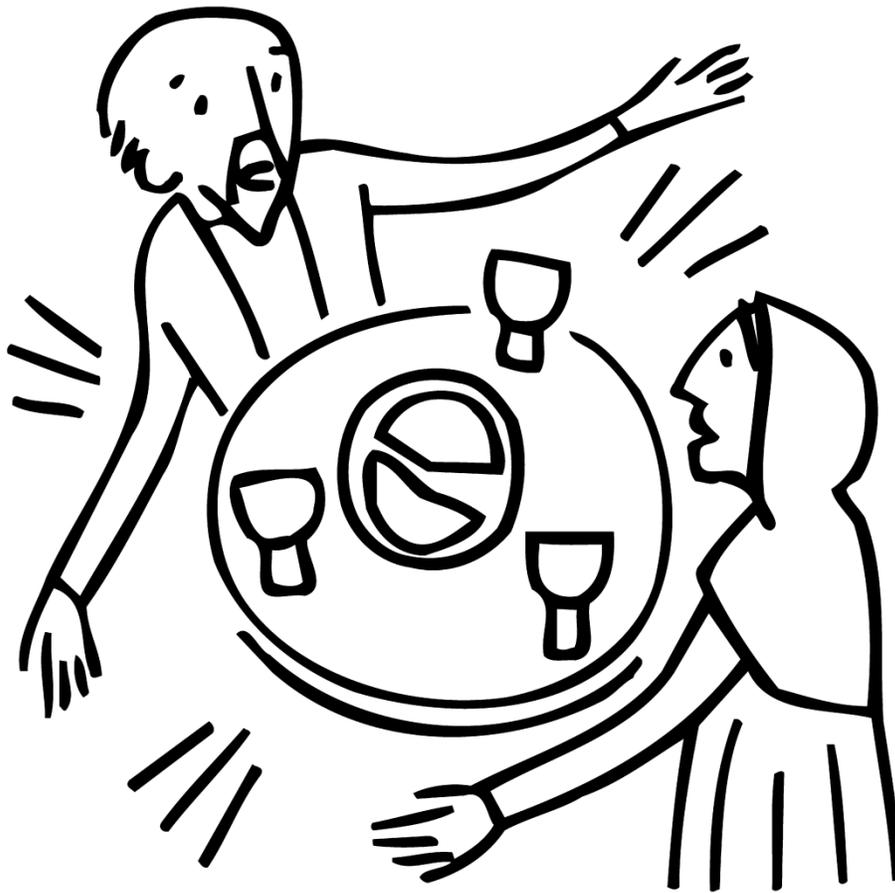




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WORSHIP BOOKLET

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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.**

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

**In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.**

Water is poured into the font.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.

**Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.**

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ,

who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

GATHERING What Feast of Love #487 (red hymnal, rear section)

What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come down from heaven?

What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?

This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.

O, taste and see and sing!

How sweet the manna given!

**What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!**

**What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!**

GREETING

**The grace of Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.**

KYRIE p. 184

(red hymnal, front section)

REFRAIN

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

**For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

REFRAIN

**That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

REFRAIN

**For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

REFRAIN

**For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the Water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

REFRAIN

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**The Lord be with you!
And also with you!**

Let us pray together.

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd],

“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty
that God has made him both Lord and Messiah,
this Jesus whom you crucified.

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart
and said to Peter and to the other apostles,

“Brothers, what should we do?”

Peter said to them,

“Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ
so that your sins may be forgiven;
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away,
everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.”

And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying,

“Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”

So those who welcomed his message were baptized,

and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (the congregation responds with the bold words)

I love God, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

for God has given ear to me whenever I called.

The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;

I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name of God:

“O God, I pray you, save my life.”

How shall I repay God for all the good things God has done for me?

I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of God.

I will fulfill my vows to God in the presence of all God’s people.

Precious in your sight, O God, is the death of your servants.

O God, truly I am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;

you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

and call upon the name | of God.

I will fulfill my vows to God in the presence of all God's people,
**in the courts of God's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: I Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially
according to their deeds,
live in reverent fear during the time of your exile.
You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors,
not with perishable things like silver or gold,
but with the precious blood of Christ,
like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.
He was destined before the foundation of the world,
but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.
Through him you have come to trust in God,
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory,
so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth
so that you have genuine mutual love,
love one another deeply from the heart.
You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed,
through the living and enduring word of God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION p. 188

(red hymnal, front section)

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia... Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia... Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,]
two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus,
about seven miles from Jerusalem,
and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.
While they were talking and discussing,
Jesus himself came near and went with them,
but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.
And he said to them,
“What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?”

They stood still, looking sad.

Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him,

“Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know
the things that have taken place there in these days?”

He asked them, “What things?”

They replied,

“The things about Jesus of Nazareth,
who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God
and all the people,
and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over
to be condemned to death and crucified him.

But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.

Yes, and besides all this,

it is now the third day since these things took place.

Moreover, some women of our group astounded us.

They were at the tomb early this morning,

and when they did not find his body there,

they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels
who said that he was alive.

Some of those who were with us went to the tomb

and found it just as the women had said;

but they did not see him.”

Then he said to them,

“Oh, how foolish you are,

and how slow of heart to believe

all that the prophets have declared!

Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things

and then enter into his glory?”

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets,

he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going,

he walked ahead as if he were going on.

But they urged him strongly, saying,

“Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.”

So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them,

he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him;

and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other,

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road,
while he was opening the scriptures to us?”

