2024.04.28 5th Sunday of Easter

Holy Baptism (LSB 268)

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The pastor addresses each candidate:

P How are you named?

R Rajesh Sharma / Sonu Sharma

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:

- P <u>Rajesh and Sonu</u>, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your
 H forehead and upon your
 H heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Rajesh and Sonu according to Your boundless mercy and bless <u>them</u> with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in <u>them</u>, which has been inherited from Adam and which <u>they have</u> committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that <u>they</u> be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, <u>they</u> would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

The pastor places his hands on the head(s) of the candidate(s), and the congregation joins in praying:

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 ever. Amen.

▶ The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even 🕂 forevermore.

C Amen.

Sit

- **P** [Rajesh and Sonu, do you renounce the devil?
- R Yes, I renounce him.
- **P** Do you renounce all his works?
- **R** Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- R Yes, I renounce them.
- P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
- **R** Yes, I believe.
- Do you believe 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?
- **R** Yes, I believe.
- Do you 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?
- **R** Yes, I believe.
- P <u>Rajesh / Sonu</u>, do you desire to be baptized?
- R Yes, I do.

The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:

Rajesh Sharma / Sonu Sharma, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 Amen.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life + everlasting.
 Amen.

The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:

Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

The newly baptized may be welcomed with the following:

- In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you <u>members</u> of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and <u>heirs</u> with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our <u>brothers</u> in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- **C** Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Rajesh and Sonu the new birth in Holy Baptism and made them members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as they have now become Your children, You would keep them in their baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure they may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

С Amen.

P Peace + be with you.

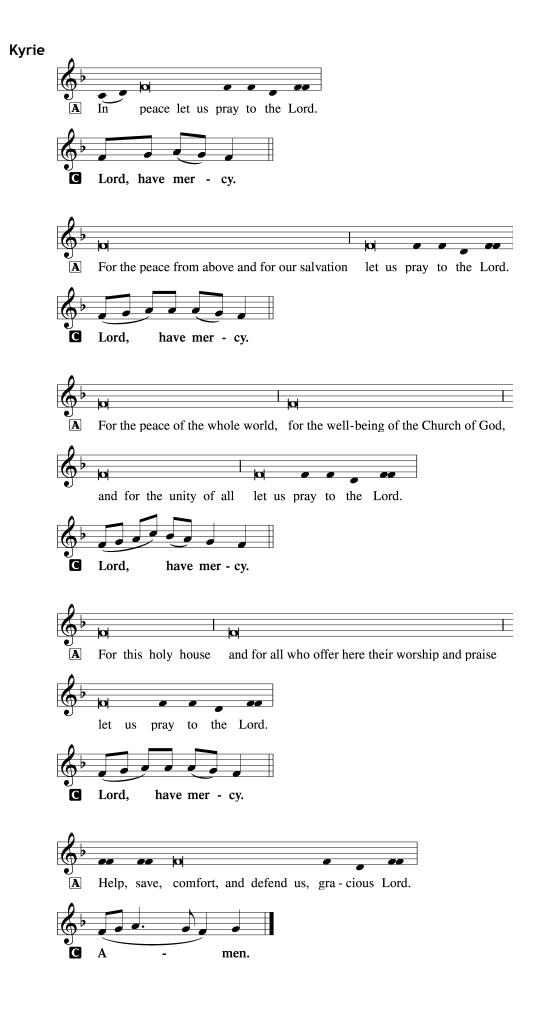
C Amen.

All return to their places.

Service of the Word

474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen 0. 1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus ris - en! Trum - pets re is 2 Walk-ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the 3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the 4 Weep-ing, be si - lent: Death put a gone; Sor - row, be ev - er, Gold - en Je -5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for ø sound-ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen-dor, the Lamb, Heav - en forsto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break-ing our bread, Giv - ing us Christ to Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, the sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "0 grave, be ru - sa-lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and archev er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight! glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur prise. peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me. o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, а dorn us in light. an gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the Ι AM! Refrain Je - sus is ris - en and shall rise: we а 0. Al - le Give God the glo ry! - lu ia! Text: Herbert F. Brokering, 1926–2009 Tune: David N. Johnson, 1922–87

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with 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 before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.
³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm



■ ⁶Let everything that has breath | praise the LORD!* Praise | the LORD!

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<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctu- | ary;* praise him in his mighty | heavens!
<sup>2</sup>Praise him for his | mighty deeds;* praise him according to his excellent | greatness!
<sup>3</sup>Praise him with | trumpet sound;* praise him with | lute and harp!
<sup>4</sup>Praise him with tambou- | rine and dance;* praise him with | strings and pipe!
<sup>5</sup>Praise him with sounding | cymbals;* praise him with loud clashing | cymbals!
<sup>6</sup>Let everything that has breath | praise the LORD!*
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Praise | the LORD!

