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M: Minister

A: All

WELCOME

HYMN:

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”
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INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

A: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

A: Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

The minister offers the Prayer of the Day.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON:

Acts 17:1-12

When Paul and his companions had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. 2 As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3 explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah," he said. 4 Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women. 5 But other Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. 6 But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials, shouting: "These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, 7 and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus." 8 When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. 9 Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go. 10 As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. 11 Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. 12 As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

SECOND LESSON:

1 Peter 2:4-10

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." 7 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," 8 and, "A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. 9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**A: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there 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.**

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MESSAGE

“Conversations Jesus Had After His Resurrection: With the Disciples at the Sea of Galilee”
based on John 21:1-12

COVID-19 has made us mindful of conversations. We miss occasions for conversations with others outside our homes. At the same time, we appreciate the conversations that modern technology makes possible. Some of the most important and impactful conversations in the history of the world are between Jesus and people of long ago. Thankfully God has preserved those conversations for us on the pages of the Bible. And at the same time, Jesus speaks to us through his words recorded for us in Scripture. On these Sundays after Easter, we are exploring several conversations that Jesus had after he rose from the dead. As we do so, we'll note that Jesus' words that enlightened and uplifted believers of old still encourage and inspire us today.

John 21:1-12

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. 3 “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. 5 He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?” “No,” they answered. 6 He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. 7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. 8 The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. 9 When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. 10 Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” 11 So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord.”

PRAYERS & BLESSING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The minister offers the Prayer of the Church.

LORD'S PRAYER

A: 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.

M: May God grant you good health and hope in Jesus.

HYMN:

*“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”
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At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

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1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky, Hell's fierce
 3 Now no more can death ap - pall, Now no
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy! This a -

our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us
 pow'rs be - neath you lie. You have con - quered
 more the grave en - thrall; You have o - pened
 lone can sin de - stroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord,

in the tide Flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 in the fight; You have brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!
 par - a - dise, And your saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 set us free, New - born souls in you to be. Al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days,
 Three in One, your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

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1 Long be - fore the world is wak - ing, Morn - ing mist on
 2 So they cast, and all their heav - ing Can - not haul their
 3 Char - coal em - bers bright - ly burn - ing, Bread and fish up -
 4 Christ is ris - en! Grief and sigh - ing, Sins and sor - rows,
 5 Morn - ing breaks, and Je - sus meets us, Feeds and com - forts,



Gal - i - lee, From the shore, as dawn is break - ing,
 catch a - board; John in won - der turns, per - ceiv - ing,
 on them laid: Je - sus stands at day's re - turn - ing
 fall be - hind; Fear and fail - ure, doubt, de - ny - ing,
 par - dons still; As His faith - ful friends He greets us,



Je - sus calls a - cross the sea; Hails the boat of
 Cries a - loud, "It is the Lord!" Pe - ter waits for
 In His ris - en life ar - rayed; As of old His
 Full and free for - give - ness find. All the soul's dark
 Part - ners of His work and will. All our days, on



wea - ry men, Bids them cast their net a - gain.
 noth - ing more, Plung - es in to swim a - shore.
 friends to greet, "Here is break - fast; come and eat."
 night is past, Morn - ing breaks in joy at last.
 ev - 'ry shore, Christ is ours for - ev - er - more!

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John 21:1-17

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1 I want to walk as a child of the light;
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God;
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ;

I want to fol-low Je-sus.
 I want to look at Je-sus.
 I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world; The
 Clear Sun of Right-ous-ness, shine on my path And
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, We

star of my life is Je-sus.
 show me the way to the Fa-ther.
 shall know the joy of Je-sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all; The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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