

# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

## Second Sunday in Easter

### *Faithful Through Generations*

April 24, 2022



In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

#### PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

#### ***Rising***

##### **Pre-Chorus**

From the rising of the sun 'til the sun  
goes down  
Let the Name of the Lord be praised  
From the rising of the sun 'til the sun  
goes down  
Let the Name of the Lord be praised

We've gathered to worship  
Becoming a choir to sing Your praise  
Lifting our voices  
Joining our hearts in this house today  
People of God, in the power of God  
For the Kingdom of God, we sing

##### **Chorus**

From the rising of the sun 'til the sun  
goes down  
Let the Name of the Lord be praised  
From the rising of the sun 'til the sun  
goes down  
Let the Name of the Lord be praised  
From the sky, to the depths  
From the east, to the west  
We give You praise

We're gathered to go out  
To cities and towns we'll take  
Your Name  
Into the nations  
Shining Your light in the darkest place  
People of God, in the power of God  
For the Kingdom of God, we live  
(Repeat Chorus)

## ***Open Up The Heavens***

### **Verse 1**

We've waited for this day  
We're gathered in Your Name  
Calling out to You  
Your glory like a fire, awakening desire  
Will burn our hearts with truth

### **Pre-Chorus**

You're the reason we're here  
You're the reason we're singing

### **Chorus**

Open up the heavens,  
we want to see You  
Open up the floodgates, a mighty river  
Flowing from Your heart  
Filling every part of our praise

### **Verse 2**

Your presence in this place  
Your glory on our face  
We're looking to the sky  
Descending like a cloud  
You're standing with us now  
Lord unveil our eyes  
(*Pre-Chorus*)  
(*Chorus-2x*)

### **Bridge**

Show us, show us Your glory  
Show us, show us Your power  
Show us, show us Your glory Lord  
(*Repeat Bridge*)  
(*Repeat Chorus-2x*)

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **C: Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**L: Holy One, we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

L: Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **C: Amen.**

L: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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**O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### ***This Is The Day***

This is the day  
This is the day  
That the Lord hath made  
That the Lord hath made  
We will rejoice  
We will rejoice  
And be glad in it  
And be glad in it  
This is the day  
That the Lord hath made  
We will rejoice and be glad in it  
This is the day  
This is the day  
That the Lord hath made  
(Repeat all)

## **THE GOSPEL**

**John 20:19-31**

\*The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When 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." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So 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."

<sup>26</sup>A 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.” <sup>27</sup>Then 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.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But 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.

\*The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*“Peace Behind Locked Doors”*

Pastor Dan Nordin

## ***Our God***

Water You turned into wine  
Opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like You  
None like You

Into the darkness You shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You  
None like You

## **Chorus**

Our God is greater  
Our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other  
Our God is healer  
Awesome in power our God our God  
(Instrumental)

Into the darkness You shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You  
None like You  
(Chorus – 2x)

**\*THE APOSTLE’S CREED: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.)**

**\*The Peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.**

**\*HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*COMMUNION PRAYER: Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*LORD’S PRAYER: 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, 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.**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**\*L: Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION:**

## ***Forever***

Give thanks to the Lord  
Our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good, He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand  
And outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise  
Sing praise, sing praise

## **Chorus**

Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever and ever, forever

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
By the grace of God we will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise  
Sing praise, sing praise  
(*Chorus*)

Sing praise, sing praise  
Sing praise, sing praise  
(*Chorus*)

(Please be seated)

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