Week of Easter, and during the six weeks of Eastertide you'll notice that our first scripture reading comes from the book of Acts. During the rest of the church year, the first reading comes from the Old Testament. So why this focus on the early days of the church? Traditionally, new converts to Christianity were baptized at Easter; hearing about the early church would help these new believers understand the work of the church in the world. For those of us who are not new converts, these readings in Acts remind us that we belong to the body of Christ and encourage us to witness to the kingdom of God initiated by Christ's death and resurrection.

Want to Stay in Touch? Let us know how at FriendsOfTheSavior.org/visitor

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE & WELCOME

You may stand.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

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 ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

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.

Father Let Your Kingdom Come

Hallelu, hallelujah!

Father, let Your kingdom come!

May the works of my hands bring You joy.

May the works of my hands bring You joy.

May the works of my hands bring You joy.

May the works of my hands bring You joy.

May the words from my mouth speak Your peace.

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You make all things new.

You make all things new.

In places we don't choose.

You make all things new.

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

GLORIA

E D E B E D E
 Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth...

8 G D E G D E
 Lord God, hea-ven-ly King. Al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we

17 F#m G A F#m G A F#m
 wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You

26 G A C G A E
 for Your glo-ry. Glo - ry to God. Lord Je - sus Christ on - ly

35 D E G D E E
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God. You take a - way the

44 D E G D E G
 sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed

52 D Em C D A C D
 at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our

61 E B Em A C G
 prayer. For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One. You a - lone

69 D A C D B Am
 are the Lord. You a - lone are the Most High. Je - sus

77 Em Am Em C G A
 Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, in the

84 C G A G D A C D E
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 2:42-47; 6:1

⁴² All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

⁴³ A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity — ⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

¹ But as the believers rapidly multiplied, there were rumblings of discontent. The Greek-speaking believers complained about the Hebrew-speaking believers, saying that their widows were being discriminated against in the daily distribution of food.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- ³ He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- ⁴ 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.
- ⁵ 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.
- ⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²² “He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” ²⁵ For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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

ALLELUIA

You may stand.

5 A-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris-en Lord.

10 Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, give praise to his Name.

14 Spread the good news o'er all the_ earth. D.C.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹ “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ALLELUIA

Please be seated.

The Perfect Imperfect Church

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

Psalm 23

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone;
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

I will trust, I will trust in You.
I will trust, I will trust in You.
Endless mercy follows me,
Goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil;
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one;
For You are with me,
And Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

THE DOXOLOGY

You may stand.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be -
low: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly
host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost: al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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.

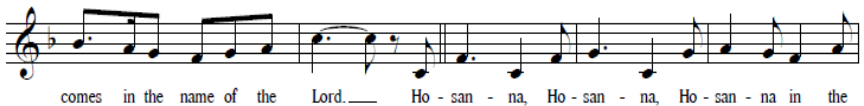
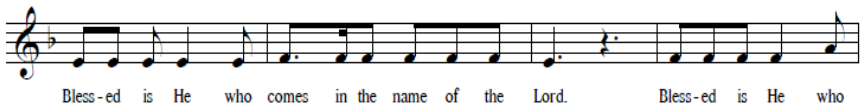
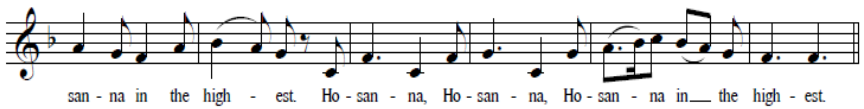
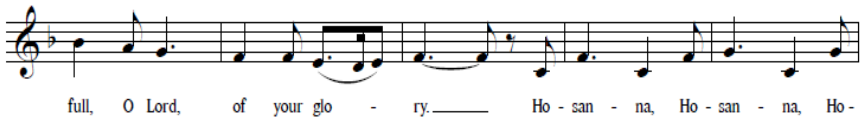
All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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: After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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:

All:

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. Alleluia.

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:

All:



Our Fa-ther, who art in heav - en, hal-low-ed be... Thy Name Thy king-dom come, Thy will__ be done, on earth as it is__ in heav - en, Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.____ And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us__ from e - vil. For Thine is the King - dom, and the pow'r and the glo ry, for - ev - er. A - - men.

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.

COMMUNION SONGS

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, do thou befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Early let us seek thy favor,
Early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With thy love our beings fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"
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Wonderful Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue us from our sin?
Oh, You rescue us from our sin.

*You are the One that we praise,
You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Almighty, infinite Father,
Faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne.
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

There's No One Like Jesus (Hakuna Mungu Kama Wewe)

*There's no one, there's no one like Jesus.
There's no one, there's no one like him.
There's no one, there's no one like Jesus.
There's no one, there's no one like him.*

Chorus in Swahili:

*Hakuna Mungu kama wewe
Hakuna Mungu kama we
Hakuna Mungu kama wewe
Hakuna na hatakuwepo*

I've walked and walked all over, over.
I turned and turned all over, over.
I've searched and searched all over, over.
There's no one, there's no one like him.

He came, He came humbly.
He died for sin willingly.
He rose on high eternally.
There's no one, there's no one like Him.

Happy Day

The greatest day in history,
Death is beaten, You have rescued me.
Sing it out, Jesus is alive.
The empty cross, the empty grave,
Life eternal, You have won the day.
Shout it out, Jesus is alive,
He's alive!

*And oh, happy day, happy day
You washed my sin away.
Oh happy day, happy day,
I'll never be the same,
Forever I am changed.*

When I stand in that place
Free at last, meeting face to face
I am Yours, Jesus You are mine.
Endless joy, perfect peace,
Earthly pain finally will cease.
Celebrate, Jesus is alive,
He's alive!

Oh what a glorious day,
What a glorious way
That You have saved me.
And oh what a glorious day,
What a glorious name.

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

Be a Part of Ascension Choir: All singers are invited to join Church of the Savior's Ascension Choir and sing during Bishop Todd's visit on May 20. One rehearsal will be held in the sanctuary directly after the service on May 13 (6:30-7:00pm). If you are planning to sing or have any questions please contact John Rakes (john@friendsofthesavior.org), Pastor of Music and Worship.

Volunteer Opportunity with World Relief Chicagoland: On the evening of Tuesday, May 9th, join volunteers from Savior at an online Conversation Cafe, hosted by WRC. After a brief orientation and training — and with the help of some conversation starters! — we'll spend about an hour helping English language learners practice their conversation skills. Please contact Pastor Sarah (sarah@friendsofthesavior.org) to sign up.

Prayer and Praise: Our final Prayer & Praise of the school year will be Tuesday, May 2, from 7pm to 8:15pm, in the Fireside Room at PHCC. Fr. Kevin will be teaching on "Praying Small and Praying Big."

Bishop Todd Visit: On Saturday, May 20, our bishop, Todd Hunter, will be leading our worship service and confirming a number of our youth. Please join us for a reception will follow, so you will have a chance to meet Bishop Todd. The following day, Sunday, May 21, Bishop Todd will be ordaining Roger Bottner to the diaconate at Christ Our Peace—4pm at Boulevard Presbyterian Church, 607 Harvard St., Oak Park.

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: 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, "2 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 22:

Budgeted Giving Goal = \$114,345

Actual Giving = \$96,968

Over/(Under) = (\$17,377)

Good Friday Gifts this week = \$103

Total to date = \$22,903

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To ask about a ministry or volunteer to get involved, please talk with its leader (emails are found at friendsofthesavior.org/serve) or with Pastor Sarah Lindsay (sarah@friendsofthesavior.org).

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