

## **MEAL**

We are fed with the presence of Jesus Christ.

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**  
P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**  
P: Give thanks to the Lord your God.  
**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

LAMB OF GOD

## **COMMUNION/PRAYERS**

Please take an empty cup when you come forward for communion. We have gluten free wafers—let your server know of this need. There is both wine and grape juice. You may lift up your prayers after communion by lighting a candle.

*Music is played during communion*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

THE BLESSING SONG

**The Lord bless you, and keep you  
Make his face shine upon you  
Be gracious to you  
The Lord turn his face toward you  
And give you peace.**

**Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.**

SONG: This Little Light of Mine #677 (*We sing the first verse of this song while the children leave for Sunday school class*)

Go now in peace to Love and Serve Risen Our Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**



**Join us after worship for our Coffee Fellowship!**

Sunday, April 12th ~ Second Sunday of Easter



## INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

OPENING SONG: Hallelujah! Jesus Lives #380 Vs. 1-4

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

**C: And also with you.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**C: Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**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 in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and in song.

SPARK STORY BIBLE:      Doubting Thomas      pgs. 492-495  
Children's Message

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1st Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

**C: Open our ears to hear your word.**

*Reading*

Psalm 16 (please read bolded words)

L: Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**C: All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

L: But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**C: I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

L: O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

**C: My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

L: I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

**C: I have set the LORD always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

L: My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

**C: For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

L: You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is  
fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures  
forevermore.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

**C: Open our ears to hear your word.**

*reading*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah #172

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to John in the 20th chapter

**C: Glory to You, O LORD!**

*Pastor reads*

L: This is the gospel of Our Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

MESSAGE

SONG:           Lamb of God   #336   Vs. 1-3

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please respond to Merciful God, with **Receive our prayer.**