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Welcome

Notices:

Opening Sentence

Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. John 20.29

Opening Hymn #453 (CP)

living lord of love's dominion

The Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you

Almighty God,
**to you all hearts are open,
 all desires known,
 and from you no secrets are hidden.
 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.**

The Gloria

Gloria (clap, clap), Gloria (clap, clap),
 In excelsis Deo
 Gloria (clap, clap), Gloria (clap, clap),
 In excelsis Deo

Lord God, heavenly King,
 Peace you bring to us;
 We worship you, we give you thanks,
 We sing our song of praise.

Jesus, Saviour of all,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 You take away our sins, O Lord,
 Have mercy on us all.

At the Father's right hand,
 Lord, receive our prayer,
 For you alone are the Holy One
 And you alone are Lord.

Glory Father and Son,
 Glory Holy Spirit,
 To you we raise our hands up high,
 We glorify your name.

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1st Reading - Acts 4:32-35

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm - Psalm 133

133:1 How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

133:2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

133:3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Creator of the universe, from whom all things come, to whom all things return, give your people such unity of heart and mind, that all the world may grow in the life of your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

2nd Reading -1 John 1:1-2:2

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #605 (CP)

have mercy, lord on us

The Gospel - John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to ...

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived
by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
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 for the Community

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud.

Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember • the persecuted • the oppressed peoples of the world; • all who are lonely; • all who are near to death and • all who are facing loss.

O God, your Son remained with his disciples after his resurrection, teaching them to love all people as neighbours. As his disciples in this age, we offer our prayers on behalf of the universe in which we are privileged to live and our neighbours with whom we share it.

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying,
 "Hear us, Lord of glory!"

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection,
 let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel,
 let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love,
 let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter,
 let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth,
 let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened,
 let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,
 let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

Open our hearts to your power moving around us and between us and within us, until your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy,
 in communities transformed by justice and compassion,
 and in the healing of all that is broken. **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept.

Merciful Creator God,
You have searched us out and known us; the hopes we hold and the sins that cling to us. The hurts we absorb and ferment; the tears we both cause and shed.

We stand before you: all that we have been and all that we are, knowing that only in You are we truly known as the ones You would have us be.

Forgive us and guide us to face ourselves, and respect each other with dignity, that we might welcome with You the gifts and challenges that Your new creation brings, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

May God our Great Creator have mercy upon us, and cleanse our hearts of all stain from sin and brokenness, that we may walk with Jesus along the good road, His holy way.
Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn #397 (CP)

praise the one who breaks the darkness

Doxology - 666 (CP)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
 Praise God all creatures here below
 Praise God above ye Heavenly Host
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Prayer Over the Gifts

God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

**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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

Hymn - Lamb of God

**Lamb of God You Take Away The Sins Of the
World, Have Mercy on Us**

**Lamb of God You Take Away The Sins Of the
World, Have Mercy on Us**

**Lamb of God You Take Away the Sins of the
World, Grant Us Peace, Grant Us Peace**

Prayer after Communion

Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched
with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our
faith that we may grow in love for you and for
each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
Amen.

Doxology

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,

**can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Sunday School

Closing Hymn #210 (CP)

yours be the glory, risen, conquering son

Dismissal

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for your gifts and presence. Thank you for your
generous donations and giving. We pray that the
risen Lord bless and multiply you in all you do.

Go Forth into the world rejoicing in the power of
the Holy Spirit.

And be what you are, the church in the World.

Thanks be to God. Amen. Alleluia!

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