



# The Nicene Creed: The Paschal Mystery February 2, 2025

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*Our mission: to share our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.*

## GATHERING

Gathering Music: *Invocation*

Joseph Callaerts/arr. Howard Zettervall

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Praise the Lord*

Robert J. Hughes

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God: the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **C: Amen.**

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden.

**C: In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.**

L: When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

**C: At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.**

L: We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

**C: Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.**

L: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Song: What Is This Place?

ELW #524

1. What is this place where we are meeting? Only a house, the earth its floor.  
Walls and a roof sheltering people, windows for light, an open door.  
Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here,  
And know our God is near.
2. Words from afar, stars that are falling, sparks that are sown in us like seed:  
Names for our God, dreams, signs and wonders  
sent from the past are all we need.  
We in this place remember and speak again what we have heard:  
God's free redeeming word.
3. And we accept bread at this table, broken and shared, a living sign.  
Here in this world, dying and living, we are each other's bread and wine.  
This is the place where we can receive what we need to increase:  
Our justice and God's peace.

L: 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.**

Glory to You, God

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1. Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
Yours is the promise, the blessing the birth.  
Ours the rejoicing for Word given frame;  
Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.  
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;  
Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.
2. Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
Yours the hosannas, the dying, rebirth.  
Ours the rejoicing for nature reclaimed;  
Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.  
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;  
Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.
3. Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
Yours the anointing, the radiant worth.  
Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame;  
Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.

Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;  
Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

L: We pray together the Prayer of the Day...

**C: Lord our God, glorifying your Son Jesus, you have freed us from death.**

**Through his resurrection, awaken our slumbering hearts, enlighten all who seek you, and make the morning star shine upon us, Jesus Christ, the Living One, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.**

### WORD

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 3:7-8

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading from Psalm 16:5,7,10,11

L: O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;

**C: it is you who uphold my lot.**

L: I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;

**C: my heart teaches me night after night.**

L: For you will not abandon me to the grave,

**C: nor let your holy one see the pit.**

L: You will show me the path of life;

**C: in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:25-35

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

L: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

## Hymn of the Day: Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW #349

1. Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended  
That we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.
2. Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.
3. Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
The slave hath sin-ned, and the Son hath suffered;  
For our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.
4. For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,  
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.
5. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;  
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

## Installation of 2025 Church Council members and officers

## Nicene Creed

**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, 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; and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and was made human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. On the third day he rose from the dead in accordance with the scriptures.**

**He ascended to 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. 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 confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People (each petition ends... "Hear us O God... **your mercy is great.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

### **MEAL**

**Offering:** (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy. In response to God's love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. We do this, in part, through partnerships with other Christians in our local community and as a member denomination of the Montana Association of Christians. We appreciate your gifts of time, money, energy, and prayers to this work! If you are our guest today - either in person or online – we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!)

Offertory: *Lilies*

Van Denman Thompson

Offering Response: Create in Me

ELW #186

Offertory Prayer: **C: Abiding God, under the cover of winter's darkness, you bring forth life. Nourish us with earth's bounty, that we may freely share the gifts you have first given us, through the one who gives his life for the world, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.**

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

P: In the night [...] Let us pray with confidence the prayer Jesus taught:

**C: 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

### Invitation to Communion

Be Known to Us

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Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia.

Hymn during Communion: Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

ELW #657

1. Rise, O Sun of righteousness; with your might creation bless.  
Shine upon your church today, showing all your gentle way.

Refrain: Have mercy, Lord.

2. Rouse our hearts from slumber deep; may your word within us leap.  
Give us voices to proclaim praises to your holy name. (refrain)

3. Gather in your scattered flock; give us water from the rock.  
Bless the unity we share in our shepherd's loving care. (refrain)

4. Burst the bars of stubborn pride; make the heav'nly pathway wide.  
Raise us up from sin and death with your Spirit's living breath. (refrain)

5. Honor, praise, and glory be to the holy Trinity!  
May your gracious will be done: make us one, as you are one. (refrain)

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.**

## SENDING

L: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in (+) Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

ELW #364

1. Christ has arisen, alleluia.

Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.

For our redeemer burst from the tomb,  
even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain: Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.

Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.

Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

2. For three long days the grave did its worst  
until its strength by God was dispersed.

He who gives life did death undergo,  
and in its conquest his might did show. (refrain)

3. The angel said to them, "Do not fear.

You look for Jesus who is not here.

See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.

Only the grave-clothes are lying there." (refrain)

4. "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.

He has arisen this world to save.

Jesus' redeeming labors are done.

Even the battle with sin is won." (refrain)

5. Christ has arisen to set us free.

Alleluia, to him praises be.

Jesus is living! Let us all sing;

he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. (refrain)

L: Go in peace. Christ is your light. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Hour of Triumph*

Allen James

Accompanist: James Rickley

Cantor: Victoria Bull



## ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of February 2:

**TODAY: Installation of Rev. Will Rima – 2 pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church**

Mon. 2/3: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday Night Quilters – 6-8 pm in the Social Hall.

Wed. 2/5: Confirmation Class from 2:30 – 3:30 pm in the sanctuary.

WOW! children's ministry meets from 6-7 pm in the Social Hall.

Adult study considers spiritual practices - 7 pm in the Library

Thu. 2/6: GF Community Band rehearses at 7 pm in the Fireside Room

Sat. 2/8: Helping Hands Board Retreat 9 am – 2 pm in the Social Hall

**February Special Offering** benefits Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp scholarships.

Keeping in Prayer... Bud & Linda; Susan; Jane; Barbara & Jerry; Sumner; Carrie; Sue; Dee; Lois & Frank; Rebecca; Danny; Triston; MaryAnn; Carl & Harley; Ann; Arvin; Beth; Arnie; Peggy & Larry; Sandy; Noah; Dorothy; Toni; Scott; Haley; Esther; Reta; Elaine.

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