



Season of Easter 2024

Worship Book

*Join us in the faith of Christ as we seek to invite all to live in
GRACE: Generosity, Reaching Out, Advocacy, Compassion, and
Encouragement*

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Welcome to Beautiful Savior!

Welcome into our community today as we seek to follow the one who gathers us. May you feel a connection to the beautiful Savior in worship this day! May you join us in learning and seeking to live in G.R.A.C.E. (Generosity, Reaching Out, Advocacy, Compassion, Encouragement).

We gather in the unity of Christ and are all invited to the Lord's Table. He is the host—we are all guests.

Some basic helps as we gather this day

RESTROOMS: The restrooms are across the Narthex/Gathering Area from the main doors out of the worship space. A water fountain with a water bottle filler is available by the restrooms.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available in the Narthex/ Gathering Area. Ask an usher. Also, everything is projected in large print on the screens.

HEARING ASSIST TECHNOLOGY: For the hard of hearing, we offer a loop system and an FM based system. Hearing aid wearers with a "T" (telecoil) setting can now hear the service broadcast directly through their hearing aids. Others desiring hearing assistance may check out a portable receiver, please bring personal earbuds, headset or neck loop. For help, go to the Soundboard located to the rear of the church, on the left as you enter the worship space.

ANYONE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY: During worship we will stand and sit and move around. Please join as you are comfortable, but feel free to stay seated if needed.

We will deliver communion to you! Please tell an usher.

Children and their parents: Welcome!

Do not worry if some motion and volume comes from your children. This is a space of worship of a living God, so life is welcomed! However, if you need something more-

ACTIVITY BAGS: To help keep young ones occupied at various times, we have small activity bags hanging on a rack in the Narthex/Gathering Area. Ask an usher for assistance.

CRY ROOM: Through the windows in the rear of the worship space is a room that can be used. It has sound piped in and you can see everything from there.

CHANGING TABLES FOR INFANTS: Are available in both the men's and woman's restrooms which are located by the water fountain in the Narthex/Gathering Area.

Worship Service Notes

OFFERING: This is a time of responding to God with what we have been blessed by God. We are a nonprofit organization funded solely by the generosity of our members and friends. You have the option of giving from your smartphone either by text (866) 863-2748, on our Church App - Tithely or through our website. See directions on the table in the narthex/gathering area or in your pew. Envelopes are provided in the seat rack in front of you for your convenience. Any loose, single dollar bills will be used to support our SUNDAY DOLLAR\$ program (see the bright green pew cards for more information).

COMMUNION: We celebrate that Jesus came to us and continues to come to us. In faith we receive the body and blood of our Lord and Savior. We believe that he did this "for you."

Directions about distribution will be given. Communion can be brought to you.

Gluten free bread is used and there is a choice of wine or grape juice.

Notice: This service is being recorded and live streamed.

CALL TO WORSHIP

May this time be an opportunity to reflect and meditate in preparation for worship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

P The world belongs to God,

C **the earth and all its people.**

P How good it is, how wonderful

C **to live together in unity.**

P Love and faith come together;

C **justice and peace join hands.**

P If Christ's disciples keep silent,

C **these stones would shout aloud.**

P Open our lips, Oh God,

C **and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

P With the whole church

C **we affirm that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ,
empowered by the Spirit.**

P With people everywhere

C **we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

P With all creation

C **we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life,
the unfolding purposes of God
forever at work in ourselves and the world.**



Call to Worship:

Quietly enjoy the special music as we begin worship.

Announcements:

See the Bookmark and other inserts for details.

Greeting:

An ancient greeting from the earliest Apostles gathering us together in the Trinity. Modified from St. Paul.

The litany following the greeting is from the Iona Abbey Worship Book, Morning Service.

P: Pastor/Presider

A: Assisting Minister

C: Community (in bold print)

Song of Praise:

A "Gloria" is a song of praise to God for what God has done.

Please stand as you are comfortable.

SONG OF PRAISE: "Now the Feast and Celebration"

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God. *Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray... *(see insert)*
C ... **Amen.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE—*Children’s Corner follows in the Luther Room*

READINGS ACCLAMATION

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

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READING OF THE LESSONS *(see insert)*

L ...Word of God, Word of Life.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are comfortable

GOSPEL

P The Gospel according to ...
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the gospel is read.

P The gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**



Please be seated.

SERMON

Prayer of the Day:

Sometimes referred to as a “Collect.” It is a prayer of all the people special to the day and the day’s Bible texts.

Children’s Message:

All children, regardless of age, are invited to come forward. Parents or Grandparents are welcomed as well.

Reading of the Lessons:

We hear stories from the Bible showing us how we may see God at work in the world.

Psalm:

The Psalms was the songbook of the Israelites. We speak ours responsively. Respond back with the bold print. See insert.

