



A N E A S T E R

Celebration

May 02, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Easter

He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!

Worship Guidelines during Covid-19 Pandemic

- Face masks are required.
- Maintain 6 feet of physical distancing.
- Offering can be left at the back of the church or given online at TrondhjemLutheran.org

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Call to Worship

P/ Christ is Risen!

C/ He is risen indeed!

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**C/ He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!
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Confession & Forgiveness

P/ Let us confess our sins to God and to each other...

P/ Holy Lord,

C/ We confess that we have done wrong and have made many mistakes.

Things we know we did, things we know we didn't do.

We have sinned in ways we aren't even aware of.

We have misused our thoughts, our words and our actions.

We have not loved you with all of our heart.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us and help us put you first again in our lives. Amen

P/ God is full of mercy and full of love...
... you strong in God's love now and always.

C/ Amen

Hymn – Gather Us In #532

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame, call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young, our lives are a mystery, we are the old, who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong. Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away but here in this place, the new light is shining; now is the Kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own. Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The Greeting

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.

Kyrie (setting 8)

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

Reading: Acts 15:1-18 (CEB) *The Jerusalem Council*

Some people came down from Judea teaching the family of believers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom we've received from Moses, you can't be saved." ² Paul and Barnabas took sides against these Judeans and argued strongly against their position.

The church at Antioch appointed Paul, Barnabas, and several others from Antioch to go up to Jerusalem to set this question before the apostles and the elders. ³ The church sent this delegation on their way. They traveled through Phoenicia and Samaria, telling stories about the conversion of the Gentiles to everyone. Their reports thrilled the

brothers and sisters. ⁴When they arrived in Jerusalem, the church, the apostles, and the elders all welcomed them. They gave a full report of what God had accomplished through their activity. ⁵Some believers from among the Pharisees stood up and claimed, "The Gentiles must be circumcised. They must be required to keep the Law from Moses."

⁶The apostles and the elders gathered to consider this matter. ⁷After much debate, Peter stood and addressed them, "Fellow believers, you know that, early on, God chose me from among you as the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the word of the gospel and come to believe. ⁸God, who knows people's deepest thoughts and desires, confirmed this by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us. ⁹He made no distinction between us and them, but purified their deepest thoughts and desires through faith. ¹⁰Why then are you now challenging God by placing a burden on the shoulders of these disciples that neither we nor our ancestors could bear? ¹¹On the contrary, we believe that we and they are saved in the same way, by the grace of the Lord Jesus."

¹²The entire assembly fell quiet as they listened to Barnabas and Paul describe all the signs and wonders God did among the Gentiles through their activity. ¹³When Barnabas and Paul also fell silent, James responded, "Fellow believers, listen to me. ¹⁴Simon reported how, in his kindness, God came to the Gentiles in the first place, to raise up from them a people of God. ¹⁵The prophets' words agree with this; as it is written,

¹⁶After this I will return,
and I will rebuild David's fallen tent;
I will rebuild what has been torn down.
I will restore it

¹⁷so that the rest of humanity will seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles who belong to me.
The Lord says this, the one who does these things
¹⁸known from earliest times.

Children's Message

The Message

Hymn – Church's One Foundation v. 1,3,5

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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.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?" and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace, that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

Prayers of the People Response

P/ Lord in your mercy,

C/ Hear our prayer.

Great Thanksgiving

P/ The Lord be with you.

C/ And also with you.

P/ Lift up your hearts.

C/ We lift them up to the Lord.

P/ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C/ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P/ It is right...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

