

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024

Holy Baptism and Holy Communion

Before worship, speak to God. During worship, allow God to speak to you. After worship, speak to one another.

The ringing of the bell announces the start of the service. All stand as are able.

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION



THE ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ 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.**

All are seated.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 4:23-37

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSORIAL: PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

All are seated.

THE EPISTLE: 1JOHN 3:1-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand as are able.

ALLELUIA: GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL: JOHN 10:11-16

The Gospel is announced, saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

All are seated.

THE BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Children aged 5 years — Fourth grade are invited to attend Children's Formation. Children under 5 years may attend with parental supervision.

THE SERMON
Steve Wishart, Rector

HOLY BAPTISM Zy'Mia Elizabeth O'Leary-Sutton

THE EXHORTATION

The Celebrant then says to the People

Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God"; and he commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Here we ask our heavenly Father that this Candidate, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as a living member of Christ's body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to this Candidate that which by nature she cannot have.

THE PRESENTATION

The Celebrant says,

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

I present Zy'Mia Elizabeth O'Leary-Sutton to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant addresses the Sponsoring Godparent.

Today, on behalf of this child, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that this child is taught, as soon as she is able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. She must come to put her faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of her soul. When she has embraced all these, she is to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that she may publicly claim the Faith for her own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom.

Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

I am, the Lord being my helper.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Celebrant then examines the Sponsoring Grandparent who will speak on behalf of the child, saying,

Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

The Celebrant prays over the Candidate, anointing her with Oil, saying,

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Zy'Mia, do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

I do.

Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

I do.

Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Celebrant then addresses the Congregation, first inviting them to stand.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

We will.

The Celebrant then says,

Let us join with this Candidate to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I do.

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

I do.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by 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.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I do.

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

THE LITANY FOR THE CANDIDATE

The Deacon, or other person appointed, may say

Let us now pray for this Candidate who is to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

That Zy'Mia may always confess her faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That she may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That she may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which they have been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That she may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever they fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That she may proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That as a living member of the Body of Christ, she may grow up in every way into him who is the head.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That, looking to Jesus, she may run with endurance the race set before her, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATE

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon this your servant. Wash and sanctify her through your Holy Spirit, that she may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, she may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant pours the water for Baptism.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise

The Celebrant continues,

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are made regenerate by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Here the Celebrant touches the water and says

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue for ever faithful in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Then the Celebrant immerses the Candidate or pours water upon the Candidate three times, saying

Elizabeth I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Celebrant makes the sign of the Cross upon the forehead of the newly baptized, saying

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, received her as your own child by adoption, made her a member of your holy Church, and raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that she may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues,

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

Parents of Nursery children (6 months—4 years) please pick up your children at this time.

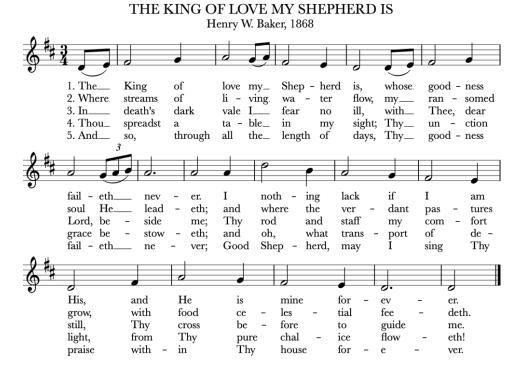
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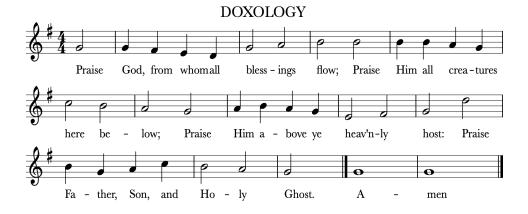
THE OFFERTORY

We receive an offering every week as a vital act of worship and to honor the reality of Psalm 24:1,

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it; the world and all who live in it."

You can give by placing an offering in the available plate, online, or by mail.





Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O LORD,

And of your own have we given you.

