

Welcome in the Name of The Triune God

April 25, 2021
4th Sunday of Easter



- **Prelude by Roxanne Groff**
- **Office of the Acolyte**
- **Ringling of the Bell**

**Scripture Focus:
Ethiopian Eunuch
Baptized**

* **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

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

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**

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

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.

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

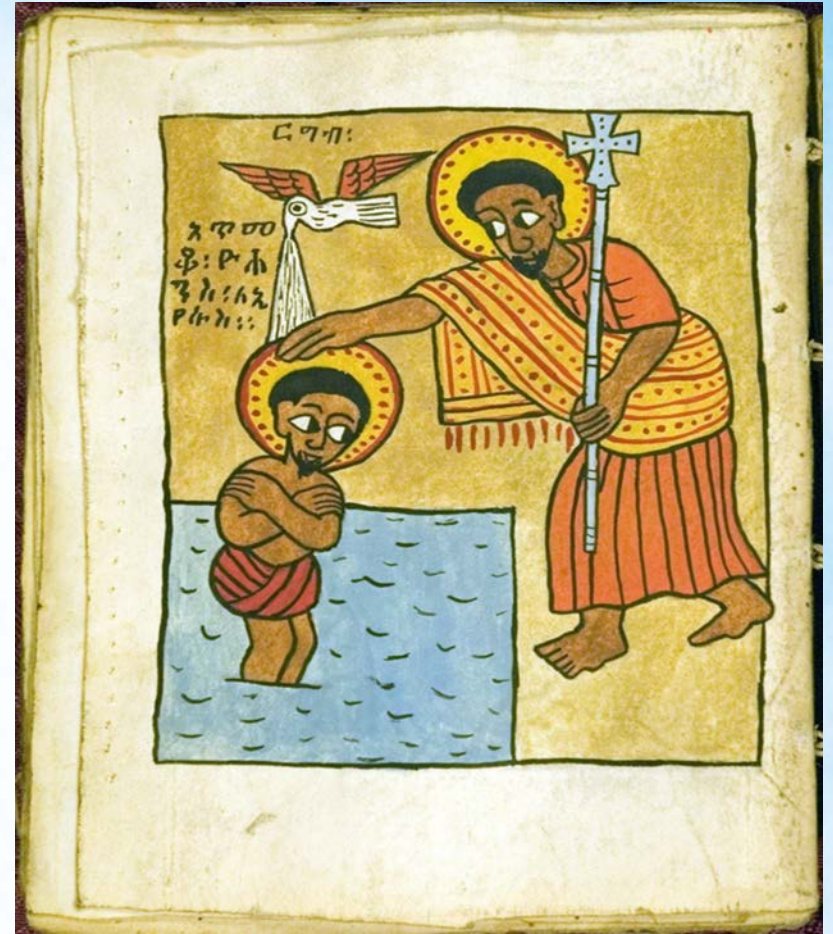
C: Amen.

* Hymn of Praise

Baptized in Water

ELW 456

(Verses 1 - 3)



* Baptized In Water

ELW 456

The congregation may sing with facemasks on:

1 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

ELW 456

The congregation may sing with facemasks on:

**2 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

ELW 456

The congregation may sing with facemasks on:

**3 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.**

* 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.

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

C: And also with you.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... God of truth, You have revealed yourself to people of every time, place and situation. May we not put limits on where or how your Spirit might capture human hearts and spread the word of your gospel far and wide, for the sake of our risen Lord.

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

C: Amen.

• Scripture Reading Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60

R: The Scripture reading is from The Acts of the Apostles, Chapters 8.

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

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

• **Scripture Reading Acts 8:26-39**

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was

• **Scripture Reading Acts 8:26-39**

returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the

• **Scripture Reading Acts 8:26-39**

passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this,

• **Scripture Reading Acts 8:26-39**

about himself or about someone else?”

³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?”

³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the

• **Scripture Reading Acts 8:26-39**

eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

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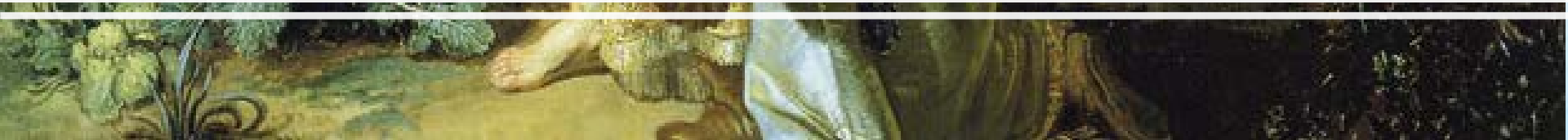
R: This is the Word of the Lord.

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

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

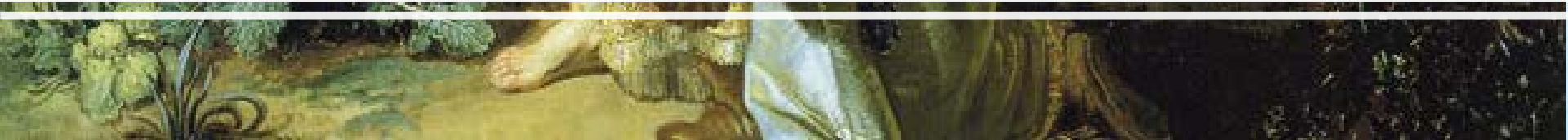


Sermon





Special Music



* NICENE CREED

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

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

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

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

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

**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

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

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

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

**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 Truth,

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.

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

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.

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

C: And also with you.



OFFERING PRAYER



* 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



* **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.

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

C: Amen.

* SENDING SONG

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

**Come Thou Fount
of Every Blessing**

LBW 499

Verses 1 - 3



*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing LBW 499

The congregation may sing with facemasks on:

1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.

***Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing LBW 499**

The congregation may sing with facemasks on:

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:

**"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing LBW 499

The congregation may sing with facemasks on:

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

* DISMISSAL

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

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

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

Postlude by Roxanne Groff

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