

Disciples of Peace Serving Today

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+ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Al Cassel

***GATHERING SONG**

Come Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing

***PRAYER OF GATHERING**

P: Let us pray... Holy Lord, within your church, your followers have often allowed their disagreements to get in the way of being faithful to your word. Remove any barriers our communities face that prevent us from sharing your word and building up your church.

C: Amen.

THE LESSON

Acts 18:1-4

R: After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not remember if I baptized anyone else.)

For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

R: Here ends the lesson.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

He is Risen, Alleluia. He is Risen, Alleluia. He is Risen, Alleluia. He is Risen, Alleluia.

***THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD**

Mark 9:34-35

A. The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter.

But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

A: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*SONG OF THE DAY

The Church's One Foundation

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.**

THE OFFERING

*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.**

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

Lyrics

Gathering Song

Come Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing

**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.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by thy help I'm 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.**

**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.**

Song of the Day

The Church's One Foundation

**The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.**

**Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.**

Sending Song

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**

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