



STORIES OF LIVES CHANGED IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, April 18

PRELUDE

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

arr. John Innes

Organ

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness,

C: we lie and do not practice the truth.

P: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

C: and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: If we say we have not sinned,

C: we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

P: Almighty and everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy, You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and our sinful condition.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

HYMN of PRAISE “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 8:26-28 [ESV]

²⁶Now an 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL John 14:23-27 [ESV]

²³Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

²⁵“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

AFFIRMATION of FAITH *from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossian 1:15-20*

P: Let us now confess our faith in our risen Lord, from the words of Holy Scripture, the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

C: Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised to life on the third day, according to the Scriptures, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Amen.

SERMON HYMN “Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens, Adore Him”

SERMON “HIS WORD, MY FAITH”

OFFERING

RESPONSE “I Will Sing the Wondrous Story”

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PREFACE

SANCTUS

PRAYER of PREPARATION

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us children of men and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood.

C: **Amen.**

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"Cantabile

arr. Raymond Haan

Organ

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

P: May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be all glory, and praise, and might, and majesty, forever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING RESPONSE “Oh, Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune

Raymond Haan

Organ

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: *Kim Austin*



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