Gospel:

The word means “good news.” We hear the good news

Creed:

The Nicene Creed was created in 325 as the Christian Church was becoming the official church of Rome. It was meant to organize what faith in Christ meant and unify the church. Notice that it uses the pronoun “we” instead of “I.”

Please stand as you are comfortable.

SONG OF THE DAY (*see insert*)

NICENE CREED

A Join me as we confess the faith of the church.
C **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,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
 and became truly human.
 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,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
 glorified,
 who 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

P O Lord, hear our prayer...

C (sung response)

Peace I leave, my peace I give you, not the
 peace the world can of - fer. In each storm,
 in each con - fu - sion I'll be with you.

John Bell
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THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please share some sign or token of Christ's peace and love with one another.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

We use Tithely to make contributing easy! You have the option of giving from your smartphone either by text (866) 863-2748, on our Church App - Tithely, or our website www.beautifulsavior.net/give. See directions on the table in the narthex/gathering area or in your pew. SUNDAY DOLLAR\$ is any loose one dollar bills in the offering plate, which goes directly to supporting elementary school children & others in need in our community.

SPECIAL MUSIC (see insert)

May you quietly enjoy this gift of music & song



Prayers of the People:

We seek to lift up the prayers we have to God- highs and lows, joys and concerns. Write your prayer on the prayer card in the pew racks and they will be collected before the prayers.

The Peace:

Jesus' greatest prayer (John 17) was that we would all be one, and this is our way to respond to Christ's gift of love and peace. We share the peace of Christ through some token or act (peace sign, wave, elbow bump, handshake, or hug) to practice sharing the peace here.

Offering:

This is another response to what God has already blessed us with. We see our offering as responding, not owing. We see ourselves as good stewards of what we have received and seek to share those blessings through our use of time, talent, and treasure.

Holy Communion
/Eucharist:

Early Christians called it an “agape feast” (unconditional love meal) when they came together and were all one. “Eucharist” is a Greek word for thanksgiving. We gather in thanksgiving to the feast of love Jesus gave us. We believe that he is really here, loving and providing for us out of God’s amazing grace as we remember Jesus’ gift of himself on the cross.

Please stand as you are comfortable.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray, Risen One,
C **you call us to believe and bear fruit.**
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P Gathered around the throne of grace, we sing,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

(Blessing of the Bread and Wine, the body and blood of Christ)



THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Remember us in your kingdom, dear Lord, and teach us to pray... *(Pray any version)*

C **Our Father in heaven, holy be Your Name.**

Your Kingdom come.

**Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins as
we forgive those who
sin against us.**

**Keep us from temptation,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the Kingdom,
and the power and the glory are Yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

Please be seated.

*We welcome **ALL** to Communion for it is the Lord's Table and Jesus's gift of grace to the world. Children may commune at any age at the discretion of the parents. Otherwise a blessing will be shared.*

The Pastor will give instructions on receiving Communion. Please come forward as directed by the ushers. Hold open your hand to receive the bread. All of our bread is gluten free. The communion assistants will have trays with wine and white grape juice (in the center section). Please take one.

If you wish to have communion brought to your seat, please notify an usher.

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Lord's Prayer:

You may notice that the wording is a little different than what you may have expected! There are many different translations of the prayer Jesus gave us. In the Bible there are 2 different ones (Matthew 6 & Luke 11). This particular version is used by the Taizé Community. May the different words deepen your reflection and connection during a prayer that you might just be saying out of habit.

COMMUNION CANTICLE: LAMB OF GOD



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Communion Canticle/Lamb of God:

The "Agnus Dei", or "Lamb of God", is an ancient part of the liturgy. In the Passover meal, the Jews remember the lamb that was killed that spared them the Angel of Death. In the Last Supper, we meet the Lamb of God, who died for us.



COMMUNION SONG: "Come to the Table"



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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COMMUNION SONG: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joi - ce.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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Please stand as you are comfortable.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Shepherd God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

SENDING BLESSING



1., 3. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy! Thanks be to you for
2. From of old you loved and sought us! Thanks be to you for



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:



Thanks be to you for ev - er!
Thanks be to you for ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of life with us.

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Sending Blessing/
Benediction:

It means “good words” and is meant as a blessing on our journey. With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ’s body in the world.



SENDING BLESSING

P This is the day the God has made:

C **we will rejoice and enjoy it.**

P Today we will share with God

C **everything that is important to us.**

P Go in peace and be kind.

C **Today we will help those around us.**

P Go in the name of God,

C **God who loves us forever.**

SENDING

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE MUSIC (*see insert*)



Sending Blessing/
Benediction:

It means “good words” and is meant as a blessing on our journey. With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ’s body in the world.

Sending:

We are sent from worship to share the good news. Having remembered Christ’s death and resurrection, and having been fed by his grace from his table, we are sent out to proclaim the good news of Jesus in word and deed. We become apostles, as apostle means “sent out one.”

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to one or both questions.

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Where have you seen/felt God's presence?

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