Epistle

1 John 4:1–11

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 150; antiphon: v. 6



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Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

С Glory to You, O Lord.

John 15:1-8

¹[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

> And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

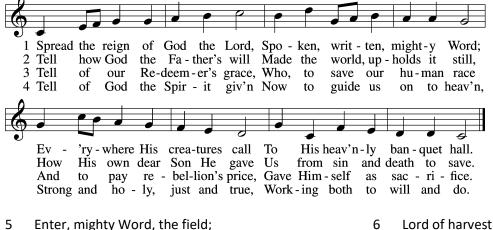
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ¼ of the world to come. Amen.

Holy Baptism - Second

- **P** What benefits does Baptism give?
- It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.
- **P** Which are these words and promises of God?
- Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)

Sit

830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord



Enter, mighty Word, the field;
 Ripe the promise of its yield.
 But the reapers, oh, how few
 For the work there is to do!

Lord of harvest, great and kind,
 Rouse to action heart and mind;
 Let the gath'ring nations all
 See Your light and heed Your call.

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- IP For the Church on earth, that she would be protected from all false teaching and the spirit of the Antichrist, and so always confess Christ come in the flesh, remaining faithful to Him, our only true God, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- Image Por God's people, that as branches of the vine, all sin and dead works would be pruned and cut off from them; and that drawing life from the Son, they would continually produce the fruits of faith and good works, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- For all those in need of Baptism, that nothing would prevent them from being welcomed into God's kingdom and given everlasting life, and for the newly baptized, especially Rajesh and Sonu, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For our king and all in authority, that they may serve honorably and in accord with God's good order, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For all who bear the cross in suffering and affliction, <u>[especially Linda, Larry, Carrie, Amitha, Parweedee, Ellen, Vicki, Cynthia, Margaret, Josephine, Richard and Czeslawa, Olga and Zygmunt, Olga, Ann, Anna and Peter. We pray for Mukhtar, Min, Lindsay, Brendan, Marti, Paul and Donna. For Vahid and Parisa] that they would ever look to the Lord and so fix their hearts where true joy is found, let us pray to the Lord:</u>
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For all who come to God's feast of love, that they may worthily eat of Christ's body and blood, abiding in this love of God and God in them, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
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C Amen.

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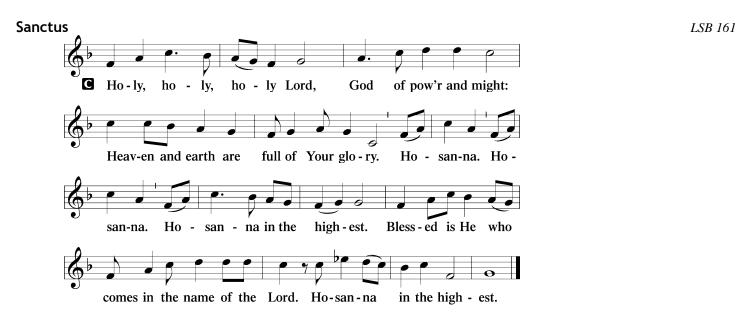


Service of the Sacrament



Proper Preface (Full)

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Lord's Prayer

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- С 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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 🕂 body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My H blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



Distribution

487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri - um-phant glad-ness! 1 Christ has burst His pris - on 2 the spring of souls to - day: 'Tis 3 Now the queen of sea-sons, bright With the day of splen-dor, 4 For to day a-mong His own 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry Christ ap-peared, be - stow - ing То our King im - mor - tal, God has brought His Is - ra - el In to joy from sad - ness, And from three days' sleep in death As has ris - en; а sun With the roy - al feast of feasts to ren - der; Comes its joy His deep peace, which ev - er - more Pass hu - man know - ing. es Who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark por - tal. 0 Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters, All the win-ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing Comes to glad - den faith-ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal Nei you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness! Come, Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters. From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing. res - ur - rec - tion! Wel - come in un-wea-ried strain Je sus' Nor the watch-ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal. God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness! Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt. Tune: Johann Horn, c. 1490–1547 Text and tune: Public domain 832 Jesus Shall Reign

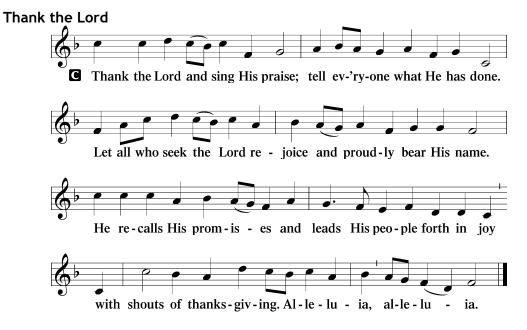
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The Dismissal



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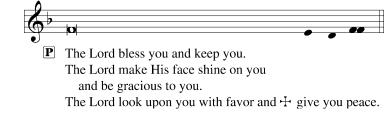
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

С Amen.

Benediction





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