

Believe
ON THE LORD
Jesus Christ
AND YOU
SHALL BE Saved.
Acts 16:31



**Seventh Sunday of Easter
Worship Gathering**

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

- ♦ **Breathe**
- ♦ **Ponder:** Whom did you bring with you on your heart today? For what or whom are you feeling thankful? What is making you anxious today? What do you need to confess today?
- ♦ **Be still,** empty your hands, empty your mind, let sounds pass you, wait upon God.

Gathering

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Congregational responses are indented and in bold.

PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!


In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery,
and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.
You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.
You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.
In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
You call us forth and send us out.
In lush and barren places, you are with us.
You have become our salvation.
Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more.
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.
To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.
Amen.


Alleluia! Sing to Jesus




1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,




his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

PSALM: Psalm 97

¹The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!

²**Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

³Fire goes before him,
and consumes his adversaries on every side.

⁴**His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**

⁵The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the LORD of all the earth.

⁶**The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.**

⁷All worshipers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.

⁸**Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O God.**

⁹For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰**The LORD loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

¹¹Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.

¹²Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



READING: Acts 16:16-34

A Reading from Acts

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Word of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Nicole Schwalbe

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone,
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

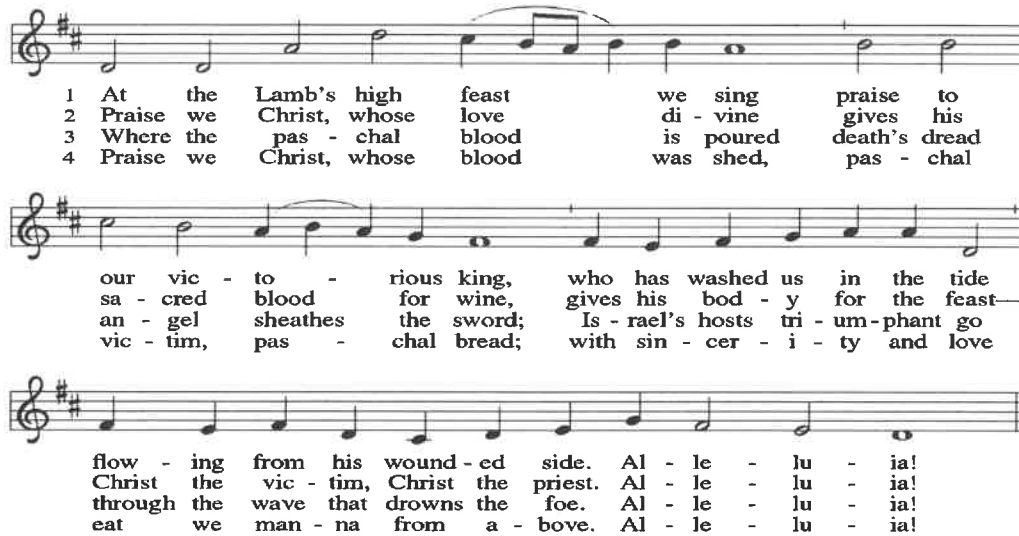
Response: **Hear our prayer.**

Meal

OFFERING *The giving of our time, talents, and money to the work of Christ's Church is an act of worship. As God has blessed us, let us return thanks to Him.*

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Verse 1



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we Christ, whose love di-vine gives his
 3 Where the pas-chal blood is poured death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas-chal

our vic-tor-ious king, who has washed us in the tide
 sa-cred blood for wine, gives his bod-y for the feast—
 an-gel sheathes the sword; Is-rael's hosts tri-um-phant go
 vic-tim, pas-chal bread; with sin-cer-i-ty and love

flow-ing from his wound-ed side. Al-le-lu-ia!
 Christ the vic-tim, Christ the priest. Al-le-lu-ia!
 through the wave that drowns the foe. Al-le-lu-ia!
 eat we man-na from a-bove. Al-le-lu-ia!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together
 In your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table.
 Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body,
 that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...

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, forever and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ as he comes to us in the Holy Eucharist.

COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

BLESSING *All Stand*

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

Amen

Sending

BLESSING

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER LIST

Strength

Albert Burkhart
Lynn Dagata
Janet Delgado
Gabe DeMaria
Astrid Grossmann
Jason Haley
Karl Hurowitz
Marty Massey
Dr. Les Prusnofsky
Marge Taylor
First Responders and Healthcare Workers

Serving in the Armed Forces

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Carmen Green
Nicole Hetzer
Jim Oliveto
Justin Ortega
Sean Hudgins
Jesse Fritz

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Epiphany Bayamón