

Elim Lutheran Church
Sunday, April 19, 2020
Recorded Worship



You will receive **POWER**
when the Holy Spirit has
come upon **YOU**.

Narrative Lectionary
April 19, 2020

You Shall Be
My Witnesses

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us rejoice and worship God,

All: We have seen the risen Lord!

Pastor: Who does great things for us.

All: We have seen the risen Lord!

Pastor: Let us praise God's holy name,

All: We have seen the risen Lord!

OPENING SONG: ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate
2. Crown him, you mar - tyrs of our God, Who from his al - tar

1. fall; Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And
2. call; Ex - tol him in whose path you trod, And

1. crown him Lord of all; Bring forth the roy - al
2. crown him Lord of all; Ex - tol him in whose

1. di - a - dem And crown him Lord of all.
2. path you trod, And crown him Lord of all.

Text: 86 86 86; Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, alt. Music: Union Harmony, 1793; Oliver Holden, 1765–1844.

GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

PRAAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: **Loving Lord ,
You never left your disciples without the tools they needed
to follow your way.
So equip us that we might be found faithful witnesses
to the joy of your resurrection life. In Jesus name,
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 1:1-14

Leader: A reading from the book of Acts.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes

stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: MARK 6:7-13

Leader: The holy gospel according to Mark

All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MEDITATION: Pastor Brian Claasen - *“The View From Above”*

HYMN OF THE DAY: I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911
 Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LEADER: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

LEADER: The first resurrection witnesses were inspired by what they experienced, even though they didn't fully understand the direction their ministry would take. Give us their zeal for spreading the message of your merciful kingdom. God of Life,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: As a cloud obscured Jesus when he was being taken back to heaven, so we often feel confused by a lack of clarity in how to approach the issues of our day. Give us your guidance in these uncertain times as we work together to control and eliminate the coronavirus. God of Life,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: As our Orthodox sisters and brothers celebrate the feast of your resurrection this day, we too continue in our Easter hope and joy, knowing that the redemption you offer in Christ transcends all boundaries of time, culture and tradition. God of Life,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: In your presence there is healing, even for that which we didn't know was making us unwell. Remove all the barriers which stand between ourselves, you and others, and make us one again. Grant healing to those we know need it, especially Athena, Karin, Robin, Ruth, Mercedes, Sue, Sigrun, Shirley, Gene, Nancy, Christina, Irene, Diane, Pat, Elinor, Dorine, Richard, those battling the coronavirus and those we name silently and aloud (*brief silence*). May they know that their lives are in your ever-healing hands. God of Life,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: Strengthen and encourage all those in essential jobs as well as those who commit themselves voluntarily to fighting this virus. Hold in Your gentle embrace all who have died and who will die this day. Comfort their loved ones in their despair. God of Life,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: O God, bless all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and celebrations of all kinds, this week. Fill our hearts with love and acceptance. God of Life,

ALL: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

LEADER: We thank you, O Lord, that you hear our prayers even before we speak them, or know what we want to say. Accept all these things for the sake of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ,

ALL: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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**

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"Song of Love"* written and performed by Kevin Jensen-Unger

BLESSING

Response after blessing: Amen

SENDING SONG: HERE IS LOVE

Verse 1

Here is love vast as the ocean
Loving-kindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life our Ransom
Shed for us His precious blood

Chorus 1

Who His love will not remember
Who can cease to sing His praise
He can never be forgotten
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days

Verse 2

On the mount of crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide

Chorus 2

Grace and love like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above
Heav'n's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love

Chorus 1

Who His love will not remember
Who can cease to sing His praise
He can never be forgotten
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days

Bridge

No love is higher no love is wider
No love is deeper no love is truer
No love is higher no love is wider
No love is like Your love O Lord
(REPEAT 3X)

Chorus 1

Who His love will not remember
Who can cease to sing His praise
He can never be forgotten
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days

Ending

Yes here is love
Vast as the ocean
Yes here is love
Vast as the ocean
(REPEAT)

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SENDING

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Next Week: Sunday, April 26, 2020

Theme: Peter Heals in Jerusalem

Main Idea: Peter and John healed more than a disabled man's legs—they gave him a community

Read Ahead: Acts 3:1-10; Mark 6:53-56



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