1 CHRONICLES 29:11, 14

THE SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

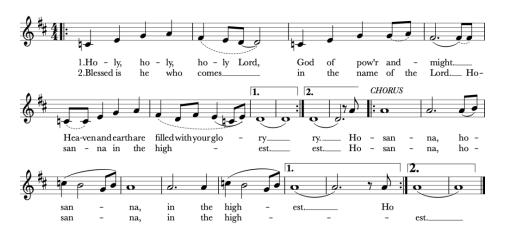
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS



THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People kneel or remain standing as are able.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

THE 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,

trusting in our own righteousness,

but in your abundant and great mercies.

Apart from your grace,

we are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,

that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,

and our souls washed through

his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him,

and he in us. Amen.



Lamb of God, you takea-way. the sinsof the world, have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you takea-way. the sins of the world, grant___ us peace.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

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.

Gluten-free bread available upon request.

The Congregation will be dismissed by rows and is invited to kneel as able at the rail for Communion. The Celebrant will place the consecrated bread into your hands. You may intinct (dip) the bread in the cup and consume, or consume the bread, then drink from the cup.

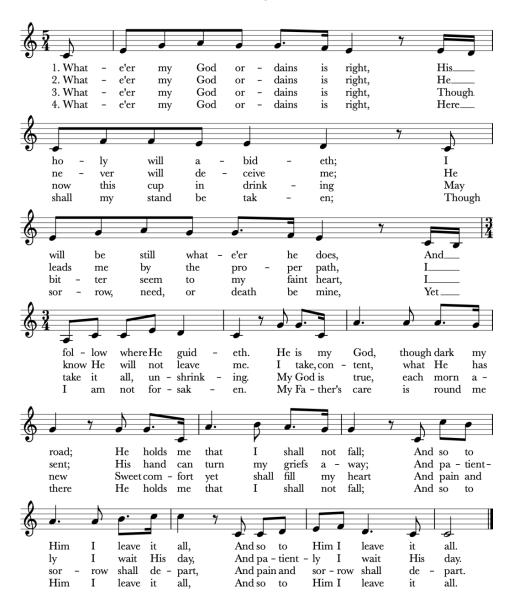
If you would prefer to receive a blessing, fold your arms across your chest.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion.

SONGS OF REFLECTION

WHATE'ER MY GOD ORDAINS IS RIGHT

Samuel Rodigast, 1675



THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.

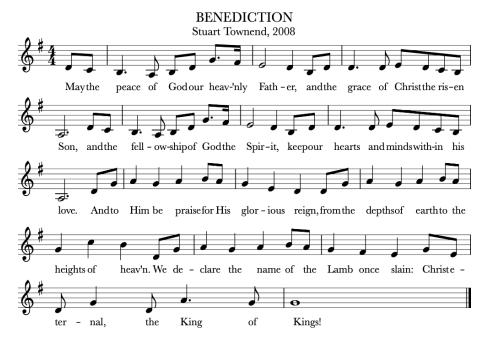
And now, Father,

send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, the Priest, or the person appointed may dismiss the People with these words

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Please join us in our Parish Hall for coffee, tea and refreshments immediately following today's service.

Welcome to Redeemer!

We're delighted to have you join us in our new home. If you'd like to know more about anything at Redeemer, connect with us by email. Our contact information is on the back cover of today's bulletin.

Our shared vision is, "To proclaim and promote the Gospel; giving ever more time talent and treasure to seeking the flourishing of our neighbors."

If you're visiting with us today, we'd like you to take home a copy of "Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers" by Dane Ortlund with our compliments. If there's anything we want you to know about Jesus, it's what he said about himself. Pick up your copy in the lobby.

Interested in receiving our weekly emails? Fill out a Connection card (available in the pew rack) and drop it in the Offering plate.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Second Sunday Sandwiches—TODAY following worship.

Discovery Dinner—Thursday, May 2. If you're new(ish) to Redeemer, we'd like to get to know you—and you, us—a little better. Join Steve and Lauren Wishart for dinner and discussion in their home, Thursday, May 2, 6:30PM. RSVP with a Connection Card and write "*Discovery Dinner*" in the comment section.

Membership Lunch—Sunday, May 5. If you'd like to find out more about Membership at Redeemer, join us for lunch following worship Sunday, May 5. RSVP with a Connection Card and write "*Membership*" in the comment section.

Membership Sunday—Sunday, May 19. This is the day we'll welcome any new Members.

Youth and Adult Formation Discussion—Sunday, May 19 following worship.

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