

**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 25, 2021
1st Presbyterian of Rockaway**

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“I Surrender All”

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises to our Lord:

who heals us and makes us whole.

Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God:

whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.

Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God;

give thanks to God's holy name:

God's Kingdom is near to us;

God's peace resides in our hearts.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of things made utterly new, as we gather here in the name of the risen Christ, uplift us with his continuing Easter joy. Extend our worship beyond habit, higher than loving duty, and deeper into that universe of the spirit where delight and praise flow more freely than the air we breathe.

To the glory of your name. Amen.

HYMN 396

BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET TO WORSHIP

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.

Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word?

All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down.

Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you come and help us? Moses' sister aided him.

Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?

Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that he will be found.

Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

**Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace and filled with fears?
Is there here a weeping Mary pouring forth a flood of tears?
Brethren, join your cries to help them; sisters, let your prayers abound!
Pray, O pray, that holy manna will be scattered all around.**

**Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven; at his table we'll sit down.
Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

With confidence in Christ's work for the healing and liberation of humanity, let us open our hearts to his inflowing grace and confess our sins. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, Savior of the weak and the foolish, and also the Savior of the strong
and**

**The wise, we confess that without exception, we have sinned and fallen short of
the
glory of Christ Jesus.**

**We have rushed in where we should have gone gently, we have stood back on
the
sidelines when we should have got involved. For our successes we have looked
for too
much praise, and in our failures we have accepted too little responsibility.**

**We have grabbed for shallow happiness at the expense of others, and have
clamped down on those generous impulses which would have cost us much yet
fostered profound happiness. We who should be best friends with ourselves, are
often our own worse enemies.**

**Now we turn to you for grace, forgiveness, correction and courage. Please have
mercy
upon us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Brothers and sisters, the Gospel offers us grace, peace, and joy. Accept the gifts of God, and know that we are a forgiven people.

Amen! Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the
light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of
your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading
of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

ACTS 3:12-21

¹² When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “You Israelites,^[b] why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant^[c] Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus^[d] has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷ “And now, friends,^[e] I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah^[f] would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, ²⁰ so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah^[g] appointed for you, that is, Jesus, ²¹ who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through his holy prophets.

PSALM 30

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

² **O LORD my God, I cried to you for help and you have healed me.**

³ O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

⁴ **Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.**

⁵ For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

⁶ **As for me, I said in my prosperity, “I shall never be moved.”**

⁷ By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face; I was dismayed.

⁸ **To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:**

⁹ “What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?”

¹⁰ **Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!”**

¹¹ You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

¹² **so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.**

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

JOHN 21:15-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias;
and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter,

Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

SERMON

DO YOU LOVE ME?

HYMN 482

BAPTIZED IN WATER

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
Heirs of the salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
One with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Baptism of Amaya Lisseth Argueta

Brothers and sisters in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. We baptize because we believe that we are all children of God. This child, Amaya Lisseth Argueta, is beloved by God. God's grace and love comes to us even before we are born. As we participate in this holy sacrament, let each of us remember with joy our own baptisms.

Hear the words of Jesus:

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.

Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom he has called.

Clerk of session:

On behalf of the session, I present Amaya Lisseth Argueta to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Minister to parents:

Do you desire that these children be baptized?

Parents:

I do.

To parents:

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within that covenant we are given new life and are guarded from evil, nurtured by the love of God and God's people. On our part, we are to turn from evil and turn to Jesus Christ.

I ask you, therefore, to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce evil, and its power in the world, which defies God's righteousness and love?

Parents:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that separate you from the love of God?

Parents :
I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior?

Parents:
I do.

Do you intend to be Christ's faithful disciples, obeying his word, and showing his love, to your life's end?

Parents and Ryan
I do.

Minister to the godparents:
Do you promise, through prayer and example, to support and encourage Amaya to be a faithful Christian, to love God and neighbor?

Godparents:
I do.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Spirit?

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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O holy and gracious God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the water, and you created all that is, seen and unseen. By the gift of water you sustain all life.

In the time of Noah, you destroyed evil in the waters of the flood, and brought a new beginning.

In the waters of the Jordan, our Lord was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. We thank you, O God, for the gift of baptism. In this water we are buried with Christ in his death. From this water we are raised to share in his resurrection, reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Bless this water and pour out your Holy Spirit upon your people, that they may continue forever in the risen life of Christ, to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor now and forever.

Amen.

Amaya Lisseth Argueta, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amaya Lisseth Argueta, child of the covenant, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism, and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

Amazy is now received into the holy catholic church. Through baptism, God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the ministry of Christ. I charge you, the people of this congregation to nurture and love her, and to assist her to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

The God of all grace, who has called us and claimed us as heirs of the kingdom along with our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and walk with you by the power of the Holy Spirit so that you may live in grace and peace. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN 726

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME?

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and love and grow in you and you in me.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Encore Toccata”

By Craig A. Penfield

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*Congratulations to the family of Amaya Argueta
upon this day of her baptism!*

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