

# Second Sunday Of Easter

April 7<sup>th</sup> 2024 9:30am



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Talk



Pray



Bless

**Preparation For Worship:** Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! *Psalm 133:1*

## Opening Song

## Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow - Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness - Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say  
"Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your glorious name"

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be - Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering - Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say  
"Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your glorious name"

You give and take away - You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say - "Lord, blessed be Your Name"

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## Invocation

Pastor: We gather today in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Jesus tells us, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."  
*John 11*

**People: God is good!**

Pastor: All the time!

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**People: Like spring after winter is the faithful renewal of Jesus' love.**

Pastor: May your life be renewed like spring after winter in Jesus' love.

## Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Jesus' preaching began with, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Jesus also answered the Pharisees when they questioned who He welcomed and forgave, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

**People: After His resurrection Jesus said to His disciples, "It is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."**

Pastor: Acknowledging the promise and call of God to confess, repent, and receive forgiveness, we join in the Apostle John's words:

**People: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned we make God a liar, and His Word is not in us.**

**Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**Forgive me of my sins, I pray.** *(Reflection for confession)*

Pastor: Jesus laid down His life for our sins to be forgiven. He cleanses us, and calls us clean as we believe and receive His reconciliation. As you have confessed and believed, as a called servant of Jesus our Christ, and according to His Word, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Daily Text

The Israelites said to the Lord, "We have sinned; do to us whatever seems good to You, but deliver us this day!"

*Judges 10:15*

But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner?"

*Luke 18:13*

Let us pray:

**People: Almighty God, compassionate Father, I am helpless in my own sin; without You I am bound by shame. You have saved me, though I do not deserve it, and You have loved me though I often stray. Thank You for the steadfast mercy and grace You give me daily. Guide my steps so others can know Your love. Amen.**

## Scripture Lessons *Read*

First Lesson

Acts 4:32-35

<sup>32</sup> Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. <sup>33</sup> And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup> and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Psalm

Psalm 133

<sup>1</sup> Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! <sup>2</sup> It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

Second Lesson

1 John 1:1-2:2

<sup>1</sup> That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup> the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— <sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. <sup>2:1</sup> My little children, I am writing these things to

you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup> He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**Reader:** Please rise for the reading of the Gospel. God has given us Good News.

**People:** **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. You have the words of eternal life.** Psalm 119:105, John 6:68

### Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

### Apostles' Creed

**People:** **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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Sermon Song**

**Cornerstone**

**My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name**

**Christ alone cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all**

**When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil**

**Christ alone cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all**

**He is Lord - Lord of all**

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**When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne**

**Sermon/Watchword**      *Talk --- New, Knew, Next*

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If We Walk In The Light As God Is In The Light, We Have Fellowship With One Another,  
And The Blood Of Jesus His Son Cleanses Us From All Sin

## Offering Song

## Step By Step

O God You are my God - and I will ever praise You  
O God You are my God - and I will ever praise You  
I will seek You in the morning - and I will learn to walk in Your ways  
And step by step You'll lead me - and I will follow You all of my days

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## Prayers of the Church *Pray*

The congregation is invited to join in prayers that include whole Church, the nation, those in need, the parish, additional petitions and special concerns.

**Pastor:** Let's join together to pray with Jesus for all that He loves right here, and to the ends of the earth. Father, our Father in heaven, You are the present active, Creator, and Redeemer of our heart, soul, mind and body.

**People:** **Thank You Lord, that in You we are made a part of Your great salvation of all that You have created. You have made us Your redeemed children. We join today with all those throughout the world who follow You, and pray that Your kingdom would come, and Your will would be done among us as it is in heaven.**

**Pastor:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude with these words...

**Pastor:** You are our God, and we are Your people... Thank You that You hear our prayers, and work in all things for the good of those who love You. To You be all glory, honor, and praise.

**People:** **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**Pastor:** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**People:** **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.**

## Benediction *Bless*

**Pastor:** Now, may the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May He make His face shine on you, and be gracious unto you.  
May the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you His peace.

**People:**<sup>Sung</sup> **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Blessing:** Child of God, Jesus is the light of the world; let's walk with Him.

Pastor: Our worship continues,  
People: **our service begins!**

**Closing Song**

**Marvelous Light**

**Into marvelous light I'm running - out of darkness out of shame  
Through the cross You are the truth You are the life You are the way**

*interlude*

**I once was fatherless  
A stranger with no hope  
Your kindness wakened me  
Wakened me from my sleep now  
Your love it beckons deeply  
A call to come and die  
By grace now I will come  
And take this life take Your life**

**Sin has lost its power - death has lost its sting  
From the grave You've risen - victoriously**

**Into marvelous light I'm running - out of darkness out of shame  
Through the cross You are the truth You are the life You are the way**

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**My dead heart now is beating  
My deepest stains now clean  
Your breath fills up my lungs  
Now I'm free now I'm free  
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**SHARING OF PEACE AS WE GO IN GOD'S PEACE**

**Welcome To Worship At Zion.** We are pleased to have you join us. *If you are a visitor* please check the shelf outside the office for our newsletter and brochure.

**Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God.

**Our Sincere Sympathy** is extended to Shirley Staerkel and family on the death of her son, Vernon.

**The Property & Grounds Committee** met on 3/25/24. We will be trimming the shrubs outside each pod of our church several weekday afternoons in April. Additionally, we will be cleaning any winter debris...branches, etc., and also putting/adding bark chips in the area near the church entrance. If you would have an hour or two to help with these clean-up tasks, please call JoAnne at 920-948-9503.

**The 2024 Altar Flower Chart** is up in the hallway. Sign up for one (\$22.50) or two (\$45.00) vases. Please indicate whether it is in honor or memory of an individual or special event.

**The Mission of the Month for April** is supporting Pr John Rutzindintwarane and his work in Rwanda and other parts of Africa.

**Bible Studies/Small Groups**

**Wednesday** 6:00pm G.I.F.T.

**Worship at Zion**

**Wednesday** 7:00pm Worship and Praise

**Saturday** 5:00pm Chapel Service

**Sunday** 8:00am Worship

9:30am G.I.F.T. Worship

11:30am Swahili-English Worship

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