

May 8, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Hear

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs... Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner. —Acts 9:36-43

Silence

Be still and be aware of God's Word to each of us...  
"Elijah found that the Lord was not in the wind, not in the earthquake, not in the fire, but in the...silence."  
—1 Kings 19:11-13

Together We Pray

Holy Lamb and Gentle Shepherd, we are here, the sheep of your pasture. Lead us in your ways. Your abundant mercy and ever-flowing grace are gifts that are new every morning, O God of love. Guide us to a deeper awareness of your mercy and grace as we seek a better response to the wounds of the world, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Our Prayers of Thanksgiving...

Response: Lord, hear our praise!

Together We Pray

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, & the power, & the glory forever...

Scripture and Meditation

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." —John 10:22-30

Silence

Together We Pray

Holy God, together we serve, united by love, inviting your world to the glorious feast. We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending your love to the last and the least. Together, by grace, we witness and work,

remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong. Together we serve in Spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song. Amen.

Our prayers of Intercessions...

Response: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Forgiving and loving God, as you show us mercy, so may we show mercy. Help us to be mindful of the opportunities you give us to do that. And then, forgive us for what we should have done, but didn't, and for what we have done, but shouldn't have. As we gather on this Mother's Day, we are reminded, O God, that you knew what you were doing when you created mothers! Formed in your image, mothers are models of your own unselfish caring. We lift prayers of thanks for our mothers, for all mothers, and for those who are like mothers, wherever they are – for those on this side of heaven and those on your side of heaven. We yearn to always hear your voice, Gentle Shepherd. We want to care for our brothers and sisters, to comfort them when they hurt, to give what we have to people who have less, but too often we are selfish with our resources and our time. Encourage and strengthen us as we pray to you. We thank you for your grace so freely extended. As we grow in grace, make your will made known to us. Stir us to acts of compassion, love, and mercy, that we may become more fully what you intend us to be, as we are perfected in love. Amen.*

—Our Worship In The Morning—  
May 8, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

Communion With the Body of Christ

The Lord be with you. **Response:** And also with you.  
We lift up our hearts. **Response:** We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Response:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.  
Holy God, you created all that is, bringing forth  
goodness and new life. You are at work in our world still,  
transforming lives, healing brokenness, comforting those  
who mourn, reviving our faith. For in truth, your people  
have not always been faithful. They have followed their  
own desires, lashing out in anger or perhaps fear,  
forgetting those in need. You sent prophets to call them  
back onto your way, reminding them of your love, and  
telling them to care for one another. You were always  
faithful, for you loved your people, and you love us. And  
so we joyfully respond...

**Response:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and  
might; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in  
the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of  
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Through Christ's patient love and unfailing grace, we are  
once again invited into your abiding love and rescued from  
the fears and sins that would separate us from your  
nurturing presence. You gave us Jesus to walk with us  
and to show us your love, and remind us to share it with  
others.

**Response:** Lord make us instruments of your peace,  
hearts of your compassion, hands of your mercy.

And so we gather at the table of Holy Communion this day,  
remembering the Gospel invitation from Christ: *"Take, eat;  
this is my body..."* *"...Drink from this, all of you; this is my  
blood..."* In remembrance of these your mighty acts of love and  
grace in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and  
thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's  
offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Response:** Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will  
come again.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts. Transform them  
into the mercy for which we hunger, and the grace for  
which we thirst. Out of abundant love, let us be life-giving  
disciples of Christ, one with each other, one in unity with  
you, and one in ministry to a world that hungers for your  
mercy and grace. Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy  
Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory are yours,  
almighty God, now and forever.

Sending Forth

Go from this place, as disciples of the risen Christ, to  
love and serve our neighbors and our God, who is both  
Gentle Shepherd and Righteous Lamb. May today's  
worship prepare us for tomorrow's work. Our worship  
service is ended; our service to God begins anew. Go in  
love...

Passing of the Peace of Christ

**We Offer:** May Jesus' peace be with you.

**We Respond:** May Jesus' peace be with you also.



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**Our Mission** is to live our experience of God's love  
in all that we say and do...

**Our Vision** is to be a growing spiritual faith community in the  
manner of Christ, where all are welcome and cared for...