

Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



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Fifth Saturday in Easter + Year B

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Preservice Song *The Old Rugged Cross*

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross, where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

O the old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary. ***(Refrain)***

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
It's shame and reproach gladly bear.
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share. ***(Refrain)***

Welcome and Announcements

 **GATHERING** 

Gathering Song

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

ELW 377
Verses 1, 3, 4, 5

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain:

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
Gift of the future now flowing to me.

(Refrain)

Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.

(Refrain)

City of God, Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life, saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM!

(Refrain)

Confession and Forgiveness

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our ✝ Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C Amen

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L Let us pray.

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

🌀 WORD 🌀

Children's Message

Children come forward during "This Little Light of Mine".

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

L A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Handbell Anthem *Thine is the Glory*

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

L A reading from John’s first letter.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has

given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

*The congregation remains seated during
the multi-voice presentation of the lesson.*

P The holy gospel according to St. John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus: I am the true vine, and My Father is the keeper of the vineyard. ² My Father examines every branch in Me and cuts away those who do not bear fruit. He leaves those bearing fruit and carefully prunes them so that they will bear more fruit; ³ already you are clean because you have heard My voice. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I will abide in you. A branch cannot bear fruit if it is disconnected from the vine, and neither will you if you are not connected to Me.

⁵ I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you abide in Me and I in you, you will bear great fruit. Without Me, you will accomplish nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is

like a branch that is tossed out and shrivels up and is later gathered to be tossed into the fire to burn. ⁷ If you abide in Me and My voice abides in you, anything you ask will come to pass for you. ⁸ Your abundant growth and your faithfulness as My followers will bring glory to the Father.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of the Day

Living Waters

Are you thirsty? Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Tired and broken, peace unspoken,
Rest beside these living waters.

Christ is calling, find refreshing
At the cross of living waters.
Lay your life down, all the old gone,
Rise up in these living waters.

Chorus:

There's a river that flows with mercy and love,
Bringing joy to the city of our God;
There our hope is secure,
Do not fear anymore,
Praise the Lord of living waters.

Spirit moving, mercy washing;
Healing in these living waters.
Lead your children to the shoreline,
Life is in these living waters.

(Chorus)

Ooh. Ooh. Ooh.
Ooh. Ooh. Ooh.

Are you thirsty? Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless,
Christ He is our living waters.
(Chorus)

There our hope is secure,
Do not fear anymore,
Praise the Lord of living waters.

Prayers of the People

P Beloved, I ask your prayers for the church, for all manners of people, and for God's good Creation. After each category is announced, offer your own petitions aloud or in silence.

Prayer Song *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* **ELW752**

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

P For the church. [**C Names**]
P For our nation, and for the nations of the world. [**C Names**]
P For God's blessings, in thanksgiving. [**C Names**]
P For the poor. [**C Names**]
P For the sick. [**C Names**]
P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C Amen.

The Prayer Song is repeated at the conclusion of our prayers.

❧ MEAL ❧

Sharing Our Gifts

L Let us offer back to God what God has first given us: ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of his gracious love.

Our offerings support the work of the church here and around the world. Please pass the baskets from front to back. You may also make an offering online at www.oslc-warrenton.org by clicking the "DONATE" tab on the homepage. Thank you!

Offertory Song *O Praise The Name (Anástasis)*

O praise the Name of the Lord our God.
O praise His Name forevermore.
For endless days we will sing Your praise.
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God. (3x)

Offering Prayer

L Let us pray together.

C Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

Dialogue

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. ... Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen

Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray as our Savior taught us.

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.

Sharing Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to share Christ's Body. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward and stand or kneel around the altar.

Communion Song

Abide

For my waking breath, for my daily bread
I depend on You, I depend on You.
For the sun to rise, for my sleep at night,
I depend on You, I depend on You.

Chorus 1:

You're the way, the truth and the life,
You're the well that never runs dry.
I'm the branch and You are the vine.
Draw me close and teach me to abide.

Where the Spirit leads, as I'm following
I depend on You, I depend on You.
For the victories still in front of me
I depend on You, I depend on You.

Chorus 2:

You're the way the truth and the life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide

Be my strength, my song in the night.
Be my all, my treasure my prize.
I am Yours, forever You're mine.
Draw me close and teach me to abide.

When I pass through death, As I enter rest,
I depend on You, I depend on You.
For eternal life, to be raised with Christ,
I depend on You, I depend on You.

(Chorus 2)

Oh. Would you teach me, would You teach me to abide?

Prayer After Communion

L Let us pray.

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

L Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

L The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

C Amen.

Sending Song

Let All Things Now Living

ELW 881

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,

Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
“To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!”

Dismissal

L Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Thanksgiving at the Table: *With One Voice*

**Next weekend's Saturday worship service (May 4) will be
in our outdoor worship area! (weather permitting)**