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem;

and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

They were saying,

“The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”

Then they told what had happened on the road,

and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the gospel indeed.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN Day of Arising #374 (red hymnal, rear section)

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting
our invitation: Stay, do not part.

Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers, when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.

Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.

APOSTLE'S CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 And he will come to judge the living and dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Ever-present God, you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread and in the bonds of community.
Reveal yourself to us in the faces of all we meet. Strengthened by your body and blood, let us boldly live
out your good news. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

As we know you in the breaking of the bread, we know you in the grains of the field and the flowing waters. Care for the earth you lovingly create. Strengthen those who safeguard threatened land and water. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are the authority to whom we dedicate our lives. Help us keep the needs of those most vulnerable at the forefront of our community. Move us to care for any who are disregarded or oppressed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Mothering God, you feed and comfort those who hunger. Open the hearts of those who hoard resources and lead them to share your abundance. We pray for anyone hungering for your comforting presence this day, or otherwise in need of our prayers, especially...

- Darel Sorensen and family, in the death of Betty
- Mike Lorenzo - healing from back surgery
- The people of Faith Lutheran Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts, whose entire church building burned up on Easter Sunday afternoon
- Gary Brochtrup - cataract surgery 4/20
- Donna Cuvelier - friend of Gail B., numerous health concerns
- Family of Ryan Loomis - Cindy Haener's nephew who died in an auto accident in Arizona
- Heidi Carney - Diagnostic tests
- Kate Anderson
- Ken Foran - recovering from knee surgery
- Ben - Kathie Sperow's grandson recovering from trauma
- Ina Davenport - recent fall
- Linda Hermann - mother-in-law of Katie Edson's daughter, leukemia
- Gary & Eileen Orback whose home was damaged in the storm
- Betty Johnson - recovering from infection and blood clot while undergoing chemotherapy
- Aaron Brochtrup - starting physical therapy to treat lower back
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas - continuing to make progress in recovery
- Linda Luke - to gain weight and strength
- Jim Luke - supporting Linda's recovery
- Becky Padilla- responding well to treatment for cancer
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- James Hecker- ongoing abdominal pain
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- for our support of their ministry
- For those who are contracting COVID
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing and protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them
- For Mike Lorenzo who celebrates his birthday this week

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You pour out your love on those who are oppressed. Support and comfort anyone who is marginalized by race, age, disability, gender or sexuality, and those whose stories of truth are not believed. Form this community to listen faithfully and speak honestly in our ministry together. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You listen to and recognize us as your children. We lift up now, from our pews, others who are in need of our intercession, especially...

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember with thanksgiving all your beloved saints, especially Jo Ellen Tubbs Smelcer and Betty Sorensen. As you have raised them to eternal life, abide with us in your promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share that peace with one another.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.... **Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

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.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY p. 190

(red hymnal, rear section)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord.
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of our Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it
and gave it to his disciples saying,
"Take and eat, this is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Drink this, all of you. It is the new covenant of my blood,
shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us pray the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us:

**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.**

LAMB OF GOD p. 191

(red hymnal, front section)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

TAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION

[All who desire may come forward to take the body and blood of Christ. Gluten-free bread is available if you ask for it, and alcohol-free grape juice is in the center ring of the tray. During the distribution of Communion, you may also seek prayers of healing at the chair by the baptismal font.]

COMMUNION MUSIC **Open Our Eyes/Be Thou My Vision** Mark Hayes

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:

**Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.
AMEN.**

BLESSING

The God of all,
who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN **O Living Bread from Heaven #542**
(red hymnal, rear section)

**O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing! O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o'erflows!**

**My Savior, you have led me within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace;
for you have freely given what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.**

**You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown,
and all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.**

**Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food, while here
my course on earth is lengthened, to serve you, free from fear;**

**and bring me home to praise you where none can peace destroy,
where I will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

John Cribb

Thank you to:

- **Cindy Haener** for assisting in worship.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Gary Brochtrup** and others for streaming worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo and Gail Brochtrup** for editing and assembling bulletins and the newsletter.
- **Nancy Padilla**, for setting up and welcoming.
- **Gary and Mark Orback**, for tending to our outside property.
- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo**, for tending to our inside property.
- **Ken Brocks, Dan Sperow, Andrew Jacoby, and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.
- **A whole crowd** for decorating our sanctuary so nicely!
- **The Church Council**, for leading our congregation.

Events this week:

- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will continue tonight, 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom, to talk about Season 1, Episode 2.
- The **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** meeting will be on Zoom tomorrow, Monday, April 24th, at 9:30 am. Contact Pastor Brian with your interest for a Zoom invite.
- **Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, April 26th at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- There will be a **memorial service** in the sanctuary on April 29 at 1:00 pm for a woman who lived in Morro Bay. Her family is coming from various places to celebrate her life at our church.
- Next Sunday, April 30th, there will be a **brunch after worship** sponsored by our Team #1! Please plan on staying for fellowship and eating! (And if you're interested in joining a team, let Gail Brochtrup or Janet Lorenzo know!)
- Two Saturdays from now, May 6th, we will be hosting a **training on First Aid**, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. It will be the same trainer who did such a good job a few months ago on CPR. Well worth your time! Look for a sign-up sheet. There is no charge for the training. You can also invite your friends!
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**. (bsteinwebber@gmail.com)

**Don't forget to check the Calendar website page for upcoming events:
morrobaylutherans.org**