



*“Death is swallowed up in victory.”*

*“O death, where is your victory?*

*O death, where is your sting?”*

1 Corinthians 15:54-55

## **The Fourth Sunday Of Easter**

*May 7, 2023*

*9:00 am*



Welcome to Church of Our Savior. We are a part of the Gulf Atlantic Diocese of the Anglican Church in North America. We proudly uphold the traditional faith and values of our Anglican heritage, while seeking new ways to reach people with the transformational love of Jesus Christ.

We believe that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior over heaven and earth and that He has called those who follow Him to be His witnesses in the world. Those who put their faith in Him have been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into a new life, a resurrection life. We believe that because Jesus rose from the dead all people can experience the promise of abundant life through a personal relationship with Him.

The great Christian thinker C.S. Lewis once described the transformational power of walking through life with Jesus when he wrote:

**“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”**

It is our hope and prayer that as you join us you will know for yourself the unconditional love and grace of Our Savior Jesus Christ, in your own life.

The Rev. David Ball

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Welcome

*-The Congregation is invited to stand*

## Opening Hymn

### *Holy Holy Holy*

Holy holy holy  
Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning  
Our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy holy holy  
Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons  
Blessed Trinity

Holy holy holy  
All the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns  
Around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Falling down before Thee  
Which wert and art  
And evermore shalt be

Holy holy holy  
Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
In earth and sky and sea  
Holy holy holy  
Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons  
Blessed Trinity

## The Acclamation

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People:** *The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

## The Collect for Purity

*-The Celebrant and the People pray together*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Summary of the Law

*-The Celebrant continues*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

## The Kyrie

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People:** *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Praise Song

### *Ancient Of Days*

Though the nations rage  
Kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King

Reigning over all  
So I will not fear  
For this truth remains  
That my God is the Ancient of Days

*None above Him none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
For my God is the Ancient of days*

Though the dread of night  
Overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me  
I am not alone  
O His love is sure  
And He knows my name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days

*None above Him none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
For my God is the Ancient of days*

Though I may not see  
What the future brings  
I will watch and wait  
For the Saviour king  
Then my joy complete  
Standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

*None above Him none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power all the glory  
I will trust in His name*

*For my God is the Ancient of days*

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## **The Collect of the Day**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And with your spirit.*

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

*-The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day*

*-The congregation may be seated*

*-9am Service: Children age 5 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to “Splash Kids”.*

## **The Lessons**

### ***A Reading from Acts 15:1-21***

But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”<sup>2</sup> And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question.<sup>3</sup> So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers.<sup>4</sup> When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them.<sup>5</sup> But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses.”

<sup>6</sup>The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter.<sup>7</sup> And after there had been much debate, Peter stood

up and said to them, “Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. <sup>8</sup> And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, <sup>9</sup> and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. <sup>10</sup> Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? <sup>11</sup> But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

<sup>12</sup> And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles. <sup>13</sup> After they finished speaking, James replied, “Brothers, listen to me. <sup>14</sup> Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. <sup>15</sup> And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written,

<sup>16</sup> ““After this I will return,  
and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen;  
I will rebuild its ruins,  
and I will restore it,

<sup>17</sup> that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord,  
and all the Gentiles who are called by my name,  
says the Lord, who makes these things

<sup>18</sup> known from of old.’

<sup>19</sup> Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, <sup>20</sup> but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood. <sup>21</sup> For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

*-All stand*

## ***The Gradual***

### ***Ancient Words***

Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world  
They resound with God's own heart  
O let the ancient words impart

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### ***Gospel Lesson from Luke 11:45-54***

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

**People:** ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

<sup>45</sup> One of the lawyers answered him, “Teacher, in saying these things you insult us also.” <sup>46</sup> And he said, “Woe to you lawyers also! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers. <sup>47</sup> Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your fathers killed. <sup>48</sup> So you are witnesses and you consent to the deeds of your fathers, for they killed them, and you build their tombs. <sup>49</sup> Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,’ <sup>50</sup> so that the blood of all the prophets, shed from the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation, <sup>51</sup> from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be required of this generation. <sup>52</sup> Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering.”

<sup>53</sup> As he went away from there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to press him hard and to provoke him to speak about many things, <sup>54</sup> lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.



Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** *Praise to you Lord Christ.*

## **The Gradual, continued**

*Ancient words, ever true  
Changing me, changing you  
We have come with open hearts  
O let the ancient words impart*

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*-The Congregation may be seated*

## **The Sermon**

*-All stand*

## **New Member Welcome**

Presenter: I present these men and women who are baptized members of the Body of Christ and we welcome them to our community as they undertake the process of growing in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and proclaiming His gospel in the world.

