

Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148

1

Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

2

Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

3

Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

4

Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

5

Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

6

He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7

Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8

Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9

Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

10

Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;

11

Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

12

Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.

13

Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14

He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *When Christ was lifted from the earth* Hymnal 603

The Gospel

John 13:31-35

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

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Sermon

The Rev. Brad Rundlett, Rector

Nicene Creed

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.***

***For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.***

***For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.***

***On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;***

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

***He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.***

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Leader: With faith in the Resurrection and Sovereignty of Jesus Christ let us pray.
(Pause)

Leader: Gracious God, we pray for your Church. Fill us with Easter faith. Make us one. Give us new life. **Help us proclaim the Good News to all people.**
(Pause)

Leader: Risen Savior, we pray for your world. Heal us. Direct us. **Help us establish justice and peace for everyone.**
(Pause)

Leader: Good Shepherd, we pray for the earth, for all living creatures, for the great beauty of your creation. Help us cherish and preserve what you have made for all generations. **Make us good stewards.**
(Pause)

Leader: Spirit of Christ, we pray for all who suffer from injury, disease, poverty, human tumult, and natural disasters. Make us quick to respond, compassionate, and generous. **Help us relieve the suffering of your people.**
(Pause)

Leader: Spirit of God, we remember loved ones who have died, and pray for those who are dying now. Ease our passage from this life into everlasting life. Reunite us with the saints. Wipe away our tears. **Raise us up to sing your praises for ever.**
(Pause)

Leader: Blessed Redeemer, we pray for ourselves. In all times, places, and circumstances, **help us to be like you, Lord Christ.**
(Pause)

Leader: Great Provider, we thank you for life, love, hope, and joy; blessings too numerous to count, and too great to measure. **We give you thanks and praise, O God.**
(Pause)

Leader: With faith in the Resurrection, we pray to you Great Creator, Blessed Savior, Giver of Grace.
(Pause)

Leader: Enliven our faith, Lord Christ, that all may know the wonder of your love, and live in the power of your resurrection. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements