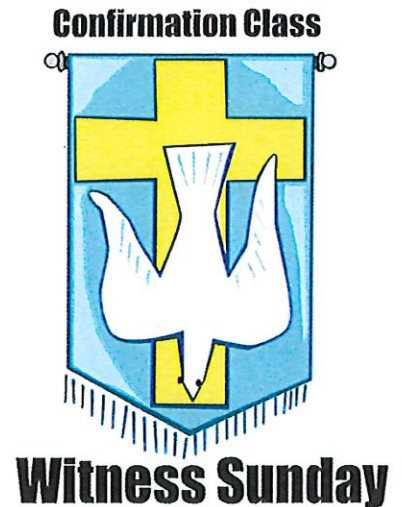


The Fourth Sunday of Easter May 3, 2020

*Today we celebrate the first of two "Witness Sunday's,"
as we are led in worship by our 2020 Confirmation Class.*



Pre Service "Sing Halleluiah"

Bob & Jean Gillis

Words of Welcome/Thoughts on the Day

Reflection on Worship

Andrew Lacambra

Remembrance of Baptism

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the (✠) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Blessed by God, who chose us in Christ, let us come to the God of mercy.

Reflection on Repentance

Sofia Gerstenecker

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

P Faithful and living God,

C **We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

P In this is love, not that we have loved God but that God loved us and sent his Son to atone for our sins. In the name of (✠) Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.

C **Amen**

Opening Hymn “Living Hope”

VERSE 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

VERSE 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I’m Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

CHORUS

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There’s salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

VERSE 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

ENDING

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

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Greeting

P Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Reflection on Scripture

Patricio Flores

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Epistle

1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of

strangers.”⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day “How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”

VERSE 1

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

VERSE 2

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

VERSE 3

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow’r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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Reflection on Law and Gospel

Matthew Khan

Sermon

“Can I Get a Witness?”

Pastor Scott Henze

Reflection on the Church

Emma Ecarius

The Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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.

Reflection on Prayer

Ava Stone

Prayer of the Church

*Petitions end, "In the name of the Risen Lord."
Congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."*

Gathering of Gifts

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Reflection on Grace and Justification

Shannon Gruber

Reflection on Redemption/Atonement

Ethan Biondo

The Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.**

Reflection on Sanctification

James Griffin

Benediction

Recessional Verse "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" LSB 709 verses 1,3,5



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
5 Thou spreadst a ta - ble in my sight; Thine unc - tion



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
grace be - stow - eth; And, oh, what trans - port

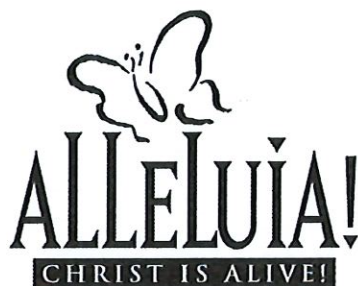


I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
of de - light From Thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!

Easter Acclamation

- P** Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P** Christ indeed has been raised from the dead.
- C** Christ is risen!
- P** He is risen indeed!
- C** Alleluia!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. I hope and pray you had a chance to see Christ in a very personal and real way. If you have a prayer request or would like to talk to the pastor or one of our Stephen Ministers contact the church office at 954-384-9096 or by email at office@stpaulweston.org.



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