Celebrant: Do you desire to join with us as we seek together to live into the Great Commission of Jesus Christ by seeking out those who are disconnected to the love of God in Jesus Christ?

**Candidates:** *I do.*

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of darkness that rebel against God?

**Candidates:** *I renounce them.*

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**Candidates:** *I renounce them.*

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**Candidates: *I renounce them.***

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Lord and Savior?

**Candidates: *I do.***

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in His grace and love?

**Candidates: *I do.***

Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey Him as your Lord and Master?

**Candidates: *I do, with God's help.***

Celebrant: Will you attend the worship of God regularly with us, to hear God's word proclaimed and to celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ?

**Candidates: *I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant: Will you participate in a life of serving those who are in any kind of need or trouble?

**Candidates: *I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant: Will you strive to recognize the gifts that God has given you and to use those gifts to the best of your ability to grow the Kingdom of God here on earth?

**Candidates: *I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant: Will all those who are committed to serving Christ here at Church of Our Savior, support our brothers and sisters in Christ who are standing here this morning, as they seek to

grow in the knowledge and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ?

**People:** *We will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you also share with them in our ministry to seek and save the lost and will you bear their burdens, and forgive and encourage them?

**People:** *We will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Let us Pray.

Blessed are You, our God and our Maker, for You have formed us in Your image and You have restored us through Your Son Jesus Christ. In baptism we have all been buried with Christ and have risen to new life in Him. We pray that You will grant the power of Your Holy Spirit over these new members as they seek to be Your witnesses here at the beaches, the intracoastal area and wherever they go. We ask that You will strengthen their union and bond with the rest of our community as we seek together to live by Your love and grace and to make Jesus known to those who are disconnected from You; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit now and forever.

**People:** *Amen.*

Celebrant: Please welcome our new members into the life of Church of Our Savior.

**People:** *We recognize you as members of the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim His resurrection, and share with us in His eternal priesthood.*

## **The Peace**

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** *And with your spirit.*

*-The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord*

## **Announcements**

### **Offering**

#### **Ways to give on Sunday morning**

-Give online at church-savior.org/give

-Text a donation amount to (904) 606-1165

-Place offering in the plate as it is passed

## **The Lord's Supper**

### **Instrumental time of reflection in preparation of the Lord's Supper**

*-All stand*

### **The Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
praise Him all creatures here below,  
praise Him above ye heavenly host,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** *It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

*- The Celebrant continues.*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*- The Celebrant may pray the proper preface.*

Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name:

***Holy holy holy Lord  
God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory  
Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is He who comes  
In the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest***

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*- The people are invited to stand, kneel or be seated.*

## **The Prayer of Consecration**

*-The Celebrant begins*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

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

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*-Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

***Amen.***

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*-The Celebrant then says*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

*-Officiant and People*

***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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

**Celebrant:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

**People:** *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

## **The Ministration of Communion**

*-Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation*

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*-The Celebrant will receive the Lord's Supper on behalf of those who are unable to receive themselves at this time.*

*-All who have made the decision to put their faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are invited to come and receive this Holy Communion.*

*-The Lord's Supper will be distributed as congregants come forward by row, when released by the usher.*

*-Gluten Free wafers are available. Please ask the Celebrant.*

## **Communion Hymn**

### ***Behold The Lamb***

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away  
Slain for us and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross  
So we share in this Bread of Life  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ  
Torn for you eat and remember  
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one  
So we share in this Bread of Life  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin  
Shed for you drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God  
So we share in this Bread of Life  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
To respond and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth  
As we share in His suffering  
We proclaim Christ will come again  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King



## ***There Is A Redeemer***

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

*Thank You O my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done*

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah  
O for sinners slain

*Thank You O my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done*

When I stand in glory I will see His face  
There I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place

*Thank You O my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done*

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## **The Post Communion Prayer**

*-After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*-Celebrant and People together say the following*

*Heavenly Father,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious body and blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.  
And now Father, send us out to do the work you have  
given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses  
of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.*

## **The Blessing**

*-The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives this or an alternate blessing*

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*

## **Closing Hymn**

### *Blessed Assurance*

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

*This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long*

Perfect submission all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blest  
Watching and waiting looking above

Filled with His goodness lost in His love

*This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long*

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## **Dismissal**

**Celebrant:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!*

## **Musical Postlude**