

**Peace Lutheran Church
Order of Worship**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2020**

Disciples of Peace Serving Today

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Message	Pastor Al Cassel
Music	Michael English

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Pastor Al Cassel

***GATHERING SONG**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

***PRAYER OF GATHERING**

P: Let us pray... Messiah, Jesus, your followers' established churches in communities near and far. Take us outside of ourselves and teach us to give away what you have given to us. Show us how to witness to your presence in places near and far.

C: **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Acts 17:1-9

R: Our worship continues with our lesson from God's Word. The lesson for the fourth Sunday of Easter is from Acts.

When Paul and his companions had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah," he said. Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women.

But other Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials, shouting: "These men who have caused

trouble all over the world have now come here, and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus." When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go.

R: Here ends the lesson.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: Here we come, here we stand, broken lives, needful hands; to be washed by your word; may our voices be heard as we sing Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

***THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD**

Mark 13:9-11

A. The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter. "You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

A: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Al Cassel

***SONG OF THE DAY**

Just As I Am

THE APOSTLES' CREED

A: Please join with me as we make profession of our Easter faith.

C. 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 into hell. 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.

***THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A: *(Invite the congregation to be seated)* Gathered together as God's people in Christ Jesus, let us pray for God's creation, those in need, and all of the church.

Brief silence for personal prayer.

A: . . . Hear us, O God,

C: **your mercy is great.**

A: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P: Let us pray. Resurrected Lord,

C: **Easter is the fulfillment of the promise you made to your disciples, that whosoever would lose their life for your sake would find it. Help us to find ourselves in your promise. Help us to give as you have given, not as a demand but as a hope. Help us to live that hope today, as we follow you beyond the cross into the new life of Easter. Amen.**

***WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER**

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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, 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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

***PASTORAL PRAYER**

Pastor Al Cassel

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: He is Risen!

C: **He is Risen Indeed!** May we who have feasted on his body and blood, experience the call to live our lives in reckless abandon for the sake of the gospel. May we become signs of the Kingdom of God, at work even now in the midst of a broken world. He is Risen and we welcome his presence with us this day. Amen.

***THE BLESSING**

P: And now may the Lord bless us and keep us. May the Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. And may the Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen!**

***SENDING SONG**

From Whom All Blessings Flow

***SENDING**

A: Go in peace as people of peace;

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Lyrics

Gathering Song:

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
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.
When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale,

Refrain:

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

my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

Song of the day:

Just As I Am

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because, thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Sending Song (this will not change weekly):

From Whom All Blessings Flow

What gift of love could I offer to a King
What weight or worth could be held within my offering
When He alone is worthy

A glory song is inscribed upon my heart
This treasure held in an alabaster jar I break
To bring Him all the glory

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below

What sacrifice could be equal to His own
The cross of Christ has declared that there is nought I owe

Yet I know I owe Him all

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Our Father God the infinite

The matchless King magnificent

The living Christ

The servant Son

The prophesied

The saving One

The Holy Ghost gift from above

The faithful Friend

The seal of love

This life, this heart

This song to Him

My all in all

My everything

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

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