

Pastor: When the world seems to be crumbling around you, remember who you are:

People: Resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.

Lay Reader: When despair would seem to squelch all hope, believe in who you have become:

People: Resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.

Pastor: When it is hard to persevere against all odds, trust in God who names you:

People: Resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.

Lay Reader: As we follow Christ into the world, may God help us remember who we are . . .

People: Resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.

†Choral Response "Amen" – Chancel Choir

†Postlude "Trumpet Fanfare" – Dana Moody

SCRIPTURE READING
Psalm 22:1–31 (NRSV)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.

All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

"Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"

Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me.

My hands and feet have shriveled; I can count all my bones.



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"God's Body in this Community"

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*If you are visiting us today, we welcome you. We are grateful we have found each other. And, if somehow, there is something in you, some still small voice seeking a place to live out your faith, to ask important questions, and to serve beyond yourself, we invite you into our community. For more information about the church or membership, please contact Dr. Tim (see above for contact information) or text him at 757.373.0005. A nurturing and well-supervised nursery is available for infants and young children. Please ask an usher for further assistance and direction to this room. Royal Kid's (a children's church experience) is offered for children in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade. Children will be directed to leave during the singing of the first hymn. **As the Prelude begins, let us quiet our voices and cell phones as we prepare our hearts and spirits for worship.***

[†] = Invites persons to stand as they are able.

Prelude "Beautiful" – Dana Moody

(Acolytes will light the candles during the Prelude)

†Choral Introit "Breathe on Me Breath of God" – Chancel Choir

†Call to Worship (responsively)

Lay Reader: We, like the Psalmist, cry out in praise and thanksgiving in response to God's eternal loving-kindness, holding us, guiding us, enfolding us with grace.

People: And, as we gather here as people of God, we pray that our worship will reflect that divine love.

Lay Reader: We offer our worship today with the remembrance of Easter still filling us with joy and with the anticipation of Pentecost firing our devotion.

People: Let our praise for all that God has done, is doing and will do, truly resound within our hearts and our homes, within these walls and beyond.

(Please sign and pass the blue Welcome Pads at this time.)
(Whenever the risen Jesus appeared to disciples, he said, "Peace be with you." These are Jesus' words we share with one another. Jesus promises to be with us; and greeting each other with a touch reminds us Jesus is present.)

The Morning Prayer (responsively)

People: Hear our prayer.

[The Lord's Prayer #895]

O God, we confess that we often come to this place with questions and uncertainties instead of faith and hope. But always we come with gratitude for the gift of life and the abundance that is ours. Grant us the grace to respond to our bounty and blessings with generosity that others might know of your love through us. Amen.

(Favorite Hymns will close with the hymn “Victory in Jesus” found on page #370.)

(After the scripture is read, the leader will say: "This is the Word of God for the people of God..."

And the people shall respond: "Thanks be to God!"

They stare and gloat over me; they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.

But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD.

May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

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