

# Welcome in the Name of The Triune God

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

- Prelude by Roxanne Groff
- Office of the Acolyte
- Ringing of the Bell

Scripture Focus:  
The Council At  
Jerusalem



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**K** **O** **R** **N** **E** **R**



# \* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign marked at baptism...*

**P: We confess our sins before God and  
one another.**

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

**P: Risen Lord,**

# **\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**C: We admit that we are slow to believe, and even slower to follow where you lead us. We doubt your promise, divide your people, and fail to proclaim the power of your resurrection. We choose to live small lives when you have given us the biggest gift of all: your eternal life.**


# \* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**C: Forgive us. Raise us up to a place where we can serve you faithfully.**

# **\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P: Christ is arisen, bringing gifts of life, mercy and pardon for sin! Believe that you are forgiven, and go out and live in the joy of your Lord's resurrection in the power of God's Holy Spirit.**

**C: Amen.**



Hymn of Praise  
Amazing Grace  
LBW 448

**1 Amazing grace,  
how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost,  
but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.**



**2 'Twas grace that taught  
my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did  
that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!**

**3 Through many dangers,  
toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought  
me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.**

**4 The Lord has promised  
good to me;  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield  
and portion be  
as long as life endures.**

# \* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

**C: And also with you.**

# \* KYRIE

*The congregation may respond with facemasks on:*

**A:** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** Lord have mercy.

**A:** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** Lord have mercy.

**A:** For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** Lord have mercy.

# \* KYRIE

*The congregation may sing with facemasks on:*

**A:** For this Holy House, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** Lord have mercy.

**A:** Help, save, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C:** Amen.

# \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray... Loving God, You showed your followers that their salvation didn't depend upon culture or traditions, but on the grace freely offered by your Spirit. Show us the same open vision of mercy offered to all, regardless of background or practice, for the sake of the whole world.

**C:** Amen.

# • Scripture Reading

**Acts 15:1-18**

**R: The Scripture reading is from The Acts of the Apostles, Chapters 15.**

**C: Glory to you O' Lord! (*Spoken*)**



# • Scripture Reading

Acts 15:1-18

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” <sup>2</sup>And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the

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Acts 15:1-18

elders. <sup>3</sup>So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers. <sup>4</sup>When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. <sup>5</sup>But some believers

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Acts 15:1-18

who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, “It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses.”

<sup>6</sup>The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. <sup>7</sup>After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you,

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Acts 15:1-18

that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. <sup>8</sup>And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us; <sup>9</sup>and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. <sup>10</sup>Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by

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Acts 15:1-18

placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? <sup>11</sup>On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.” <sup>12</sup>The whole assembly kept silence, and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles.

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Acts 15:1-18

<sup>13</sup>After they finished speaking, James replied, “My brothers, listen to me.

<sup>14</sup>Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the Gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. <sup>15</sup>This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written, <sup>16</sup>‘After this I will return, and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen; from its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will

# •Scripture Reading

Acts 15:1-18

set it up, <sup>17</sup>so that all other peoples may seek the Lord—even all the Gentiles over whom my name has been called. Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things <sup>18</sup>known from long ago.”

**R:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to You, O Christ (*Spoken*)



# Sermon

זוים חמוא  
אקיס את  
שכת דוד  
הנפלת  
עדרו את  
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## Special Music



זוים חמוץ  
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# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: 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.**

# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: 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;**

# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: 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.**

# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: 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.**

# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: 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.**

# \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition will end with the words,*

**A: God of All,**

*The congregation will respond with:*

**C: Hear our prayer.**

# \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The prayer concludes...*

**P:** Incline your ear to our prayers and fill us with power to begin living out our faith, by the power of your Son our savior, Jesus Christ.

**C:** Amen.



# \* SHARING OF THE PEACE

*The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...*

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.



# Offering Prayer



וְיָסֵד חֲמוּץ  
אֶקִים אֶת  
סִכְתְּ דָוִד  
הַנּוֹפֵלֶת  
וְעִדְדוּ אֶת  
בְּנֵיהֶוָה  
וְהִרְסֵתִיו  
אֶקִים  
וּבְנֵיהֶוָה  
כִּימֵי עוֹלָם

# \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Communion is by pre-filled kits. All the Baptized are welcome to celebrate this Holy Meal.*

*Please do not open the Communion Chalice until instructed to do so.*

# \* **DIALOGUE**

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And also with you.**

**P: Lift up your hearts.**

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give him thanks and  
praise.**

# **\* Preface**

**P: It is indeed right...**

**...join their unending hymn**

# \* Sanctus

*The congregation may respond with facemasks on:*

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: 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 in the highest.**

# \* Eucharistic Prayer

**P:** Holy, living, and loving God...

... in your holy Church, both now and forever.

*The congregation may respond with facemasks on:*

**C:** Amen.

# \* THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: We pray as Jesus taught...

*The congregation may respond with facemasks on:*

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy  
kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven. Give  
us this day our daily bread; and  
forgive us our trespasses,**



# \* THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The congregation may respond with facemasks on:*

**C: as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

# \* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P: You gather all to your table, even when we keep some out. You welcome all to your supper even when we limit the guest list. Your grace and mercy are enough for all; now let us come at our savior's invitation.**

*Please dispose of the empty cup in the trash receptacle on your way out of the Sanctuary.*

# \* **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P: May this Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unite us.**

*The congregation may respond with facemasks on:*

**C: Amen.**

# \* **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P: Let us pray... Gracious and abundant God, you have done great things for us, and we rejoice. In this bread and cup you give us life forever. In your boundless mercy, strengthen us and open our hearts to the world's needs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

*The congregation may respond with facemasks on:*

**C: Amen**



# Announcements



ביום חמו  
אקיס את  
שכת דו  
הנפלו  
עדרו את  
בניו  
והרסתו  
אקיס  
ובניתיה  
כימי עולם

# \* **SENDING BLESSING**

**P:** May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C:** Amen.



# **\*My Hope Is Buily On Nothing Less LBW 293**

**1 My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
no merit of my own I claim,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

## ***Refrain***

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.**



# **\*My Hope Is Buily On Nothing Less LBW 293**

**2 When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in ev'ry high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds within the veil.**

## ***Refrain***

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.**

# **\*My Hope Is Buily On Nothing Less LBW 293**

**3 His oath, his covenant, his blood  
sustain me in the raging flood;  
when all supports are washed away,  
he then is all my hope and stay.**

## ***Refrain***

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.**

# \* **DISMISSAL**

**P: Until we gather again as God's people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ's Love,**

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving all.  
Amen!**

## **Postlude by Roxanne Groff**

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